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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

December 21, 2015

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Manhattan Borough
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Re: 81st St. Pedestrian Bridge discussion

Dear Mr. Macfarlane; Commissioner Forgione and Commissioner Castro:

At the December 16, 2015 Full Board meeting, the board passed the following resolution to **approve** by a vote of 36 in favor, 5 opposed, 1 abstention and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS, there is a need to replace the wire fencing in all areas of the 81st Street Pedestrian Bridge where it now exists on the plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 request that glass panes be used in place of wire mesh wherever there would have been mesh under the original designs (including at the south end of John Finley Walk, both the north and south sides of the pedestrian bridge itself, and on the 452 foot ramp down to the esplanade), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the glass panes be 6-foot-tall panes, rather than stacking two 3-foot-tall panes.

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

Sincerely,

James G. Clynes Chairman A. Scott Falk and Charles Warren Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

cc: Hon. Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York

Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President

Hon. Carolyn Maloney, 12th Congressional District Representative

Hon. Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District

Hon. Dan Quart, 73rd Assembly District

Hon. Rebecca Seawright, 76th District

Hon. Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District

Hon. Daniel Garodnick, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District