

**GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
BOARD MEETING**

July 2, 2024

Public Comments for July 2, 2024 Board Meeting

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

Name	Artie Silber
Organization	None
Comment Topic	Operating service on the Northeast Rail Corridor
<p>Given the recent significant service disruptions for both NJTRANSIT and Amtrak which seems to recur all too often, I am wondering how the planned multi-billion expenditures will improve the service since all rail traffic (thru both the existing 110+ year old tunnels and the new proposed tunnels) will go into and out of the existing 110+ year old PSNY that was primarily built by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for long distance (not commuter) travel from Pittsburgh, Harrisburg and Philadelphia???? Also, will those expenditures improve safety within PSNY??</p> <p>Artie</p>	

Name	Lishawn Alexander
Organization	Lishawns Consulting
Comment Topic	Regular board meeting
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Name	Sophie Cappello
Organization	Regional Plan Association
Comment Topic	Hudson Tunnel Project
	<p>Regional Plan Association and the Build Gateway Now coalition celebrate the historic news that the Hudson Tunnel Project will officially be fully funded, with the largest federal grant ever awarded to a mass transit project in the United States. Earlier this month, the federal government gave the green light for the long-awaited Full Funding Grant Agreement, locking in an additional \$6.8 billion of federal funding for the nation’s most urgent infrastructure project. This is the culmination of years, if not decades, of hard work and cooperation – from partners and stakeholders on both sides of the Hudson River and in Washington, D.C.</p> <p>Building a new rail tunnel under the Hudson and refurbishing the existing North River Tunnel will bring transformative environmental, economic and social benefits to the region and the nation. The Full Funding Grant Agreement is the go-ahead we have been waiting on for years, and we cannot overstate the regional significance of this news. Congratulations to the Gateway Development Commission on this incredible milestone.</p> <p>Construction on the Hudson River Ground Stabilization -- an essential early work component -- is slated to begin this summer. That work, in conjunction with the FFGA, really solidifies the extent to which this project is progressing. At a time when trans-Hudson rail service is much too frequently delayed, derailed, or canceled altogether - the time has come to create a modern, 21st century transportation system in the most critical part of the Northeast Corridor.</p>