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GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION RELEASES RFQ FOR NEW JERSEY SURFACE ALIGNMENT PROJECT

Project will build infrastructure to support 1.5 miles of above ground tracks connecting the existing Northeast Corridor in New Jersey to the new Hudson Tunnel

Newark/New York – The Gateway Development Commission (GDC) announced today that it has issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Hudson Tunnel Project (HTP) Package 3: the New Jersey Surface Alignment (NJSA) Project. GDC is seeking a single design-build contractor for the project.

The NJSA Project involves building approximately 7,540 feet of above ground viaduct and berm trackway adjacent to the Northeast Corridor (NEC), that will enable the construction of new tracks connecting the existing NEC tracks in New Jersey to the entrance to the new Hudson Tunnel.

The RFQ is available [here](#). Responses are due January 14, 2025. After evaluating the Statements of Qualifications, GDC plans to shortlist entities and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP). Only shortlisted respondents will be eligible to submit a proposal.

GDC Acting CEO Patrick McCoy said, “We have made incredible progress since we broke ground on the HTP last November. This RFQ marks the beginning of a move into a critical new phase of construction that will integrate the new tunnel into our existing rail network. Starting the procurement process for this project is an exciting milestone that reflects how far we’ve come in just one year of construction and keeps us moving full steam ahead.”



Rendering of the western end of the surface alignment



Rendering of the surface alignment looking east from Secaucus Road



Rendering depicts new railroad bridges over the Conrail and New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway (NYS&W) freight railroads



Map of the New Jersey Surface Alignment Project.

The scope of work for the NJSA Project encompasses designing and building new trackway infrastructure, including retaining walls, a new viaduct, bridges, and an access road, as well as relocating overhead electric, gas, and communication lines.

This project does not include building new railroad systems, such as new track and signals. GDC will award the contract for that work via future solicitations.

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The Gateway Program is the most urgent major infrastructure program in the country – a comprehensive set of rail investments that will improve commuter and intercity services, add needed resiliency, and create new capacity for the busiest section of the Northeast Corridor (NEC). The NEC is the most heavily used passenger rail line in the country hosting more than 2,200 train movements and 800,000 passenger trips daily.