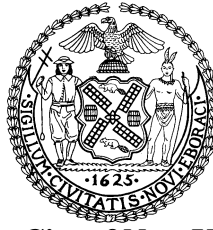


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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan**

December 17, 2020

Margaret Forgione
Acting Commissioner
Department of Transportation
55 Water Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10041

RE: Roosevelt Island Bridge Bicycle Safety Issue

Dear Acting Commissioner Forgione,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on December 16, 2020, the board **APPROVED** the following resolution by a vote of 46 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:

WHEREAS, The Roosevelt Island Bridge is a movable lift bridge maintained by New York City Department of Transportation with a metal grating surface, and

WHEREAS, The Roosevelt Island Bridge has plastic bollards separating general traffic from cyclists to enhance safety, and

WHEREAS, despite efforts to protect cyclists, the metal grating surface is very bumpy and slippery, both during wet and dry conditions; and

WHEREAS, there are extensive bike networks on Roosevelt Island and on the other side of the Roosevelt Island Bridge in Queens that promote safe cycling; and

WHEREAS, the Roosevelt Island Bridge provides the only roadway access to and from Roosevelt Island for bikes; and

WHEREAS, some cyclists choose to walk their bikes over the Roosevelt Island Bridge to avoid biking on the slippery and bumpy surfaces; and

WHEREAS, New York City Department of Transportation has recently prioritized and completed other critical improvements to the Roosevelt Island Bridge to ensure that the lift function operates properly and reliably; and

WHEREAS, there are bike-friendly surfaces that have been installed on similar vertical lift bridges; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan requests that the New

York City Department of Transportation address the bike safety issues of the Roosevelt Island Bridge by installing appropriate bike-friendly materials that can be used to improve or replace the existing metal-grating surface that is unsafe for cyclists.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

Alida Camp

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Charles Warren and Craig Lader

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Co-Chairs, Transportation

Lynne Strong-Shinozaki

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Chair, Roosevelt Island

cc: Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor of the City of New York
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Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District
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Honorable Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
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