

**GATEWAY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES: THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018**

The following are the minutes of the actions taken at the Open Session of the Regular Meeting of the Gateway Program Development Corporation (GDC) Board of Trustees, held at NJ TRANSIT Headquarters, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey on Thursday, January 18, 2018, at 10:00 am.

Present

Steven M. Cohen, Chairman

Anthony R. Coscia, Vice Chairman

Richard H. Bagger, Trustee

1. Call to Order

- Chairman Cohen called the Open Session of the Regular Meeting of the Gateway Program Development Corporation’s Board of Trustees to order at approximately 10:06 am.

2. Roll Call, Notice of Meeting

- Diana Lopez, Secretary, confirmed that all attendees were present and that there was quorum. Secretary Lopez announced that adequate notice of today’s Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Gateway Program Development Corporation had been provided to provide full transparency and afford the public with an opportunity to participate. Notices were filed on January 16, 2018 with the New Jersey Secretary of State, the Clerk of Essex County, New Jersey, and the Clerk of Hudson County, New Jersey. These notices were mailed to newspapers of general distribution, including The Star-Ledger and The Bergen Record in New Jersey and The New York Times and The New York Post in New York on January 16, 2018, and posted in the main entrance of NJ TRANSIT Headquarters, and mailed to each agency, individual and organization that requested such notice.

3. Adoption of December 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes

- Copies of the minutes from the December 21, 2017 Meeting of the GDC Board of Trustees was distributed prior to this meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

4. Gateway Program Update Presentation

- Interim Executive Director John D. Porcari provided an update on both Gateway Program’s Phase 1 Projects: The Hudson Tunnel Project and the Portal North Bridge Project. The Hudson Tunnel Project update stated that the environmental review and permitting for the new tunnel and rehabilitation of the existing tunnel is on track for

completion in March 2018. The Hudson Tunnel Project update also discussed funding and financing progress, indicating that the Project is advancing through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Capital Investment Grant pipeline and loan applications are under development.

- The Portal North Bridge Project update discussed the existing Portal Bridge's failure to close on Thursday, January 11, 2018, resulting in 30 cancelled trains, 69 delayed trains, and approximately 30,000 passengers on NJ TRANSIT and Amtrak directly affected from Norfolk, VA to Boston, MA. Interim Executive Director Porcari stated that had the problem occurred during the peak rush hour, the impacts would have been far more severe. The update discussed how the existing Portal Bridge limits rail operations and what the new Portal North Bridge includes to provide reliable service, longer trains, and more seats, as well as current project milestones.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items and Other Matters

- Secretary Lopez announced that there were two registered speakers, and began the public comment period.
- Speaker: Joseph Clift, Private Citizen
- Speaker: David Peter Allen, Lackawanna Coalition

6. 2017 GDC Annual Report

- Interim Executive Director Porcari discussed the publishing of the 2017 GDC Annual Report and highlighted the accomplishments of GDC during the Corporation's first full year of incorporation. Interim Executive Director Porcari noted the important partnership with GDC's Program Partners, Amtrak, NJ TRANSIT, and the Port Authority of NY & NJ in helping achieve significant progress throughout 2017. The public was encouraged to visit the GDC website at GatewayProgram.org to download the report.

7. Executive Session Authorization

- At approximately 10:32 a.m., Chairman Cohen requested a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and contract negotiations.
- Vice Chairman Coscia moved the resolution, Trustee Bagger seconded it, and it was unanimously adopted.

8. Adjournment

- There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.