

**RESOLUTION  
BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE  
BERGEN COUNTY, NJ**

**DATE: 11/16/2017**

**RESOLUTION# 17-270**

| Council            | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
|--------------------|--------|--------|-----|----|---------|--------|
| <b>Bernstein</b>   |        |        | ✓   |    |         |        |
| <b>Homan</b>       | ✓      |        | ✓   |    |         |        |
| <b>McSwiggan</b>   |        |        |     |    |         | ✓      |
| <b>Sasso</b>       |        |        |     |    | ✓       |        |
| <b>Strauch</b>     |        |        | ✓   |    |         |        |
| <b>Wilczynski</b>  |        | ✓      | ✓   |    |         |        |
| <b>Mayor White</b> | ---    | ---    |     |    |         |        |

**Whereas**, the George Washington Bridge’s sidewalks are the only connection across the Hudson River between New York City and New Jersey for pedestrians, runners, and bicyclists; and

**Whereas**, the paths are heavily used, with an average of 1,700 cyclists and 900 pedestrians crossing each day; and

**Whereas**, the sidewalks are ten feet wide except where the bridge’s suspender ropes pass through, where they are less than seven feet wide; and

**Whereas**, according to Federal Highway Administration guidelines, shared-use paths should be at least ten feet wide and up to fourteen feet wide if they are heavily used; and

**Whereas**, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is planning an extensive renovation that will replace all of the bridge’s suspender ropes beginning in 2017 and lasting until 2024; and

**Whereas**, as part of the project, the sidewalks will be replaced and new ramps that will provide access to the sidewalks will be constructed, but the sidewalks will not be widened; and

**Whereas**, New York City has made efforts in recent years to make its roadways safer and more convenient for pedestrians and bicyclists, particularly through the Vision Zero street safety initiative and the expansion of the bicycle lane network; and

**Whereas**, the Port Authority’s own Bicycle Policy states that its goals are to integrate “improved bicycle access” and “safe bicycle lanes,” and to “promote the safe co-existence of motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians” at its facilities; and

**Whereas**, the width of the bridge’s sidewalks does not meet federal standards for high-use pedestrian and bicycle paths, and

**Whereas**, the planned renovation project presents a unique opportunity to build sidewalks that would be able to safely and comfortably accommodate the increasing number of pedestrians and bicyclists expected to use the bridge in the decades to come.

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**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allendale calls upon the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to widen the George Washington Bridge's sidewalks.

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I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Allendale on November 16, 2017.



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Anne Dodd, RMC  
Municipal Clerk