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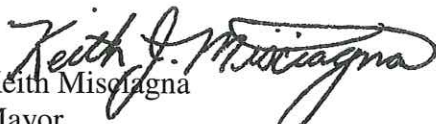
Dear Chairman O'Toole,

The Borough of Park Ridge, 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 recabing in order to support the growth of cycling throughout the region.

We believe that wider GWB paths will enhance tourism, public health, property tax revenue, sustainability, and resilience. It will spur the development of connected facilities and provide NJ residents with new commuting options. This will be particularly important if bus and train service is disrupted by planned upgrades to the PA Bus Terminal, Penn Station, emergency repairs to the Hudson 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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