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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan**

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Polly Trottenberg
Commissioner, NYC Department of Transportation
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10041

RE: Potential short-term bike/pedestrian safety improvements across the Queensboro Bridge in response to COVID-19

Dear Commissioner Trottenberg,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on May 20, 2020, the board **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 47 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS; Community Board 8 has expressed support for NYCDOT providing improved bike and pedestrian access on the Queensboro Bridge and studying a long-term conversion of the south outer roadway to an ADA-accessible pedestrian or bike pathway; and

WHEREAS; the Covid-19 outbreak has resulted in significant reductions in vehicular traffic and increased capacity on roadways in New York City; and

WHEREAS; in addition to the constrained shared bike/pedestrian facilities on the Queensboro Bridge north outer roadway that present safety hazards for users, the existing space does not provide users with ample ability to follow social distancing guidelines to limit the spread of Covid-19; and

WHEREAS; changes in travel patterns and behaviors driven by reluctance to use public transportation during the Covid-19 outbreak are likely to result in increased demand for safe and efficient bike and pedestrian access between Queens and Manhattan; and

WHEREAS; New York City DOT has demonstrated flexibility to implement short-term solutions to address public health needs during times of crisis that do not require significant capital expenditures and are temporary in nature; and

WHEREAS; the Mayor has committed to a goal of opening up to 100 miles of streets to allow pedestrians and cyclists to practice adequate social distancing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan requests the New York City Department of Transportation develop an implementable short-term approach to providing additional bike and pedestrian access on the Queensboro Bridge, either via the south outer roadway

or any other portion of the bridge roadway that DOT would achieve Community Board 8's access and safety objectives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any short-term bike-pedestrian improvements to the Queensboro Bridge remain in place until capacity limitations on public transportation related to the Covid-19 public health crisis are lifted.

Sincerely,

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Craig Lader and Charles Warren

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Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Carolyn Maloney, 12th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District
Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District
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