

**GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
May 2, 2022**

Public Comments for May 2, 2023 Board Meeting

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*The public was encouraged to submit public comments via the comment form on
www.GatewayProgram.org.*

Name	Madeleine DeCerbo
Organization	REBNY
Comment Topic	
<p>The Real Estate Board of New York to The Gateway Development Commission</p> <p>The Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY) is the City’s leading real estate trade association representing commercial, residential, and institutional property owners, builders, managers, investors, brokers, salespeople, and other organizations and individuals active in New York City real estate. REBNY appreciates the opportunity to submit comment to the Gateway Development Commission in support of the revised Hudson Tunnel Project and of full funding for the Gateway project, of one of the most ambitious and critical infrastructure projects in the Northeast. Continued investment in our region’s infrastructure is essential for attracting and retaining an inperson workforce and businesses, which will help accelerate a robust and equitable economic recovery. This point is one of many reasons why REBNY is a proud member of the Build Gateway Now Coalition, comprised of civic, labor, and business leaders building support for the construction of this new rail tunnel.</p> <p>REBNY endorses the revised procurement strategy to build the Hudson Tunnel Project (HTP), by splitting the Civil Works into smaller packages. Dividing the Civil Works portion of HTP, the largest portion of the project, will foster a greater competitive bidding pool for this work and ensure a more innovative approach to the most urgent infrastructure project in this region. The new approach was developed utilizing feedback from the private sector as well as partnering with the Federal Transit Administration to advance the Captial Investment Grant process GDC is undergoing. REBNY commends GDC for working so closely with the private sector to elicit feedback from industry experts and ensure a competitive and qualified group of bidders for the project, which will keep the project moving forward and towards completion in a timelier manner.</p> <p>The Gateway Project is critical to the region’s economic growth and recovery. HTP will create over 72,000 jobs for the region and will provide long-term climate resiliency. As an organization representing private sector real estate interests, REBNY is proud to support these efforts. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>	

Name	Felicia Park-Rogers
Organization	Tri-State Transportation Campaign
Comment Topic	Support for Today's Resolutions
<p>5/2/2023</p> <p>GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING</p> <p>Testimony by Felicia Park-Rogers, Director of Regional Infrastructure Projects, TSTC</p> <p>Good afternoon-</p> <p>I am here today to voice Tri-State Transportation Campaign's on-going and strong support for moving the Gateway Project forward.</p> <p>Time is of the essence in moving this national priority infrastructure project closer to achieving a full funding grant agreement with the Federal Transit Agency. We hope there is a determination as quickly as possible to move the Hudson Tunnels Project to Phase 3, the engineering phase.</p> <p>Toward that end, now that there is a completed memorandum of understanding between New Jersey and New York, we encourage you to pass the resolutions brought forward today. This project is not possible without a strong partnership and cooperation between the private and public sectors. We support the sensible, revised procurement strategy to build the HTP by splitting the civil works into smaller packages. Splitting these projects up allows them to move forward more quickly and efficiently.</p> <p>In this era of high inflation, supply chain issues, and intense competition for engineers and construction it makes sense to chunk up the work as we continue to move the project forward at the federal level. The indications from DC—the MEGA grant for the Hudson Yards concrete casing project and the good news that President Biden included an allocation of \$700 million in CIG funds in his FY24 budget—are positive. Let's move ahead on completing the concrete casing project as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Thank You</p>	

Name	Joseph Clift
Organization	Individual
Comment Topic	Future NJT Operations Budget Shortfalls Imperil FTA HTP Engineering Approval Letter
<p>Please include attached file document in today's meeting record as written, including charts on second page. Thank you.</p> <p>230502-JMClift-GDC-BdMtgComments-NjtOpsBudGapsImperilHTP.EngLtr-Revised.pdf</p>	