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**NY Waterway Receives \$6.328 Million Federal Grant Toward the Construction of New Wave Attenuator for its Weehawken Ferry Maintenance Facility**

***Structure will Increase Facility's Resilience and Protect Shoreline Properties***

**Weehawken, NY (September 16, 2024)** – NY Waterway today announced that it has received a \$6,328,309 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) toward the construction of a new wave attenuator – a structure that reduces the impact of wind, waves and high tides on the shoreline and docked vessels – to provide greater resilience for NY Waterway's Weehawken Ferry Maintenance facility.

The funding is an allocation from the DOT's FY 2024 Passenger Ferry Grant Program and will be distributed by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to NY Waterway through its partner, NJ TRANSIT.

"The funding and construction of the wave attenuation screen is an essential step in ensuring the safety and modernization of our ferry maintenance facility," said NY Waterway President and CEO Armand Pohan. "This structure serves the needs of the ferry system and the thousands of riders we serve, as well as the need for resiliency protection of property along the neighboring Weehawken shoreline."

Added Pohan, "We are grateful to our state and federal partners for recognizing the importance of this project through their support, and for the leadership of Senator Corey Booker, Representative Rob Menendez, and the office of the late Representative Donald M. Payne, Jr., in helping to secure this critical funding."

"NJ TRANSIT is pleased to have supported NY Waterway in securing this federal funding, which will enhance the safety and reliability of ferry services at Weehawken," said NJ TRANSIT President & CEO Kevin S. Corbett. "Ferries are an integral part of our state's transportation network, providing critical connectivity and mobility every day for thousands of New Jerseyans."

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**About NY Waterway:**

Founded by Arthur Imperatore, Sr in 1986, NY Waterway operates the nation's largest privately-owned commuter ferry service. Prior to the pandemic shutdown, NY Waterway

carried more than 32,000 passengers each weekday on 23 routes across the Hudson River, bringing New Jersey commuters to Manhattan and back. In cooperation with MTA Metro North Railroad, ferries bring commuters from the west side of the Hudson River in Newburgh and Haverstraw to the Hudson Line stations in Beacon and Ossining. NY Waterway also works with the Trust for Governors Island to provide ferry service to this important recreational space in New York Harbor.

On dozens of occasions, NY Waterway ferries have provided emergency service when public transit systems are disrupted. On 9/11, NY Waterway ferries evacuated more than 150,000 people from Manhattan, part of the largest maritime evacuation in history. In August 2003, when a massive blackout shut down all Hudson River crossings, NY Waterway carried 160,000 people home to New Jersey.

Ferry crews also have rescued more than 300 people from New York waters, most notably the 143 people rescued from US Airways Flight 1549, the Miracle on the Hudson in 2009, the most successful marine rescue in aviation history.

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