STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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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:

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

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

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

(b) reviewing 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 proposing any amendments and modifications to such capital program plans that the authority deems necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section.

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 strategic action plan conducted pursuant to this section. Such report shall be made available to the public on the authority's website.

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

§ 593. Pedestrian bridge access plan. 1. The authority shall develop a 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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(b) reviewing 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 proposing any amendments and modifications to such capital program plans that the authority deems necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section.

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 strategic action plan conducted pursuant to this section. Such report shall be made available to the public on the authority's website.

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

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

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

(b) reviewing 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 proposing any amendments and modifications to such capital program plans that the authority deems necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section.

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 strategic action plan conducted pursuant to this section. Such report shall be made available to the public on the authority's website.

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

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

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

(b) reviewing 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 proposing any amendments and modifications to such capital program plans that the authority deems necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section.

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 strategic action plan conducted pursuant to this section. Such report shall be made available to the public on the authority's website.

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

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

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

(b) reviewing 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 proposing any amendments and modifications to such capital program plans that the authority deems necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section.

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 strategic action plan conducted pursuant to this section. Such report shall be made available to the public on the authority's website.

§ 6. This act shall take effect immediately.