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At the June 2nd, 2026, meeting of the Queens Community Board 2 Transportation Committee, a motion was made regarding safety improvements to the Pulaski Bridge Protected Bike Lane Queens Approach.

Resolution Regarding Safety Improvements to the Pulaski Bridge Protected Bike Lane Queens Approach

WHEREAS, the Pulaski Bridge is a critical transportation connection between Queens and Brooklyn used daily by thousands of cyclists, pedestrians, transit riders, and motorists traveling between Long Island City and Greenpoint; and

WHEREAS, the protected bicycle lane on the Queens approach to the Pulaski Bridge is an essential part of New York City's bicycle network and serves commuters, delivery workers, recreational riders, and residents accessing schools, parks, transit, and employment centers; and

WHEREAS, New York City's Vision Zero initiative commits the City to eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries through street designs that prioritize safety, predictability, and the reduction of conflict points between road users; and

WHEREAS the current entrance configuration to the protected bicycle lane on the Queens side of the Pulaski Bridge relies heavily on flexible delineator posts ("flex posts") and painted markings that have proven insufficient to prevent unauthorized vehicle encroachment into the bicycle facility; and

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WHEREAS, community members have documented and reported motor vehicles driving, parking, or turning into the protected bicycle lane, creating dangerous conditions for cyclists and undermining the intended safety benefits of the protected facility; and

WHEREAS, physical separation is a core principle of protected bicycle infrastructure, and the effectiveness of such infrastructure is diminished when barriers are mountable, easily damaged, or visually ambiguous to motorists; and

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Transportation has successfully implemented “quick-build” street safety improvements throughout the city using modular and cost-effective materials including concrete barriers, jersey barriers, precast curbs, hardened centerlines, epoxy gravel treatments, rubber curb systems, armadillos, vertical delineators, and other interim safety infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, quick-build safety treatments allow for rapid implementation and evaluation while longer-term capital improvements are planned and funded; and

WHEREAS, improving the entrance geometry and physical protection of the Pulaski Bridge bicycle lane would support safer cycling access between boroughs, encourage sustainable transportation, and further New York City’s climate, public health, and Vision Zero goals;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 2 calls upon the New York City Department of Transportation to study and implement immediate safety improvements to the Queens-side entrance of the Pulaski Bridge protected bicycle lane; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Community Board 2 requests NYC DOT evaluate whether the current approach geometry unintentionally encourages illegal or mistaken vehicle movements into the bicycle facility and redesign the entrance accordingly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Community Board 2 supports expedited implementation timelines for safety improvements consistent with Vision Zero principles and encourages NYC DOT to treat the location as a priority safety concern before a serious injury or fatality occurs; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation, Council Member Julie Won, the Borough President, and other relevant elected officials and agencies.

All were in favor with none opposed and no abstentions

Sincerely,



Anatole Ashraf
Chairperson, CB2



Reilly Owens
Chair, Transportation Committee

Cc: Hon. Grace Meng, US Congress
Hon. Nydia Velazquez, US Congress
Hon. Michael Gianaris, NYS Senate
Hon. Kristen Gonzalez, NYS Senate
Hon. Steven Raga, NYS Assembly
Hon. Claire Valdez, NYS Assembly
Hon. Julie Won, NYC Council
Hon. Shekar Krishnan, NYC Council Member
Hon. Donovan Richards, Queens Borough President
Jason Barney, NYC Department of Transportation
Joseph Patti, NYC Department of Transportation