



DEPARTMENTAL SUBMISSION

DEPARTMENT: Council Member Gabriela Santiago-Romero
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*** RE:**
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*** SUMMARY:**
BY COUNCIL MEMBER GABRIELA SANTIAGO-ROMERO

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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