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## **STATEMENT BY THE GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ON FEDERAL PERMITTING DASHBOARD UPDATE COMMITTING TO HUDSON TUNNEL EIS COMPLETION**

Newark, NJ – "The US DOT's commitment to finish the Hudson Tunnel Project environmental review by May 28th is the latest demonstration of the Biden Administration's clear resolve to expedite the project and start construction as soon as possible.

For more than three years, the most urgent infrastructure project in America languished as the previous administration 'stopped the clock' on environmental review, freezing the dashboard in March 2018. Two weeks ago, Secretary Buttigieg testified that the review would be done by the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of this year. And today, US DOT's public commitment to a completion date restarts the clock. Finally, we have a Federal partner who is backing up words with actions.

With a Record of Decision, early work including property acquisition can advance, with major construction to follow, further moving the Hudson Tunnel Project from concept to reality."

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<https://www.permits.performance.gov/permitting-projects/hudson-tunnel-project>

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