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

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Edward F. Pincar  
Manhattan Borough Commissioner  
Department of Transportation  
59 Maiden Lane, 37th Floor  
New York, NY 10038

**RE: Queensboro Bridge South Outer Roadway Conversion**

Dear Commissioner Pincar,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on April 19, 2024, the board approved the following resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention and 0 not voting for cause.

**WHEREAS;** NYCDOT is proposing the conversion of the South Outer Roadway of the Queensboro Bridge to a pedestrian pathway; and

**WHEREAS;** Community Board 8 passed a resolution in January 2020 asking NYCDOT to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of converting the South Outer Roadway to a dedicated pedestrian pathway to allow bikes and pedestrians to be separated; and

**WHEREAS;** the current pedestrian route across the Queensboro Bridge is via a shared bike/pedestrian pathway on the North Outer Roadway that is extremely dangerous for pedestrians due to the high speeds of bikes as they descend towards the exits; and

**WHEREAS;** the 8,000 average daily vehicles using the South Outer Roadway is less than the combined bike and pedestrian traffic on the Bridge; and

**WHEREAS;** the impacts on congestion resulting from the closure of the South Outer Roadway to vehicles are expected to be minimal; and

**WHEREAS;** NYCDOT is proposing a series of changes to 59<sup>th</sup> Street to ensure safe pedestrian access to the South Outer Roadway while maintaining required vehicular access to existing parking garages and NYCDOT maintenance facilities; and

**WHEREAS;** NYCDOT is conducting further study to determine the feasibility of a midblock crosswalk on 59<sup>th</sup> Street adjacent to the proposed entrance to the South Outer Roadway pedestrian pathway; and

**WHEREAS;** ensuring that all access points are fully accessible and safe for all users is essential;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that Community Board 8 Manhattan supports the plan, as presented by NYCDOT, to convert the South Outer Roadway of the Queensboro Bridge from a vehicular use to a dedicated pedestrian pathway;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Community Board 8 Manhattan requests that NYCDOT include a midblock crosswalk on 59<sup>th</sup> Street that is fully accessible and has traffic control in place.

Please advise our office of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Valerie S. Mason*

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*Craig Lader and Charles Warren*

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Co-Chairs, Transportation Committee

cc: Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York  
Honorable Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York  
Honorable Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President  
Honorable Jerrold Nadler, 12th Congressional District Representative  
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District  
Honorable José M. Serrano, NYS Senator, 29th Senatorial District  
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