

TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION URGING THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY TO OFFER CARPOOL INCENTIVES ACROSS ALL LANES OF TRAVEL

Whereas, congestion from the George Washington Bridge and Lincoln Tunnel profoundly affects the ability of residents to commute and travel throughout the region; and

Whereas, the ability to carpool is seen as a positive measure to remove excess vehicles from congested roadways; and

Whereas, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey offer reduced carpool rates to incentivize drivers to reduce the number of vehicles on the roads; and

Whereas, the Port Authority only permits carpool customers to utilize a limited number of "Cash Only" lanes; and

Whereas, toll operators are contractually entitled to take breaks during their work shift, shutting down already limited carpool lanes during peak demand periods; and

Whereas, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority offers carpool rates through automated EZ-Pass tolls through any available lane; and

Whereas, the ability to utilize any EZ-Pass lane has been successful for our region in MTA bridges and tunnels;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Teaneck, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the Township Council calls upon the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to offer carpool incentives across all lanes of travel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Chairperson, Kevin O'Toole, and Executive Director, Richard Cotton, of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, at its offices at 4 World Trade Center, 150 Greenwich Street, New York, N.Y. 10007, and to provide copies thereof to the clerks of each municipality within Bergen County and to the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders.