

**GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
BOARD MEETING**

July 8, 2026

Public Comments for July 8, 2026, Board Meeting

(Received as of July 7, 2026)

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

Name	Joshua Berman
Organization	Regional Plan Association
Comment Topic	Support for Gateway Progress
<p>Regional Plan Association applauds the Gateway Development Commission for the continued progress on the Hudson Tunnel Project. Since securing full federal funding, the Commission has demonstrated the leadership and disciplined project management needed to keep this critically important project moving forward.</p> <p>The Hudson Tunnel Project remains the country's most urgent rail infrastructure investment. Replacing the 116-year-old North River Tunnel is essential to protecting the reliability of the Northeast Corridor and avoiding major economic disruption. The recent disruptions to NJ TRANSIT further highlight the importance of reliable infrastructure to ensure that riders can depend on transit for travel into Manhattan and across the region.</p> <p>Regional Plan Association also supports the Commission's commitment to proactive project management. The proposed expansion of the Hudson River Ground Stabilization work reflects a prudent, evidence-based decision informed by engineering analysis, industry expertise, and lessons learned from comparable projects. Taking preventive action now is far preferable to encountering costly delays during tunnel boring.</p> <p>As construction advances, continued partnership among the federal government, New York, New Jersey, and Amtrak will be critical to maintaining momentum. Regional Plan Association looks forward to the Commission's continued progress in delivering this transformative investment for the region and the nation.</p>	

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Name	Joseph Clift
Organization	Individual taxpayer and rail advocate
Comment Topic	1) HRGS Project Contract GDC24-004-HTP 31% cost overrun; 2) HRGS Project Market Case Estimate 31% increase; & 3) Current misdirection of HTP: zero increase in trans-Hudson train capacity
<p>1) Hudson River Ground Stabilization (HRGS) Project Contract GDC24-004-HTP 31% cost overrun: I ask both New York and New Jersey GDC commissioners to demand specific and detailed explanations for the extremely large 31% increase in this contract PRIOR to voting on the resolution to approve this increase. If such information is not made available, I ask that these same commissioners require that the vote be delayed until such information is made available to them and to the public.</p> <p>2) HRGS Project Market Case Estimate (MCE) 31% increase: I find it surprising and suspicious that the HRGS Project Market Case Estimate was increased by such a large amount and by almost exactly the same percentage as the HRGS contract. I ask both New York and New Jersey GDC commissioners to demand specific and detailed explanations for the 31% increase in HRGS Project MCE PRIOR to voting on the resolution to approve this increase. If such information is not made available, I ask that these same commissioners require that the vote be delayed until such information is made available to them and to the public. Market Case Estimates should not change just because a contract cost increased.</p> <p>3) Current misdirection of HTP: zero increase in trans-Hudson train capacity: To be provided.</p>	