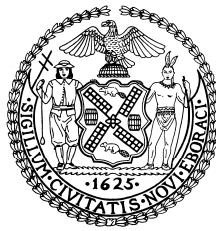


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Re: Update on the 81st Street Pedestrian Bridge

Dear Commissioner Forgione and Commissioner Burney:

At the October 17, 2012 Full Board meeting, Community Board 8M **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

Security Cameras:

WHEREAS CB8M is concerned about the safety of pedestrians at night who are walking on a very long bridge with no way to get off before the end of the bridge, and

WHEREAS CB8M is also concerned about the safety of pedestrians who have to share the bridge with bikers who may be travelling at a high speed because of the length of the bridge;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB8M recommends that security cameras be installed on the East 81st Street pedestrian bridge and phones or call boxes also be installed for the protection of those walking on the bridge, particularly at night;

FURTHER RESOLVED that CB8M recommends that signs be posted at the appropriate places on and near the bridge telling bikers to walk their bikes on the bridge.

Fence:

WHEREAS, CB8M is concerned that the overall design of the 81st Street pedestrian bridge still does not fit with the surrounding neighborhood despite a number of changes made to the bridge;

WHEREAS, there is particular concern with the eight foot high fence that faces the buildings and the fact that the bridge is in an area with some parks and esplanades;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB8M urges the DOT and the DDC to make further changes to the 81st Street pedestrian bridge so that it blends into the surrounding neighborhood in a better way and to ameliorate the impact of the eight foot high fence facing the buildings in the area.

Please advise this office of any action taken regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Viest
Chair

A. Scott Falk and Charles Warren
Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York
Hon. Scott M. Stringer, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Carolyn Maloney, United States Congress Member
Hon. Liz Krueger, New York State Senator
Hon. Dan Quart, New York State Assembly Member
Hon. Micah Kellner, New York State Assembly Member
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