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STATEMENT BY GATEWAY CORPORATION CHAIRMAN STEVEN M. COHEN ON FTA RATING OF PORTAL NORTH BRIDGE PROJECT

NEWARK – The following statement is issued today on behalf of Gateway Program Development Corporation (GDC) Chairman Steven M. Cohen:

“We are pleased that the U.S. Department of Transportation has taken this major action toward funding the Portal North Bridge Project. Along with the Hudson Tunnel Project, the Portal North Bridge is a critical part of replacing a 109 year-old unreliable system.

Now we need the new tunnel to also move forward to finally provide 21st Century rail transportation into and out of the nation's economic heart.

Last year, GDC released a study demonstrating almost 2,000 hours of lost time for passengers due to major delays at Portal and the existing Hudson Tunnel. It's long past time to replace these antiquated workhorses.”

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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).