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MAYOR DEIRDRE A. DILLON

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

Dear Chairman O'Toole,

The Borough of Ramsey, 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 recabling 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 provide NJ residents with new commuting options. This will be critical new capacity should regional transit disrupted by planned upgrades to the mid-town 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

Deirdre A. Dillon

Mayor