Gateway Program Update
May 16, 2022
Update Summary

Portal North Bridge Project

Hudson Tunnel Project

A Year of Progress

Regulatory Permitting

Federal Funding

Next Steps

Board Action
Portal North Bridge

Governor Phil Murphy and NJ TRANSIT announced the issuance of the “Notice to Proceed” to the Portal North Bridge Construction Contractor on April 7, 2022.
Hudson Tunnel Project: A Year of Progress & Building Momentum

GDC convenes its first Board of Commissioners Meeting.
The Board elects Co-Chairs, adopt bylaws and other policies.

USDOT updates the Federal Infrastructure Permitting Dashboard.
Dashboard reflects new Environmental Review completion date for HTP.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection issues permit.
The permit allows HTP to undertake work in the State of New Jersey.

Amtrak acquires Block 675 Lot 1 in Manhattan.
The property is where the vent shaft/fan plant for the future tunnel will be built.
Geotechnical investigations begin on-site soon after.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issues Department of Army permit.
The permit allows HTP to undertake work within Waters of the United States.

FTA issues HTP a Medium-High Project Rating.
The updated rating allows HTP to be eligible for FTA CIG funding.

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GDC announces Amtrak awarded a contract to relocate utilities out of the future path of the third and final section of the Hudson Yards Concrete Casing.

FTA and FRA publishes a combined Final EIS and Record of Decision for the new Hudson River Tunnel and North River Tunnel Rehabilitation.

Revised HTP Financial Plan submitted to FTA
The plan reflects strengthened local and Amtrak funding commitments, among other improvements.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation issues permit.
The permit allows HTP to undertake work in the State of New York.

President Biden signs the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill into law.
The law represents the largest federal investment in public transit and intercity rail in history.

Phase 2 of HTP Geotechnical Borings and Subsurface Investigations Completed.
The investigations will help engineers better understand subsurface conditions.

Amtrak & NJT submit application for FY21 Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair Grant for Tonnelle Avenue Sub-Element of HTP.

USDOT recommends $100 million in CIG funding for HTP for FY2023.
First time HTP has been recommended for funding as part of President’s Budget.
Hudson Tunnel Project: Positive Partnership with Federal Administration

State Permits & Federal Permitting Dashboard Complete

State Permits Completed

- 2021: The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) issued a permit allowing the HTP to undertake project related work in the State of New Jersey.
- 2021: The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation issued a permit allowing the HTP to undertake project related work in the State of New York.

Federal Permit Completed

- November 2021: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a permit allowing the HTP to undertake work in U.S. Waters (Hackensack River Watershed & Hudson River)
  - This permit marked the final Federal regulatory hurdle prior to Full Funding

Reaching these significant steps reflects the close collaboration between the local and federal leaders and dedication of the staff at USDOT, USACE, NJDEP, and NYSDEC.
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**Improved Project Rating & FY2023 Project Funding Recommendation**

January 2022: FTA issued HTP a “Medium-High” Project Rating

- Projects must receive and maintain a “medium” or better overall rating to advance through the process and be eligible for funding.

March 2022: U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg Announced that USDOT Recommended $100 million in CIG funding for HTP for FY2023

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Hudson Tunnel Project: Next Steps

- Continue preparation of project management materials to advance in CIG Program
- Continue working with USDOT and Project Partners to identify potential federal funding programs in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- Continue working with Build America Bureau on low-interest federal loan materials
Action Item

Item #0522-01: Authorizing the service of Chief Executive Officer and for Co-Chairs and Vice Chair to resolve terms and scope of retention
Thank You