Gateway Program Update
July 19, 2022
Update Summary

Gateway Program - Phase 1 MOU
Portal North Bridge Project
Hudson Tunnel Project
GDC Progress
Governor Hochul and Governor Murphy Sign Gateway Program’s Phase One MOU for the Portal North Bridge & Hudson Tunnel Projects

• On July 5, 2022, Governors Murphy and Hochul signed the Phase One Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) required by the Gateway Development Commission Act along with Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) Executive Director Rick Cotton.
  • MOU outlines sources, uses, and timing of funding for Portal North Bridge and Hudson Tunnel Project
  • Next phase will detail the parties’ responsibilities with respect to delivery of the Hudson Tunnel Project
Portal North Bridge – Full Construction Beginning

“Notice to Proceed” provided to construction contractor by NJ TRANSIT on April 7, 2022

Site preparations underway ahead of major construction work this summer

Regular Bridge Openings Have Resumed

Bergen County Utilities Authority again shipping sludge via barge (had been truck)

Since March 2022, Portal Bridge has opened 60 times, an average of 4 times per week

Normal operation (without failure) can delay dozens of trains depending on time of day, other circumstances

Amtrak engineers supervise openings to ensure speedy resolution of issues; diverts resources from other needed work

Openings restricted to non-rush hour time periods per USCG regulation
Recent Developments

- **On-going**: Preparing project management materials to advance in CIG program & engaging with USDOT on Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding opportunities

- **March 2022**: $100M funding recommendation in FY 2023 Capital Investment Grants (FTA CIG – 49 USC 5309) Budget

- **March 2022**: Tonnelle Avenue FY21 Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair Grant Application submitted by Amtrak & NJ TRANSIT

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

- **January 2022**: Completed geotechnical work necessary to enter FTA Engineering Phase – 75 Geotechnical investigations along Tunnel alignment

- **Fall 2021**: Obtained final permit from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for work in Hudson River & NJ Meadowlands
FTA Capital Investment Grants Program - New Starts Process

Source: FTA CIG Website – “Project Development Process”
https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grant-programs/capital-investments/project-development-process-map-21-cig-program-0
Gateway Development Commission - Progress

Building the Foundation for a Transparent, Effective Gateway Commission

- **GDC Act Signed into Law**
  - July 2019
- **Amtrak Board Appointment**
  - Summer 2019
- **NYS Board Appointments**
  - Fall 2019
- **Final NJ Board Confirmations**
  - December 2020
- **CEO Recommendation Announcement**
  - May 2022

**Board Activities in 2021**
- Co-Chairs Elected
- By-Laws & Policies Adopted
- Acting Officers Appointed
- Commitment to Assume NEPA Project Sponsor & Federal Grant Recipient Roles Confirmed

- **Inaugural CEO Begins Service**
  - July 2022
Thank You