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GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS WORKERS BUILDING THE HUDSON TUNNEL PROJECT IN NEW VIDEO

Newark/New York – With five major construction projects in progress, the Hudson Tunnel Project (HTP) is supporting thousands of jobs for construction workers.

In a new video released today, the Gateway Development Commission (GDC) shines a spotlight on the men and women building the HTP via interviews with workers on the ground and an up-close look at the construction currently in progress.

Click the image below to watch the video, or click <u>here</u> to view it on the GDC YouTube page.



In a joint statement, Alicia Glen, New York GDC Commissioner and Co-Chair, Balpreet Grewal-Virk, New Jersey GDC Commissioner and Co-Chair, and Tony Coscia, GDC Amtrak Commissioner and Vice Chair, said, "This video puts a human face on the jobs the HTP is already creating and lets us hear, in their own words, what this project means to the people building it. The Hudson Tunnel Project will benefit the New York/New Jersey region and the entire country for decades, but we do not have to wait until construction is finished to feel the positive impacts. Building the HTP is already providing thousands of stable, good-paying jobs, and it will support tens of thousands more in the months and years ahead."

GDC CEO Tom Prendergast said, "Too often, the men and women who build megaprojects like the HTP are invisible. This video gives them a voice, and their message is clear: building the HTP is not just a job, it is an opportunity to be part of something bigger – to create a legacy that benefits the communities they call home. Thanks to the workers featured in this video, and thousands more who are hard at work every day, GDC is advancing the HTP on scope, schedule, and budget. We are grateful for the leaders in Washington, New York, and New Jersey who have supported our work, and look forward to delivering this critical project that will benefit riders for generations to come."

GDC and its partners are conducting a coordinated communications campaign to make sure riders who will benefit from the new tunnel and key decisionmakers in Washington, New York, and New Jersey hear the message that these workers are sending. These efforts include widespread promotion on social media as well as direct outreach to key audiences.

The HTP is the nation's most urgent mass transit infrastructure project, which will provide reliable, 21st Century train service into, out of, and through New York, and end the immediate threat posed by the 115-year-old tunnel between New Jersey and New York. It involves building nine miles of new passenger rail track between New York and New Jersey, including a new, two-tube tunnel under the Hudson River, and rehabilitating the existing tunnel, which is a source of chronic delays for hundreds of thousands of daily passengers.

Five of the ten construction packages that make up the HTP are in progress. Two projects are more than 50 percent complete, and one is on track to be finished this year. Tunnel boring is expected to begin in 2026.

These active projects are <u>supporting</u> 20,200 jobs and \$4.5 billion in economic output. In total, construction of the HTP is <u>projected</u> to support 95,000 jobs and \$19.6 billion in economic activity.

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.