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BY THE CITY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

WHEREAS, the George Washington Bridge's 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 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 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, that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby supports the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to widen the George Washington Bridge's sidewalks.

ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL OF
ELIZABETH, NJ AT MEETING

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