



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE



CERTIFICATION
 Lori DiBella, Borough Clerk of the **County of Passaic**
 Borough of Hawthorne, County of Passaic, **State of New Jersey**
 State of New Jersey, do hereby certify this
 copy of R 180-17
 to be a true copy as adopted by the **RESOLUTION NO. 180-17**
 Municipal Council on Nov. 1, 2017.

Lori DiBella, RMC
 Borough Clerk

Resolution, Introduced by Council Person Mele Date: November 1, 2017

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 do not meet federal standards for high-use pedestrian and bicycle paths, and

Name	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Bennett			X			
Bertollo			X			
Lane			X			
Matthews			X			
Mele	X		X			
Sinning			X			
Wojtecki		X	X			

John N. Bertollo
 John N. Bertollo, Council President

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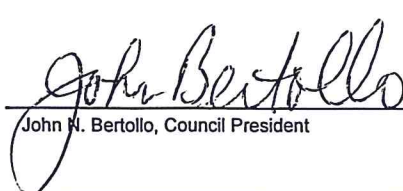
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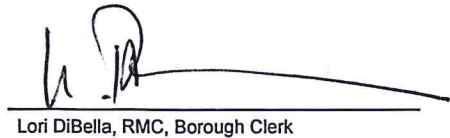


WHEREAS, The planned renovation project presents a unique opportunity to build sidewalks that would be able to safely and comfortably accommodate the increasing number of pedestrians and bicyclists expected to use the bridge in the decades to come; now, therefore, be it

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to widen the George Washington Bridge's sidewalks.

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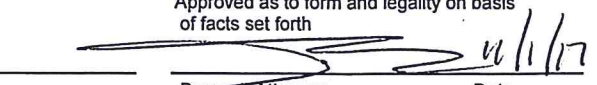
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