

By Alderperson :

Council As A Whole

Seconded by Alderperson :

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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RESTORATION OF THE WALKWAY ON THE HISTORIC LIVINGSTON AVENUE BRIDGE

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer Common Council has a record of advocating for projects that recognize and protect unique historic and cultural assets and efforts to improve our quality of life, and

WHEREAS, since the Civil War period, Rensselaer and Albany counties have been joined by the Livingston Avenue Railroad Bridge over the Hudson River between the cities of Rensselaer and Albany, with much of the bridge rebuilt in 1901 following a fire, and

WHEREAS, the bridge has for generations transported passenger and freight trains over the Hudson, and the bridge features a unique design, including a swing section that allows clearance for ships to travel through the structure north to Troy, and

WHEREAS, the bridge also includes a walkway across the length of the bridge, which, if repaired, would allow for pedestrian and cyclist traffic between Albany and Rensselaer, and is seen as a more feasible place for such traffic than the Dunn Memorial Bridge located to the south, and

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer Common Council recognizes that enabling pedestrian and cyclist traffic at another location would benefit residents, integrate two (2) waterfronts in neighboring cities across the Hudson River, and also help encourage tourism in this area, and

WHEREAS, there are upcoming repair and maintenance projects planned for the Livingston Avenue, and the City of Rensselaer Common Council joins the numerous community organizations in supporting repair and improvement of the walkway to allow for increased pedestrian and cyclist traffic.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Rensselaer Common Council does hereby support repair and improvement of the walkway on the Livingston Avenue Bridge over the Hudson River to help encourage pedestrian and cyclist traffic between the cities of Rensselaer and Albany, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the City of Rensselaer is hereby directed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo, State Senator Roy McDonald, Assembly Majority Leader Ron Canastrari, Assemblyman Tony Jordan and Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin.

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Approved as to form and sufficiency
this 7th day of March 2012

Corporation Counsel

Mayor