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Introduced by Sens. BIAGGI, ADDABBO, GIANARIS, GOUNARDES, JACKSON, MYRIE, RAMOS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to establishing a standing advisory committee within the metropolitan transportation authority to improve bicycle and pedestrian access at its bridges and passenger stations

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 1279-m to read as follows:

3 § 1279-m. Permanent advisory committee on bicycle and pedestrian
4 access. 1. There is hereby established a permanent advisory committee
5 within the authority to study, investigate, monitor and make recommenda-
6 tions with respect to the maintenance and improvement of bicycle and
7 pedestrian access at all bridges and passenger stations operated by the
8 authority and triborough bridge and tunnel authority.

9 2. Such committee shall consist of thirteen members who shall be bicy-
10 clists and pedestrians who regularly use the transportation services of
11 such authorities. Five members shall be appointed by the governor and
12 shall reside in different counties or city boroughs within the metropol-
13 itan commuter transportation district at the time of appointment, two
14 members shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of New York, two
15 members shall be appointed upon nomination by the temporary president of
16 the senate, two upon nomination by the speaker of the assembly, one upon
17 nomination by the minority leader of the senate and one upon nomination
18 by the minority leader of the assembly. All members shall serve for a
19 term of three years, except that, of the two members first appointed
20 upon nomination by the temporary president of the senate, one shall

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

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1 serve for a term of two years and one shall serve for a term of one
2 year; of the two members first appointed upon nomination by the speaker
3 of the assembly, one shall serve for a term of two years and one shall
4 serve for a term of one year; and, of two of the members first appointed
5 by the governor without nomination by any other person, two shall each
6 serve for a term of two years and two shall each serve for a term of one
7 year. One of the members appointed to the management advisory board
8 directly by the governor shall be designated by the committee to serve
9 as its chairperson. Vacancies occurring in the membership of the commit-
10 tee shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

11 3. The advisory committee shall develop a strategic action plan in
12 consultation with the authority, the New York city transit authority,
13 and the triborough bridge and tunnel authority to improve bicycle and
14 pedestrian access at bridges, stations and other facilities operated by
15 the authorities. The strategic action plan shall include, but not be
16 limited to, developing and monitoring capital projects to allow for
17 and/or expand bicycle access on all bridges operated by the authorities,
18 providing for bicycle parking at all passenger stations operated by the
19 authorities, and expanding bicycle access where feasible on equipment as
20 defined in subdivision five of section one thousand two hundred sixty-
21 one of this title. The strategic action plan shall also include a
22 review of the authorities' capital program plans in effect on and after
23 January first, two thousand twenty, to determine the impact of such
24 projects on bicycle and pedestrian access and shall include any proposed
25 amendments and modifications to such capital program plans that the
26 committee deems necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section.

27 4. The committee shall hold its first meeting no later than ninety
28 days after the effective date of this section, and at such other times
29 as a majority of its members deem necessary, provided, however, that the
30 committee shall meet no fewer than six times annually.

31 5. The members of the committee shall receive no compensation for
32 their services but shall be reimbursed for their expenses actually and
33 necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties hereunder.

34 6. The committee may request and shall receive from any department,
35 division, board, bureau, commission, agency, public authority of the
36 state or any political subdivision thereof such assistance and data as
37 will enable it properly to carry out its activities hereunder and effec-
38 tuate the purposes set forth herein.

39 § 2. Section 1269-b of the public authorities law is amended by adding
40 a new subdivision 11 to read as follows:

41 11. In formulating its capital program plans, the authority, in
42 consultation with the New York city transit authority and the triborough
43 bridge and tunnel authority, shall consider the impact of any proposed
44 plan, amendment or modification submitted pursuant to this section on
45 bicycle and pedestrian accessibility. Such consideration shall be made
46 in consultation with the advisory committee on bicycle and pedestrian
47 access established pursuant to section twelve hundred seventy-nine-m of
48 this title.

49 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.