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**Harbor Ring Committee Announces Rally for Verrazano Bicycle/Pedestrian Pathway on Oct 18th,
Calls on MTA to Include Verrazano Pathway in Capital Budget**

The Harbor Ring Committee will hold a rally for supporters of a Verrazano-Narrows Bridge bicycle and pedestrian pathway on Saturday, October 18th from 11 AM-12 PM on the grounds of Staten Island's Alice Austen House at 2 Hylan Blvd. The rally will amplify the voices of over 3,400 advocates for a Verrazano Bridge pathway via the Harbor Ring's petition at <http://harboring.org/petition/>. Staten Island Assemblymember Michael Cusick will be in attendance, and elected officials from both Staten Island and Brooklyn have been invited to attend.

The Harbor Ring's rally will call on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to proactively engineer and budget for this path as a much-needed investment into New York City's future transportation needs, by including it in the upcoming 2015-2019 MTA Capital Plan budget and by hosting one or more public input sessions in both Brooklyn and Staten Island as part of the MTA's ongoing pathway planning study with Parsons Brinckerhoff.

A multi-use pathway would provide tremendous benefit to the NYC metro area's transportation capability, economic opportunity, resiliency efforts, and the Harbor Ring Route, a 50-mile recreational route around the New York Harbor that unites Staten Island, Brooklyn, and Manhattan with Hoboken, Jersey City, and Bayonne. A 1997 Department of City Planning study determined that such a Verrazano Bridge pathway is feasible without removing any vehicular traffic lanes and can be easily adapted to the existing bridge structure.

The Harbor Ring Committee (harboring.org) is a partnership of organizations and individuals working collaboratively to promote bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure encircling the entire New York Harbor. Law firm DLA Piper provides pro bono support to the project, with David Wenger serving as a member of the Committee.

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For a Bicycle & Pedestrian Pathway Around New York Harbor

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