

Resolution No. 2017-383

**TOWN OF SECAUCUS  
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS  
ENDORING THE WIDENING OF SIDEWALKS  
ON THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE™**

**WHEREAS**, The George Washington Bridge™ 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 (10) feet wide except where the Bridge™'s suspender ropes pass through, where they are less than seven (7) feet wide; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Federal Highway Administration guidelines, shared-use paths should be at least ten (10) feet wide and up to fourteen (14) 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 while the sidewalks will be replaced, they will not be widened; 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 and promote the Port Authority's™ own Bicycle Policy, which 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 Town of Secaucus has undertaken open space projects, including the Meadowlands Parkway Greenway and Bike Path Improvement Project to promote safe, alternative transportation and recreation options and values such projects.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, lends its support to green alternative transportation methods and calls upon the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to strongly consider any feasible options to widen the George Washington Bridge's™ sidewalks.

Adopted: November 28, 2017

I, Michael Marra, Town Clerk of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the resolution approved by the Mayor and Council on 11-28-17  
Michael Marra  
Town Clerk Mayor

Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
<u>MD</u>				
Second: <u>JC</u>				
Councilman Costantino	✓			
Councilman McKeever	✓			
Councilman Clancy	✓			
Councilwoman Pirro				✓
Councilman Dehnert	✓			
Councilman Gerbasio	✓			
Mayor Gonnelli	✓			