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**IN SUPPORT OF THE WIDENING OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE
SIDEWALKS**

WHEREAS, the George Washington Bridges 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, 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 sidewalks are currently ten feet wide except where the bridge's suspender ropes pass through, where they are even less than seven feet wide; 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, the Port Authority's bicycle states that its goals are to integrate "improved bicycle access: and "safe bike lanes" and to "promote the safe coexistence 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-pedestrian and bicycle paths; and

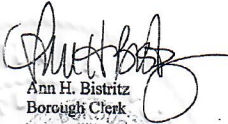
WHEREAS, the planned renovation project presents a unique opportunity to build sidewalks that would be able to safely and comfortably accommodate

the increasing number of pedestrians and bicyclists expected to use the bridge in the decades to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and of the Borough of Harrington Park that the Borough fully supports the widening of the George Washington Bridge Sidewalks.

	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Roll Call Vote						
NAPOLITANO(AN)	x		x			
EVANELLA (GE)			x			
WALKER (DW)			x			
FITZGERALD (LF)			x			
PEDERSEN (JP)		x	x			
CHUNG (JC)			x			

Certified Copy of a Resolution approved on consent at the Regular Agenda Meeting, December 11, 2017 of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Harrington Park, Bergen County, New Jersey.


Ann H. Bistriz
Borough Clerk

