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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:

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

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

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

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

16 2. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the authori-  
17 ty shall submit a written report to the governor, temporary president of  
18 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.