

# Ask Roadway To Statue Of Liberty

Would Connect  
New Jersey for  
Pedestrians

JERSEY CITY, Nov. 5.—The Statue of Liberty, which looks away from New Jersey toward the open sea, may soon become attached to this community by a pedestrian causeway.

Tentative plans call for development of an industrial park on the shore near Liberty Island and construction of a 2500-foot connection to the statue.

Connecting roads to exit 14-B of the New Jersey Turnpike, less than a mile away, would open Liberty Island to countless tourists who now must drive into Manhattan, try to find a parking place, then take a 45-minute round-trip ferry ride to see the lady up close.

## For Easier Access

Morris Pesin, Jersey City merchant and head of the Statue of Liberty Causeway and Park Assn., has been fighting for the project for more than three years.

"There is no conflict with New York on this," he said. "The Statue of Liberty belongs to everyone, and this plan will make it accessible to thousands of people in a matter of minutes, where it would ordinarily take half a day."

Cornelius J. Gallagher, Democratic Congressman whose district includes Bayonne and part of Jersey City, is behind the plan. He said Jersey City and the state have offered to develop the area and give it to



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Carin Conrad, 248 Ogden Ave., Jersey City, examines a model of proposed causeway to Liberty Island.

the National Park Service, which maintains the statue.

Gallagher said that Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall has agreed to make a visit to the site of the project to study its feasibility.

## 763,499 Visitors

Last year, Liberty Island was visited by 763,499 persons. Pesin estimated that three to four times that many people could see the monument if the causeway were built.

The walking distance would be the equivalent of just a few blocks, he said, and plans for the causeway include a miniature tram railway to ferry passengers back and forth.

"Jersey City would become one of the landmarks of the world if we can carry this plan through," Pesin said.

