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## **IN FIRST CONGRESSIONAL HEARING, SECRETARY BUTTIGIEG CALLS HUDSON TUNNEL “A PROJECT OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE” & COMMITS TO COMPLETING EIS “IN SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR.”**

Newark, NJ – The Gateway Development Commission today issued the following statement regarding US Department of Transportation Secretary Buttigieg’s testimony to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee:

“We applaud Secretary Buttigieg’s public commitment to the Gateway Program, particularly confirming that the Hudson Tunnel Project is a project ‘of national significance’ and setting a rapid timeline for completing the project’s environmental review. As the Secretary stated, we are working hard with our local and Federal partners to complete the EIS and improve the project’s grant rating, so we can start full construction and finally replace a 110 year old one-track-in, one-track-out delay prone tunnel with a 21<sup>st</sup> Century rail link between New York, New Jersey and the rest of the Northeast Corridor.”

Steven M. Cohen, Co-Chair, New York Commissioner  
Balpreet Grewal-Virk, Co-Chair, New Jersey Commissioner  
Anthony R. Coscia, Vice-Chair, Amtrak Commissioner

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*The Gateway Program is the most urgent infrastructure program in the country – a comprehensive set of rail investments 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.*