RESOLUTION URGING MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO MAINTAIN PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES OVER FREEWAYS IN DETROIT

WHEREAS, Safe, clean, convenient, and reliable non-motorized infrastructure fulfills an essential transportation need for Detroiters, especially those without access to a motor vehicle; and

WHEREAS, The City of Detroit is making significant infrastructure investments to accommodate safe and green non-motorized transportation options that connect residents to schools, parks, jobs, public transit, local businesses, and more; and

WHEREAS, Transportation infrastructure should be accessible to all users as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, Reconnecting communities divided by highways is a prioritized goal of the U.S. Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Pedestrian bridges provide critical connections across freeways that otherwise divide Detroit communities; and

WHEREAS, Well-designed pedestrian bridges can provide freeway crossings with fewer motor vehicle conflicts as they are often located away from freeway on- and off-ramps; and

WHEREAS, Pedestrians and bicyclists accessing freeway pedestrian bridges typically must cross service drives with poor sight lines and designs that encourage motorists to speed; and

WHEREAS, The community has raised many issues about the lack of maintenance, safety, ADA compliance, and the closure of pedestrian bridges; and

WHEREAS, A Detroit resident recently fell through the Spruce Street pedestrian bridge over M-10; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, The Detroit City Council urges MDOT to ensure and maintain that pedestrian bridges are in good condition, and to refrain from removing
pedestrian bridges from communities as a means of lowering maintenance costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Detroit delegation in the State Senate and State House, and Mayor Mike Duggan.

* RECOMMENDATION: Adoption by City Council

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