



# Borough of Carteret

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey  
Corporate Offices  
4 World Trade Center  
150 Greenwich Street  
New York, NY 10007

FROM: KATHLEEN M. BARNEY, MMC  
Municipal Clerk

DATE: February 9, 2018

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WIDENING THE SIDEWALKS ON THE GEORGE  
WASHINGTON BRIDGE.

ENCLS: Resolution #18-21

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Cc: Neile Weissman  
File

# Resolution of the Borough of Carteret, N. J.

No. 18-21

Date of Adoption February 8, 2018

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WIDENING THE SIDEWALKS ON THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE

**WHEREAS**, the George Washington Bridge's sidewalks are the only connection across the Hudson River between New York City and New Jersey for pedestrians, runner 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 feet wide except where the bridge's suspender ropes pass through, where they are less than seven feet wide; 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 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**, New York City has made efforts in recent years to make its roadways safer and more convenient for pedestrians and bicyclists, particularly through the Vision Zero Street Safety Initiative and the expansion of the Bicycle Lane Network; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port Authority's own Bicycle Policy 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 width of the bridge's sidewalks do not meet federal standards for high-use 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** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carteret call upon the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to widen the George Washington Bridge's sidewalks.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018  
and certified as a true copy of the  
original on February 9, 2018.

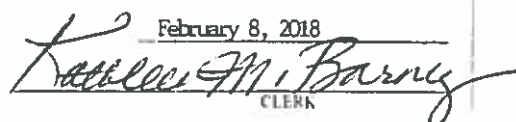
  
KATHLEEN M. BARNEY, MMC  
Municipal Clerk

### RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE

COUNCILMAN	YES	NO	NV	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	YES	NO	NV	A.B.
BELLINO	X				JHAL	X			
DIAZ	X				KRM	X			
DIMASCIO	X				NAPLES	X			

X - Indicate Vote    AB - Absent    NV - Not Voting    NOR - Indicates Vote to Overrule Veto

Adopted at a meeting of the Municipal Council

  
February 8, 2018  
CLERK