

**TOWNSHIP OF WAYNE
COUNTY OF PASSAIC
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
2018
RESOLUTION NO.80**

A motion was made by Franco Mazzei seconded by Jill Sasso that the following resolution be adopted:

**CALLING UPON THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY TO
WIDEN THE PEDESTRIAN 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, runners and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the sidewalk paths of the bridge are heavily used with an average of 1,700 cyclists and 900 pedestrians crossing each day; and

WHEREAS, the sidewalks narrow from 10 feet to 7 feet wide where the bridge's suspension ropes pass through; and

WHEREAS, according to Federal Highway Administration guidelines, shared-use paths should be at least ten feet wide and up to fourteen feet wide for heavy traffic areas; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is planning an extensive renovation that will replace all of the bridge's suspension ropes lasting until 2024; and

WHEREAS, as part of the project, the sidewalks will be replaced and new ramps will be installed to provide access to the sidewalks, but the sidewalks will not be widened; and

WHEREAS, given that the width of the bridge's sidewalks do not meet federal standards for high-use pedestrian and bicycle paths, the planned renovation project presents an unique opportunity to build sidewalks that would safely accommodate the increasing number of pedestrians and bicyclists expected to use the George Washington Bridge in the decades to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Wayne that it hereby calls upon the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to widen the sidewalks on the George Washington Bridge during its bridge renovation project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be sent to Governor Phil Murphy, the President of the Senate, Speaker of the Assembly, members of the Legislature representing the 40th District, the New Jersey League of Municipalities, and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey urging them to support the widening of the pedestrian sidewalk during the current renovation project.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Jonathan Ettman, Richard Jasterzbski, Franco Mazzei, Aileen Rivera, Al Sadowski, Jill Sasso, Joseph Schweighardt, David Varano, Joseph Scuralli

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WAYNE AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2018.



PAUL V. MARGIOTTA
TOWNSHIP CLERK

