

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

November 27, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. FAHY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to requiring certain public authorities to develop a plan to promote bicyclist and pedestrian access on bridges statewide and to consider the impact of capital projects on bicyclist and pedestrian access

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new
2 section 543 to read as follows:

3 § 543. Pedestrian bridge access plan. 1. The authority shall develop a
4 strategic action plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian access on road-
5 way bridges under its jurisdiction. Such plan shall include but not be
6 limited to:

7 (a) developing and monitoring capital projects to allow for and/or
8 expand bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges; and

9 (b) reviewing the authority's capital program plans in effect on and
10 after January first, two thousand twenty-three, to determine the impact
11 of such projects on bicycle and pedestrian access and proposing any
12 amendments and modifications to such capital program plans that the
13 authority deems necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section.

14 2. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the authori-
15 ty shall submit a written report to the governor, temporary president of
16 the senate, and speaker of the assembly, detailing the strategic action
17 plan conducted pursuant to this section. Such report shall be made
18 available to the public on the authority's website.

19 § 2. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 593
20 to read as follows:

21 § 593. Pedestrian bridge access plan. 1. The authority shall develop a
22 strategic action plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian access on road-

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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4 expand bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges; and

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12 the senate, and speaker of the assembly, detailing the strategic action
13 plan conducted pursuant to this section. Such report shall be made
14 available to the public on the authority's website.

15 § 3. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 669
16 to read as follows:

17 § 669. Pedestrian bridge access plan. 1. The authority shall develop a
18 strategic action plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian access on road-
19 way bridges under its jurisdiction. Such plan shall include but not be
20 limited to:

21 (a) developing and monitoring capital projects to allow for and/or
22 expand bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges; and

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24 after January first, two thousand twenty-three, to determine the impact
25 of such projects on bicycle and pedestrian access and proposing any
26 amendments and modifications to such capital program plans that the
27 authority deems necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section.

28 2. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the authori-
29 ty shall submit a written report to the governor, temporary president of
30 the senate, and speaker of the assembly, detailing the strategic action
31 plan conducted pursuant to this section. Such report shall be made
32 available to the public on the authority's website.

33 § 4. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 718
34 to read as follows:

35 § 718. Pedestrian bridge access plan. 1. The authority shall develop a
36 strategic action plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian access on road-
37 way bridges under its jurisdiction. Such plan shall include but not be
38 limited to:

39 (a) developing and monitoring capital projects to allow for and/or
40 expand bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges; and

41 (b) reviewing the authority's capital program plans in effect on and
42 after January first, two thousand twenty-three, to determine the impact
43 of such projects on bicycle and pedestrian access and proposing any
44 amendments and modifications to such capital program plans that the
45 authority deems necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section.

46 2. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the authori-
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48 the senate, and speaker of the assembly, detailing the strategic action
49 plan conducted pursuant to this section. Such report shall be made
50 available to the public on the authority's website.

51 § 5. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new section 390
52 to read as follows:

53 § 390. Pedestrian bridge access plan. 1. The authority shall develop a
54 strategic action plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian access on road-
55 way bridges under its jurisdiction. Such plan shall include but not be
56 limited to:

1 (a) developing and monitoring capital projects to allow for and/or
2 expand bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges; and

3 (b) reviewing the authority's capital program plans in effect on and
4 after January first, two thousand twenty-three, to determine the impact
5 of such projects on bicycle and pedestrian access and proposing any
6 amendments and modifications to such capital program plans that the
7 authority deems necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section.

8 2. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the authori-
9 ty shall submit a written report to the governor, temporary president of
10 the senate, and speaker of the assembly, detailing the strategic action
11 plan conducted pursuant to this section. Such report shall be made
12 available to the public on the authority's website.

13 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately.