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Dear Chairman O'Toole,

The Borough of Midland Park, NJ calls upon the Port Authority of NY & NJ to widen the bicycle pedestrian paths on the George Washing Bridge to comply with national standards as part of the upcoming re-cabling and reconstruction in order to support the growth of cycling throughout the region.

We believe that wider GWB paths will spur the development of connected facilities providing residents with opportunities for exercise and recreation, enhancing tourism, public health, property tax revenue, sustainability and resilience.

It will afford critical new commuting capacity should bus and train service be disrupted by planned replacement of the Port Authority Bus Terminal, Pennsylvania 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,

Harry Shortway Jr.
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