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GATEWAY PROGRAM STATEMENT ON FEDERAL BUDGET AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

NEWARK – The following statement can be attributed to Jerry Zaro, Chairman and New Jersey Trustee of the Gateway Program Development Corporation:

“The FY20 Appropriations Act is a strong statement of support for the Gateway Program. We thank the House and Senate Appropriations Committees – especially Chairwoman Nita Lowey, Bonnie Watson-Coleman and THUD Subcommittee Chair David Price – and our entire Congressional delegation for all of the hard work they do to keep Gateway moving. We are also grateful that Congress and the Administration reached a consensus agreement.

Among other important steps, the legislation makes vital reforms to the FTA's Capital Investment Grant (CIG) program, and clarifies that federal loans repaid with local dollars count as local share.

We appreciate the support of our bi-partisan partners in Congress and look forward to continuing to work with them, the Administration, and all stakeholders to move Gateway to full construction for the benefit of New York, New Jersey and the nation.”

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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).