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

Dear Chairman O'Toole,

The Borough of Dumont, NJ calls upon the Port Authority of NY&NJ 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 spur the development of connected facilities, enhancing tourism, public health, property tax revenue, sustainability and resilience. It will provide residents with new commuting options and critical added 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,

James J. Kelly  
Mayor  
Borough of Dumont, NJ

cc

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