



# Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Summary of Public Comments on Proposed 2017-2026 Capital Plan

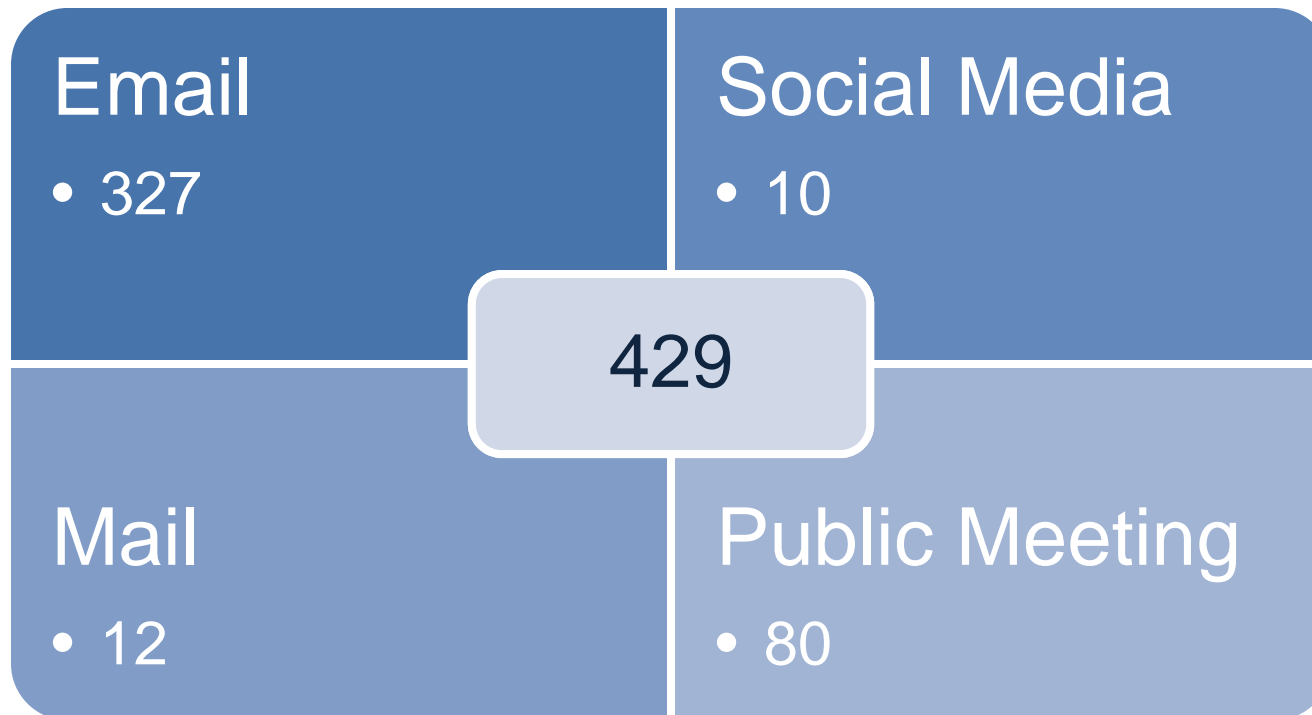
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# Commitment to transparency

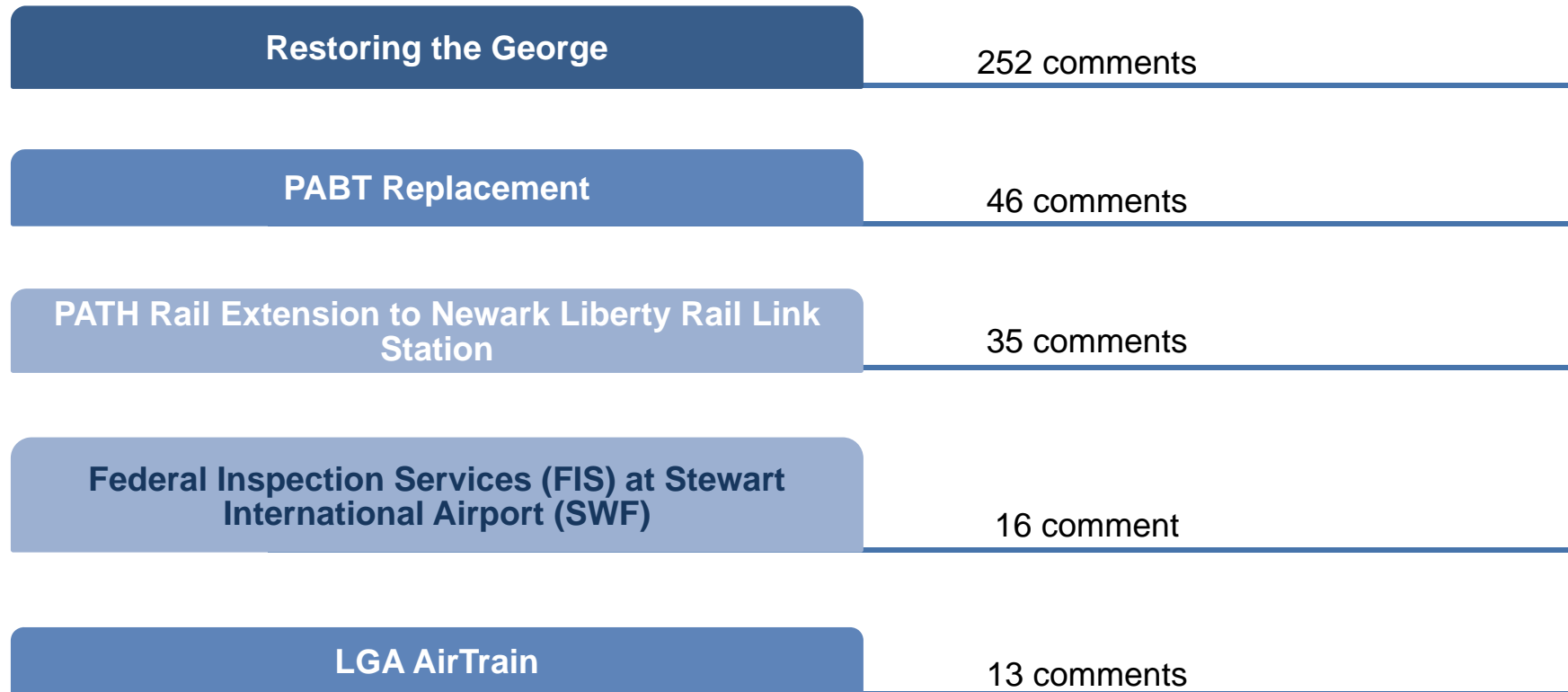
Regular updates on public comments to Executive Staff and the Board for consideration

January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Proposed Plan and key projects presented. Board approved posting of plan for public comment
January 11 <sup>th</sup>	Proposed Plan available for public comment
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Public Meeting at New York PA office
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Public Meeting at New Jersey PA office
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Public comment period closed

# Overall 429 comments were received from a total of 365 individuals through the various outlets available



# Majority of comments related to specific projects



# Restoring the George: Scope of project for non-vehicular use

Comments received on the GWB project raised concerns regarding bike and pedestrian access and safety, calling for many of the improvements already included as part of the project

- Substantial improvements made under the current scope to sidewalks for enhanced pedestrian and bicycle access represent an investment of **\$118 million** in construction costs, which is **over 20%** of the construction cost of the suspender rope replacement project.

# Restoring the George: Pedestrians and cyclists will no longer have to compete for space on the same sidewalk



**EXISTING**

Existing sidewalk is shared between pedestrians and bicyclists



**FUTURE**

Separation of users between north and south sidewalks will enhance user experience

# Restoring the George: North and South Sidewalk ADA-accessible approach ramps to replace stairs



**EXISTING**

All users are required to use stairs to access the north sidewalk



**FUTURE**

ADA-compliant 14' wide sidewalk access ramp, maximum 5% slope (11' wide at NJ north)

# Restoring the George: Improved widths and slopes at future access ramp and spacious entry plazas





# Restoring the George: Exterior fencing replaced for increased safety



**EXISTING**

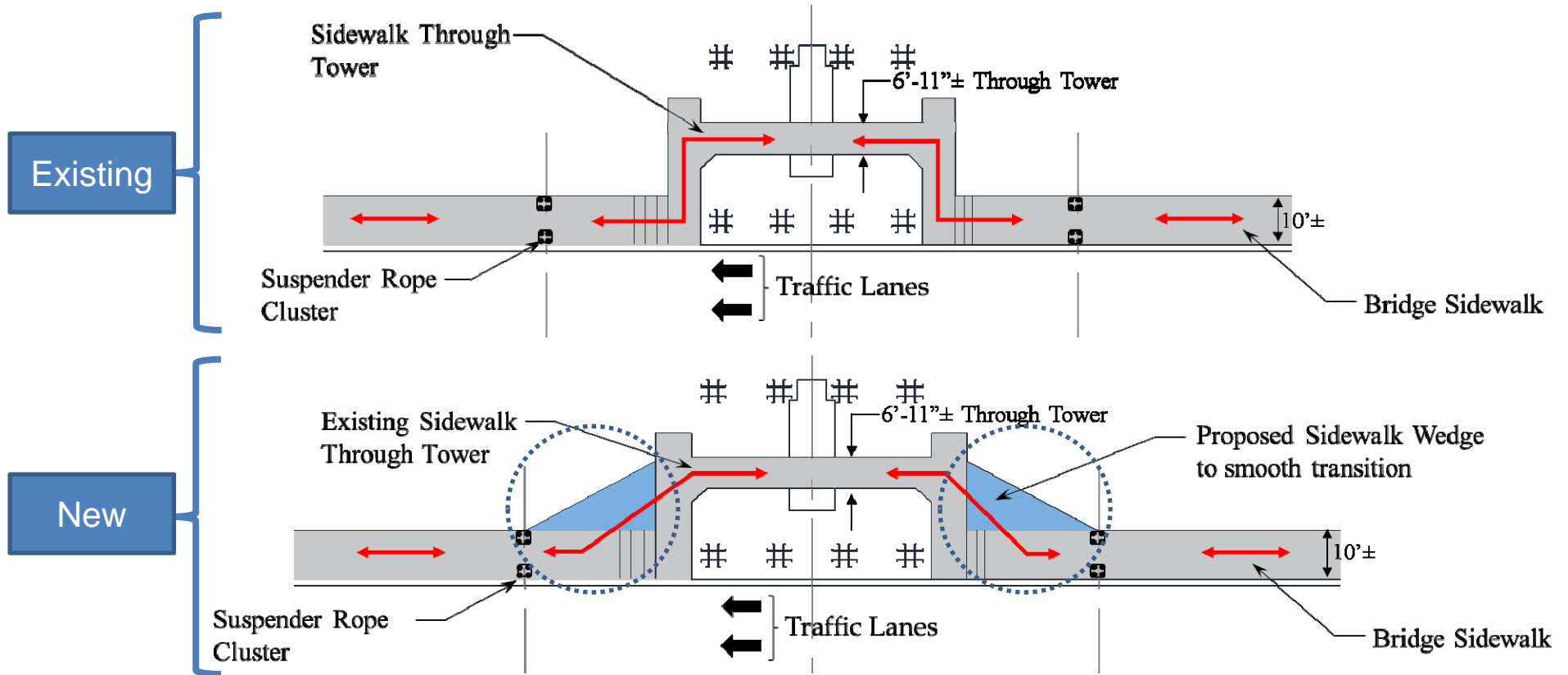
Partial height fence at the approach ramps and main span



**FUTURE**

New 11' high safety fence at the main span of the bridge; sidewalk access ramps will be 9' high; vehicular side rail will also be replaced

# Restoring the George: Modification around the towers allows cyclists to remain on bikes



## Comments regarding other specific projects:

<b>PABT Replacement</b> 46 comments	General support, suggestions for alternatives and process, and request for community involvement amongst the themes received on the New PABT
<b>PATH Rail Extension to Newark Liberty Rail Link Station</b> 35 comments	Scope not fully understood Project viewed as a positive to development and growth of Newark's South Ward Cost/benefit of the project questioned
<b>Federal Inspection Services (FIS) at Stewart International Airport (SWF)</b> 16 comments	Request for funding of Permanent Federal Inspection Services at SWF
<b>LGA AirTrain</b> 13 comments	Cost/benefit of project questioned Alternative projects noted Support for rail access to all major airports noted

## Other comments received also include:

Support of the inclusion of funding towards the Gateway Program

Additional investment in bike infrastructure at our facilities

Request of funding for the Replacement of AirTrain Newark

Request for increased PATH service and capacity

Miscellaneous

# Recommendations: Adopt plan as proposed

Clarify scope of project

- Modify GWB scope for non-vehicular use at Towers – no change in TPC

Continue dialogue with stakeholders and monitor asset condition

- PABT Replacement
- PATH Extension to Newark Liberty Rail Link Station
- LGA AirTrain
- FIS at SWF
- EWR AirTrain Replacement

Gates Process

- Adhere to established procedures to move projects forward in order to maintain a balanced Capital Plan