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Harbor Ring Committee Congratulates NYC DOT, MTA for Bike Racks on Buses Pilot
Continues to advocate for Verrazano Bridge multi-use path

The Harbor Ring Committee congratulates the New York City Department of Transportation and Metropolitan Transportation Authority leadership on their groundbreaking announcement Thurs, November 20th at the City Council's Transportation Committee hearing to launch a pilot program for bike racks on buses that cross bridges where bike access is sparse. The Harbor Ring encourages the NYC DOT and MTA to include the Verrazano Bridge in the pilot plans.

“Bike racks on buses are a fantastic interim measure to facilitate cycling and transportation throughout the region, especially over the Verrazano Bridge,” says Paul Gertner, Chair of the Harbor Ring Committee. “This pilot program is one way to demonstrate the obvious demand for greater access across the Narrows. The Harbor Ring remains committed to advocating for our goal of a multi-use path across the Verrazano Bridge for everyone to be able to walk and ride across, which will create greater economic opportunity, transportation access, and resiliency for everybody in the region.”

The Harbor Ring has over 3,700+ advocates for a Verrazano Bridge pathway via the Harbor Ring’s petition at harborring.org/petition. A pathway would complete 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. An updated pathway planning study is currently underway by the MTA and Parsons Brinckerhoff.

The Harbor Ring Committee (harborring.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.