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NYMTC's Palisades Shared Use Path Feasibility Study is Now Complete

Study Results Available on the [Project Website](#)

NEW YORK, June 18, 2025 – The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) announced today that its Palisades Shared Use Path Feasibility Study, which explores the feasibility of making connections from the George Washington Bridge in Fort Lee, New Jersey to the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge in South Nyack, New York, is now complete. The final report is available on the project website at <https://www.palisadespathstudy.com>. The objectives of this study were to determine the possibility of developing safer, more intuitive, and accessible routes for people walking, biking, running, and rolling in the area.

The two-year study incorporated a series of public visioning meetings, pop-up events, and virtual webinars that identified the study areas, discussed how those corridors could be improved, and engaged residents, business owners, government agencies, and advocacy groups to provide input, while addressing any potential concerns. Nearly 300 people participated in the study.

NYMTC's Palisades Shared Use Path Study concluded that a single shared-use path was not feasible due to cost, terrain, technical constraints, and community concerns. Instead, the study recommended a network of 12 designated corridors made up of six north-south connections, five east-west connections, and one first-last mile connection:

- 1. Henry Hudson Drive / Main Street:**
North/south route connectivity to the George Washington Bridge, Fort Lee, Englewood Cliffs, and Alpine, NJ.
- 2. Rockland Road / Ferdon Avenue:**
North/south route connectivity to Tallman Mountain State Park and Piermont, NY.
- 3. Piermont Avenue / River Road:**
North/south route connectivity to Piermont, Grand-View-On-Hudson, and South Nyack, NY
- 4. Tallman Mountain State Park Bicycle Path**
North/south connectivity to the 9W Market and Piermont, NY.
- 5. Highland Avenue / Valentine Avenue**
North/south connectivity to Sparkill, NY.

6. US 9W in Rockland County: Bicycle Route

East/west route connectivity to Grand View, South Nyack, and Piermont, NY and Alpine, NJ.

7. Closter Dock Avenue

East/west route connectivity to Alpine and Closter, NJ.

8. Hillside Avenue

East/west route connectivity to Alpine and Cresskill, NJ.

9. Hudson Avenue

East/west route connectivity to Alpine and Cresskill, NJ.

10. East Clinton Avenue

East/west route connectivity to Englewood Cliffs and Tenafly, NJ.

11. East Palisade Avenue

East/west route connectivity to Englewood Cliffs and Englewood, NJ.

12. Hudson Terrace

First-Last Mile route connectivity to the George Washington Bridge, Englewood Cliffs and Ft. Lee, NJ.

These routes are complemented by a separate New Jersey Department of Transportation project to improve connectivity along US-9W in Bergen County.

Additionally, the study advised that better amenities – restrooms, benches, bike parking, and water fountains – should be added to these routes along with clear wayfinding to help users navigate the network. The feasibility study did not include an environmental review, detailed designs for the recommended connections or funding resources.

“There is growing interest to develop adequate infrastructure to allow bicyclists and pedestrians to safely connect and move through the Palisades,” said Adam Levine, executive director of NYMTC. “We engaged meaningfully with all communities along these routes and addressed their interest in developing a network that could accommodate a range of users.”

The study recommends a coordinating organization is now needed to advocate for and oversee its implementation and suggests that the New York Metropolitan Transportation Commission (NYMTC), North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), and the Palisades Interstate Park Commission work together to identify a lead agency. Alternatively, a community-based “Friends of” group could take on this role, helping secure funding and push for progress.

The Palisades Shared Use Path Study area extends about 20 miles along the west side of the Hudson River, traversing busy roadways, historic downtowns, and public parklands, including Palisades Interstate Park and Tallman Mountain State Park.

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