

**GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
BOARD MEETING**

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Public Comments for March 23, 2026, Board Meeting

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*The public was encouraged to submit public comments via the comment form on  
[www.GatewayProgram.org](http://www.GatewayProgram.org).*

Name	Carlo Casa
Organization	New York Building Congress
Comment Topic	Hudson Tunnel Project
<p>The Building Congress represents more than 500 organizations and over 250,000 skilled tradespeople and professionals dedicated to the growth and prosperity of New York. We are thrilled to see construction on the Hudson Tunnel Project moving forward once again.</p> <p>The resumption of construction is welcome news for the workers who were affected by the pause, for the millions of riders who depend on reliable service, and for the businesses and communities across the Northeast Corridor that depend on this connection every day. This is a meaningful step forward, and it deserves recognition.</p> <p>At the same time, this moment calls for continued urgency. The project still depends on the continued disbursement of committed federal funding. If that funding is interrupted again, the workers who are back on the job today, could once again face uncertainty.</p> <p>That is simply unacceptable.</p> <p>Before the funding pause, Gateway was meeting construction milestones on time and on budget. Now that work has resumed, it is critical that funding continue to flow so that momentum is not lost.</p> <p>The Hudson Tunnel Project is one of the most important economic engines in the country. The full project is projected to create 95,000 jobs and almost \$20 billion in economic activity. Those benefits extend well beyond New York and New Jersey. They reach workers, suppliers, and businesses across the nation.</p> <p>Finally, the legal picture is clear. Binding funding commitments have been made, and the courts have affirmed that those commitments must be honored.</p> <p>The Building Congress thanks the Board for its leadership and for keeping this vital project moving. We stand with GDC in support of full, uninterrupted funding and continued progress on the Hudson Tunnel Project. The work is underway, and the need is undeniable.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p><a href="#">Link to Video Testimony</a></p>	

Name	Samuel Turvey
Organization	ReThinkNYC/Empire Station Coalition/Penn Community Defense Fund
Comment Topic	Support for Continued Gateway Funding/Pivot to Through-Running Benefits
<p>I want to applaud the Gateway Commission and Commissioners for their recent actions and advocacy to continue funding for the Gateway projects. In these contentious times the advocacy was long on facts and short on invective which is an approach I applaud. I want to reiterate that the funding of the Gateway Tunnels and related work, other than any effort to expand Penn Station to the south, are fully supported by ReThinkNYC and the entirety of the Empire Station Coalition which--in addition to ReThinkNYC--is comprised of: the CNU NYC, City Club of New York, the Council of Chelsea Block Associations, the Environmental Simulation Center, the Historic Districts Council, LEAPS (Penn South), the Midtown South Community Council, the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association, Save Chelsea, the Penn Area Residents Committee, Take Back NYC, the 29th Street Neighborhood Association, the Penn Area Residents Committee, Union Square Community Coalition, UntappedNew York and the Victorian Society. The Penn Community Defense Fund believes similarly. I will save substantive comments for a later meeting but know that ReThinkNYC hopes to move past responding to various opposition research--mostly mercenary--to our through-running proposals (goodbye to all that) and focus more on the benefits of through-running in the weeks and months ahead. Obviously, it is the completion of the Gateway Tunnels that will make all this possible. Onwards and thanks for the advocacy efforts on behalf of Gateway.</p>	

Name	Karla Corcuera
Organization	Karla's Multiservices
Comment Topic	General info
Just wanted basic information regarding construction, etc., since I am a resident nearby	

Name	Kate Slevin
Organization	Regional Plan Association
Comment Topic	Hudson Tunnel Project
<p>Regional Plan Association strongly supports the Gateway Development Commission’s resumption of construction on the Hudson Tunnel Project. Restarting this work is a major victory for the hundreds of workers affected by the recent construction pause, the millions of riders who rely on the Northeast Corridor, and everyone who depends on safe, reliable transportation along the East Coast.</p> <p>While this progress is encouraging, the project remains at significant risk. The workers who have returned to the job could once again face layoffs within months if the federal government fails to continue disbursing the funding it has already committed. A sustained and reliable flow of federal support is essential to maintaining momentum and ensuring that construction proceeds without further interruption.</p> <p>We cannot afford additional delays. Prior to the funding freeze, GDC consistently met construction milestones on time and within budget. The Commission is now working to regain that momentum, and continued federal funding is critical to keeping this vital infrastructure project on track.</p> <p>The Hudson Tunnel Project is not only a transportation necessity—it is also a powerful economic engine. Active construction is already supporting thousands of jobs, and the full project is expected to create approximately 95,000 jobs and generate \$19.6 billion in economic activity nationwide. These benefits extend well beyond the Northeast, supporting workers, suppliers, and communities across the country.</p> <p>Moreover, the importance of this project reaches far beyond New York and New Jersey. The North River Tunnel is a critical link in the national rail network, and it is not a question of if, but when, it will need to be taken out of service for repairs. Any delay in completing the new tunnel increases the risk of a disruptive closure that would ripple across the entire East Coast, costing the national economy billions of dollars.</p> <p>Recent experience with the Portal North Bridge underscores what is at stake. For decades, the aging bridge caused frequent delays and service disruptions for rail riders. With the new bridge now complete and delivering more reliable service, the region is already seeing the benefits of modern, resilient infrastructure. The Hudson Tunnel Project will build on that success, providing the same level of reliability and redundancy for one of the most critical segments of the Northeast Corridor.</p> <p>Significant public investment has already been made in the Hudson Tunnel Project. Billions of dollars and years of planning and construction have brought the project to its current stage. Halting progress now would squander that investment and undermine the long-term benefits it is intended to deliver.</p> <p>Finally, it is important to emphasize that the federal government has a legal obligation to fulfill its funding commitments. Courts have consistently affirmed that the government must honor the binding agreements it has entered into for this project. Upholding these commitments is</p>	

essential not only for the Hudson Tunnel Project, but for maintaining trust in federal infrastructure partnerships nationwide.

RPA urges the federal government to continue disbursing funds without interruption so that GDC can deliver this critical project. The stakes are too high—for workers, for riders, and for the national economy—to do otherwise.