

**GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
November 18, 2022

**Public Comments for November 18, 2022 Board Meeting**

*(Received as of 5pm November 17, 2022)*

*The public was encouraged to submit public comments via the comment form on  
[www.GatewayProgram.org](http://www.GatewayProgram.org).*

Name	Brian Ansari
Organization	Brian Ansari & Associates, Inc.
Comment Topic	DBE engagement on Gateway Tunnel
<p>Honorable Board Members and Executive Director Kolluri,</p> <p>The Gateway Development Corporation has a historic opportunity to get out in front of how and where DBE engagement, as well as workforce development and community engagement are framed and implemented.</p> <p>With so many projects occurring in the NYC Metro area being supported by federal dollars with DBE requirements., an innovative strategy will be required and Gateway itself may need to develop its own equity plan to drive the respective IJJA equity requirements sustainably.</p> <p>This is far beyond achieving the 20-30% DBE outcomes as a crowning achievement for the program. How that gets accomplished, who gets invited to think through these solutions as the GDC forms its culture is as important as the final outcome.</p> <p>Developing an equity plan for GDC would create the cultural orientation and operational infrastructure necessary to sustainably meet IJJA equity requirements from Justice40 through DBE prompt payment.</p> <p>I would like to request an opportunity to speak with Gateway leadership to provide what I believe is timely and critical input into the planning and design of the Gateway tunnel but also the organizational culture that drives these outcomes.</p> <p>I can be reached at <a href="mailto:brian@bansarisolutions.com">brian@bansarisolutions.com</a> or 518-221-4210.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	

Name	Sanjiib Sen
Organization	AEIS LLC
Comment Topic	Construction Inspection, Testing
<p>AEIS shall be bidding as a subcontractor for this project. We are a M/WBE, DBE and SBE Construction Inspections and Materials Testing Agency that specializes in Inspection and Testing of Steel, Concrete, Masonry, Aggregates, Asphalt and Soils.</p> <p>AEIS (M/WBE, DBE &amp; SBE) is a Class 1 Inspection Agency and has an Independent Laboratory. We have worked on several projects from MTA-NYCT, MTA-TBTA, NYS-DOT, NYC-DOT, DASNY, CUNY, NJ TRANSIT, and PANYNJ.</p>	

Name	Laura Colacurcio
Organization	ABNY
Comment Topic	Supportive comment on progress of the Gateway Program
<p>The Association for a Better New York (ABNY) is pleased to see that the Gateway Development Commission has stayed the course in meeting all deadlines throughout the federal funding application process. Such persistence and adherence to the prescribed timeline are crucial components toward realizing the program’s funding goals.</p> <p>This most pressing infrastructure need in the nation requires partnership between the federal government, New York, and New Jersey. As the Northeast region of the United States is an economic engine for the entire country, the Gateway Program has the potential to catalyze commercial activity at all levels—locally, regionally, and nationally—during this crucial period of economic recovery. In addition, once this project comes to fruition, commuters, tourists, and visitors to New York City and beyond will have safe, reliable means of travel.</p> <p>The heavy utilization of the Northeast Corridor and the national significance of this project necessitate federal investments in our region’s transit infrastructure. ABNY joins with our partners of the Build Gateway Now Coalition in urging the Capital Investment Grant process to move forward with these urgent issues in mind.</p>	