

#0417-01: ENGAGEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH FIRM

In July 2016, the Gateway Program (“Program”) project partners recognized John D. Porcari as the Gateway Program Interim Executive Director. Since July, the Interim Executive Director has provided leadership for the Program, coordinating across the Program’s multiple stakeholders, coordinating the entry of the Hudson Tunnel and Portal North Bridge Projects into the Federal Transit Administration’s Capital Investment Grant Program Project Development Phase, and overseeing the formation of the Gateway Program Development Corporation (“GDC”) in November 2016 and its first board meeting on January 12, 2017.

In February 2017, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (“Amtrak”), in coordination with and for the benefit of GDC and in collaboration with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (“Port Authority”) and New Jersey Transit Corporation (“NJ TRANSIT”), commenced the procurement process for an executive search firm to select a permanent Executive Director. The firm will assist the GDC Board with the identification and selection of a qualified candidate for the position.

Beginning in March 2017, a selection committee consisting of GDC’s General Counsel & Secretary and staff from Amtrak, NJ TRANSIT, and the Port Authority reviewed proposals and conducted interviews with prospective firms. The committee reviewed the firms’ proposals, including each firm’s qualifications, experience, approach, and cost. In April 2017, Russell Reynolds Associates was identified unanimously as the recommended firm.

The search for the permanent Executive Director will begin immediately, with Trustees Bagger and Coscia serving on the selection committee, with the appointment of the Executive Director subject to the vote of the Board.

Pursuant to the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted, with Trustees Bagger, Cohen, Coscia and Ray voting in favor.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Gateway Program Development Corporation (“GDC”) hereby endorse the retention of the executive search firm Russell Reynolds Associates by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (“Amtrak”) for the benefit of GDC to manage and perform the executive search for an Executive Director of GDC.