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Mr. Kevin J. O'Toole
Chairman
Port Authority of NY & NJ
4 World Trade Center
150 Greenwich Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chairman O'Toole:

The Township of North Bergen, NJ calls upon the Port Authority to widen the bicycle-pedestrian paths on the George Washington Bridge to comply with national standards as part of the upcoming recabbling in order to support the growth of cycling throughout the region.

We believe that wider GWB paths will spur the development of connected facilities, enhancing tourism, public health, property tax revenue, sustainability and resilience. It will also provide NJ residents with new trans-Hudson capacity and commuting options – which should prove critical if regional transit disrupted by planned upgrades to the PA Bus Terminal, Penn Station, emergency repairs to the Hudson rail tunnels or any number of natural or man-made events.

We further believe that the upcoming reconstruction, during which the existing paths will be ripped out and restored, represents the ideal opportunity to accomplish the widening.

Respectfully,

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