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**Transportation Alternatives Unites with the Harbor Ring Committee**

*Group Joins the Campaign for a Pedestrian and Bicycle Path on the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge*

Transportation Alternatives is joining the Harbor Ring Committee in its advocacy for a pedestrian and bicycle path on the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge.

“We’re excited to partner with the Harbor Ring Committee on this important campaign,” says T.A. Executive Director Paul Steely White. “We need to restore the original vision of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, which was initially engineered to include pedestrian and bike pathways that were never completed. Today, cyclists and pedestrians are only allowed to cross the bridge twice a year – during the Five Boro Bike Tour and the New York City Marathon. That has to change. Bikers and walkers need access every day.”

The bridge is currently undergoing major renovations to replace the upper deck of the bridge and build new access ramps. “With the current efforts to improve the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, this is the perfect time to add pedestrian and bicycle pathways,” White says.

The MTA is currently undertaking a feasibility study on constructing pathways on the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge. T.A. and the Harbor Ring Committee look forward to the MTA accepting public input this summer.

Since 2011, the all-volunteer Harbor Ring Committee ([www.harborring.org](http://www.harborring.org)) has advocated for a 50-mile loop of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure encircling New York Harbor, including the main missing link: a multi-use path across the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge. A completed Harbor Ring route would improve safe access to affordable transportation in the region. By connecting New Yorkers and tourists alike to area attractions, recreational opportunities, and local businesses, the Harbor Ring will foster increased economic activity along with active living.

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