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Introduced by M. of A. FAHY, THIELE, SEAWRIGHT, SIMON, LUNSFORD, SMULLEN, SHIMSKY, LUCAS, McDONALD, SEPTIMO, KELLES -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COOK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions -- recommitted to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to requiring certain public authorities to develop a feasibility study 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:

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

§ 543. Pedestrian bridge access feasibility study. 1. The authority shall develop a pedestrian bridge access feasibility study to analyze ways to improve bicycle and pedestrian access on roadway bridges under its jurisdiction. Such study shall include but not be limited to:

(a) identification of bridges within the authority's jurisdiction that are suitable for safe bicycle and pedestrian access;

(b) potential capital projects that would allow for and/or expand bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges; and

(c) a review of the authority's capital program plans in effect on and after January first, two thousand twenty-three, to determine the impact of such projects on bicycle and pedestrian access and propose amendments and modifications to such capital program plans that would allow for and/or expand bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges.

2. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the authority shall submit a written report to the governor, temporary president of the senate, and speaker of the assembly, detailing the pedestrian bridge

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

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1 access feasibility study conducted pursuant to this section. Such report
2 shall be made available to the public on the authority's website.

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

5 § 593. Pedestrian bridge feasibility study. 1. The authority shall
6 develop a pedestrian bridge access feasibility study to analyze ways to
7 improve bicycle and pedestrian access on roadway bridges under its
8 jurisdiction. Such study shall include but not be limited to:

9 (a) identification of bridges within the authority's jurisdiction that
10 are suitable for safe bicycle and pedestrian access;

11 (b) potential capital projects that would allow for and/or expand
12 bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges; and

13 (c) a review of the authority's capital program plans in effect on and
14 after January first, two thousand twenty-three, to determine the impact
15 of such projects on bicycle and pedestrian access and propose amendments
16 and modifications to such capital program plans that would allow for
17 and/or expand bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges.

18 2. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the authori-
19 ty shall submit a written report to the governor, temporary president of
20 the senate, and speaker of the assembly, detailing the pedestrian bridge
21 access feasibility study conducted pursuant to this section. Such report
22 shall be made available to the public on the authority's website.

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

25 § 669. Pedestrian bridge access feasibility study. 1. The authority
26 shall develop a pedestrian bridge access feasibility study to analyze
27 ways to improve bicycle and pedestrian access on roadway bridges under
28 its jurisdiction. Such study shall include but not be limited to:

29 (a) identification of bridges within the authority's jurisdiction that
30 are suitable for safe bicycle and pedestrian access;

31 (b) potential capital projects that would allow for and/or expand
32 bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges; and

33 (c) a review of the authority's capital program plans in effect on and
34 after January first, two thousand twenty-three, to determine the impact
35 of such projects on bicycle and pedestrian access and propose amendments
36 and modifications to such capital program plans that would allow for
37 and/or expand bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges.

38 2. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the authori-
39 ty shall submit a written report to the governor, temporary president of
40 the senate, and speaker of the assembly, detailing the pedestrian bridge
41 access feasibility study conducted pursuant to this section. Such report
42 shall be made available to the public on the authority's website.

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

45 § 718. Pedestrian bridge feasibility study. 1. The authority shall
46 develop a pedestrian bridge access feasibility study to improve bicycle
47 and pedestrian access on roadway bridges under its jurisdiction. Such
48 plan shall include but not be limited to:

49 (a) identification of bridges within the authority's jurisdiction that
50 are suitable for safe bicycle and pedestrian access;

51 (b) potential capital projects that would allow for and/or expand
52 bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges; and

53 (c) a review of the authority's capital program plans in effect on and
54 after January first, two thousand twenty-three, to determine the impact
55 of such projects on bicycle and pedestrian access and propose amendments

1 and modifications to such capital program plans that would allow for
2 and/or expand bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges.

3 2. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the authori-
4 ty shall submit a written report to the governor, temporary president of
5 the senate, and speaker of the assembly, detailing the pedestrian bridge
6 access feasibility study conducted pursuant to this section. Such report
7 shall be made available to the public on the authority's website.

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

10 § 390. Pedestrian bridge access feasibility study. 1. The authority
11 shall develop a pedestrian bridge access feasibility study to improve
12 bicycle and pedestrian access on roadway bridges under its jurisdiction.
13 Such plan shall include but not be limited to:

14 (a) identification of bridges within the authority's jurisdiction that
15 are suitable for safe bicycle and pedestrian access;

16 (b) potential capital projects that would allow for and/or expand
17 bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges; and

18 (c) a review of the authority's capital program plans in effect on and
19 after January first, two thousand twenty-three, to determine the impact
20 of such projects on bicycle and pedestrian access and propose amendments
21 and modifications to such capital program plans that would allow for
22 and/or expand bicycle and pedestrian access on bridges.

23 2. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the authori-
24 ty shall submit a written report to the governor, temporary president of
25 the senate, and speaker of the assembly, detailing the pedestrian bridge
26 access feasibility study conducted pursuant to this section. Such report
27 shall be made available to the public on the authority's website.

28 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately.