

**GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
BOARD MEETING**

February 16, 2024

Public Comments for February 16, 2024 Board Meeting

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

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Comment Topic	Gateway Development Project
<p>February 15, 2024</p> <p>To: The Gateway Commission Board</p> <p>Re: The Gateway Development Project</p> <p>New Jersey League of Conservation Voters (New Jersey LCV) thanks the Gateway Commission Board for the opportunity to provide comments on the progress of the Gateway development.</p> <p>We are pleased to see the continued progress in the construction of the Gateway development project with the contract for the Hudson River Ground Stabilization project awarded. As one of the most vital projects in the country, with over 350,000 additional Manhattan-bound commuters using this tunnel, expedient progress of this desperately needed project will help prevent hundreds of thousands of commuters from turning to personal vehicles or other car services, congesting other major routes into New York City.</p> <p>The gateway tunnel project is especially critical for low- to moderate-income commuters. The price of tolls and car services from those without personal vehicles can be extremely cost prohibitive. This financial burden may prevent LMI commuters from being able to consistently attend work, which could lead to other forms of financial hardship, including job loss.</p> <p>New Jersey LCV is pleased to see the updated financial plan saves New Jerseyans and New Yorkers billions of dollars, without compromising the project timeline targets. The updated financial plan was the last step the Gateway Development Commission had to take before securing the Full Funding Grant Agreement, which is expected in the coming months.</p> <p>The Gateway development matters to hundreds of thousands of New Jerseyans' health and wellbeing, and to our environment. New Jersey LCV supports the project's progression towards providing safe, reliable and sustainable public transit. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Allison McLeod, Senior Director of Public Policy at New Jersey LCV, at Allison.mcleod@njlcv.org.</p>	