

**GATEWAY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES: FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018**

The following are the minutes of the actions taken at the Open Session of the Regular Meeting of the Gateway Program Development Corporation (GDC) Board of Trustees, held at One Penn Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey on Friday, May 18, 2018, at 10:00 am.

Present

Steven M. Cohen, Chairman

Anthony R. Coscia, Vice Chairman

Jerry Zaro, Trustee

1. Call to Order

- Chairman Cohen called the Open Session of the Regular Meeting of GDC’s Board of Trustees to order at approximately 10:10 am.

2. Roll Call, Notice of Meeting

- Diana Lopez, Secretary, confirmed that all attendees were present, and that there was quorum. Secretary Lopez announced that adequate notice of today’s Regular Meeting of GDC’s Board of Trustees had been provided to provide full transparency and afford the public with an opportunity to participate. Notices were filed on May 16, 2018 with the New Jersey Secretary of State, the Clerk of Essex County, New Jersey, and the Clerk of Hudson County, New Jersey. These notices were sent for publication on May 15, 2018 and published on May 17, 2018 in four newspapers: The Star-Ledger and The Bergen Record in New Jersey and The New York Times and The New York Post in New York, and posted in the main entrance of NJ TRANSIT Headquarters, and mailed to each agency, individual and organization that requested such notice. Secretary Lopez indicated that this meeting will be videotaped.

3. Introduction of Trustee Zaro

- Chairman Cohen acknowledged the contributions and service of former GDC Trustee Richard Bagger and welcomed Trustee Zaro to GDC’s Board of Trustees.

4. Adoption of March 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes

- Copies of the minutes from the March 16, 2018 Meeting of GDC’s Board of Trustees were distributed prior to this meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

5. Gateway Program Update Presentation

- Interim Executive Director John D. Porcari provided an update on both Gateway Program’s Phase 1 Projects: The Hudson Tunnel Project and the Portal North Bridge Project. Mr. Porcari provided an update on the impact of the Portal Bridge service disruption during the morning of March 16, 2018. Mr. Porcari noted that the Bridge’s failure to close resulted in 112 cancelled trains and 34 delayed trains, and directly impacted approximately 66,000 NJ

TRANSIT and Amtrak customers. Mr. Porcari stated that the Portal North Bridge Project is a project of local and national significance – trains to North Carolina, Georgia, Chicago, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Cincinnati were impacted, in addition to Northeast Regional, Acela, and Keystone Services.

- Interim Finance Director Frank Sacr provided a status update on financial submittals to USDOT for the Portal North Bridge and Hudson Tunnel Projects.
- Mr. Porcari discussed the progress on early work activities on Portal North Bridge, funded by a TIGER grant. Mr. Porcari stated that the purpose of this early work is to reduce the technical risk and cost risk for the larger construction project.
- The Hudson Tunnel Project environmental review update indicated that the environmental review and permitting for the new tunnel and rehabilitation of the existing tunnel is a national model for balancing better environmental outcomes with reduced processing time and the Final Environmental Impact Statement is with USDOT.
- Mr. Porcari stated that the design for the Hudson Tunnel Project had advanced to 30% - the point for alternative delivery (design-build, public-private partnership, etc.) to enable maximum innovation. Mr. Porcari noted that GDC intends to continue the Request for Information process to get further input from the private sector.
- Mr. Porcari introduced the three action items on the Board's agenda.

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items and Other Matters

- Secretary Lopez announced that there were four registered speakers, and began the public comment period.
- Speaker: David Peter Allen, Lackawanna Coalition
- Speaker: Phil Beachem, New Jersey Alliance for Action
- Speaker: Joseph Clift, Private Citizen
- Speaker: Vanessa Barrios, Regional Plan Association

7. Action Item: Election of Treasurer and Authorization of Administrative Financial Transactions

- Chairman Cohen announced the first action item before the Board, Item #0518-01, a resolution electing Trustee Zaro as Treasurer of GDC and authorizing certain administrative financial matters, including authorizing actions to administer the operational financial affairs of GDC. Chairman Cohen made a motion to advance the item. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Coscia, and passed with unanimous vote.

8. Action Item: Funding for GDC's Program Management and Operational Expenses

- Chairman Cohen announced the second action item before the Board, Item #0518-02, a resolution that authorizes entering into agreements with Amtrak and the Port Authority for the receipt of funding, contracted services on behalf of GDC, staffing or in-kind support. Chairman Cohen noted that these funds would be used for program management expenses

for the Portal North Bridge and Hudson Tunnel Projects, as well as GDC's operations, inclusive of direct staffing expenses for GDC's direct hires. Chairman Cohen made a motion to advance the item. The motion was seconded by Trustee Zaro, and passed with unanimous vote.

9. Action Item: Hudson Yards Concrete Casing – Section 3 – Endorsement of LIRR Emergency Services Building Utility Relocation

- Chairman Cohen announced the remaining action item before the Board, Item #0518-03, a resolution endorsing the advancement of a critical piece of utility relocation included in the final section of the Hudson Yards Concrete Casing in Western Manhattan. Chairman Cohen noted that the work is estimated to cost \$25 million and would be funded by contributions from Amtrak and the Port Authority. Chairman Cohen also stated that the work will relocate the Long Island Rail Road Emergency Services Building utilities in order to make way for the Hudson Yards Concrete Casing that will connect the new tunnel with Penn Station New York. Chairman Cohen made a motion to advance the item. The motion was seconded by Trustee Zaro, and passed with unanimous vote.

10. Executive Session Authorization

- At approximately 10:40 a.m., Chairman Cohen requested a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and contract negotiations.
- Vice Chairman Coscia moved the resolution, Trustee Zaro seconded it, and it was unanimously adopted.

11. Adjournment

- At approximately 12:00 p.m., Chairman Cohen reconvened the Open Session of the Regular Meeting of GDC's Board of Trustees.
- Secretary Lopez confirmed that there was quorum.
- There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.