

**#0719-01: HUDSON TUNNEL PROJECT – ENDORSEMENT OF AMENDMENT TO ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CONTRACT PACKAGE PROCUREMENT DOCUMENTS**

The Hudson Tunnel Project will improve resiliency, reliability, and redundancy for the busiest section of the Northeast Corridor (NEC) – the busiest passenger rail line in the United States. The project includes the construction of a new tunnel between New York and New Jersey, the rehabilitation of the existing 108-year old North River Tunnel under the Hudson River, and the completion of the Hudson Yards Concrete Casing - Section 3 to preserve tunnel right-of-way for future tracks on the West Side of Manhattan leading from the new tunnel to Penn Station New York.

The federal environmental review process for the Hudson Tunnel Project commenced in April 2016. In support of the environmental review process, Amtrak and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey jointly funded preliminary engineering and planning activities. A draft Environmental Impact Statement was published in July 2017 with a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) expected in March 2018. The project is currently awaiting the publication of the FEIS and Record of Decision (ROD), pending completion of the United States Department of Transportation's review of these documents.

In anticipation of the FEIS and ROD and to move towards final design and construction, the Gateway Program Development Corporation (GDC) and its project partners (Amtrak, Port Authority, and NJ TRANSIT), are advancing efforts to develop procurement documents to maintain an expedited project schedule. In furtherance of GDC's commitment to advancing the project in a coordinated and effective manner, it is the Board's desire to endorse certain actions taken by Amtrak at Gateway's request to augment its existing engineering services contract to allow for the continued development of contract package procurement documents. These actions would be part of Amtrak's contributions to the project.

Pursuant to the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted, with Trustees Cohen, Coscia, and Zaro voting in favor.

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby endorses Amtrak's augmenting of its existing engineering services contract for the continued development of contract package procurement documents in connection with the Hudson Tunnel Project as described above.