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**STATEMENT BY GATEWAY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
CHIEF OF PUBLIC OUTREACH STEVE SIGMUND ON TODAY'S  
RARITAN VALLEY LINE MAYORS ALLIANCE RALLY**

“Building Gateway now will give residents of Raritan Valley Line towns what 21st century commuters in this region deserve: a one-seat ride into and out of New York City. Despite living in close proximity to New York, thousands of Raritan Valley Line riders know that traveling to and from the nation’s largest city is easier said than done. The Gateway Program, including an expanded New York Penn Station and new tunnel under the Hudson River, would create the capacity for Raritan Valley, Main, Bergen County, Port Jervis, and Pascack Valley Line riders to have a one-seat ride directly into the city, ending the need to transfer in Newark or Secaucus.

It’s past time to build Gateway and finally replace the antiquated one-track-in, one-track-out system with modern transportation infrastructure.”

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*The Gateway Program is the most urgent infrastructure program in the country – a comprehensive rail investment program that will improve commuter and intercity services, add needed resiliency and create new capacity for the busiest section of the Northeast Corridor (NEC). The NEC is the most heavily used passenger rail line in the country, hosting more than 2,200 train movements and 800,000 passenger trips daily. The Gateway Program Development Corporation (GDC) is a New Jersey not-for-profit entity with Board members representing Amtrak and the States of New York and New Jersey. It was incorporated in 2016 to oversee and effectuate the Gateway Program in coordination with federal and local partner agencies. Follow the GDC on Twitter: [@GatewayProgNews](https://twitter.com/GatewayProgNews).*