



George Latimer
County Executive

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Mr. Rick Cotton
Executive Director
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
4 World Trade Center
150 Greenwich Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mr. Cotton,

I am writing to express my strong support for widening the bicycle-pedestrian paths on the George Washington Bridge, as part of the upcoming reconstruction project. As the new Westchester County Executive, I believe that these improvements would be very beneficial for the people of Westchester.

Currently, the paths on the George Washington Bridge are overcrowded, with over 3,700 cyclists per day on Saturdays and Sundays. The number of cyclists is projected to rise, and we must ensure that the paths are widened to comply with the national standards set by the Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

Widening these paths would accompany the investments that New York has already made in cycling infrastructure, both on the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge and the Empire State Trail. This would create a 42 mile loop, which would bring cyclists past part of Westchester and hopefully encourage more business at some of our local establishments.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please reach out to me for any further comment you deem helpful.

Sincerely,

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