

2017 Gateway Program Milestones

Hudson Tunnel Project

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- July – Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) released by Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
- August – NEPA public hearings
- August – Draft EIS comment period closed
- Fall – Consideration of all comments received on Draft EIS and preparation of Final EIS, including a summary of comments received, responses to those comments, and any revisions to the Draft EIS needed to address the comments
- Final EIS and FRA Record of Decision anticipated by end of first quarter of 2018

Grants and Loans

- January – Emerging Projects Agreement with USDOT for Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF)/Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) support (includes Hudson Tunnel and Portal North Bridge Projects)
- February – Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) approves 2017-2026 Capital Plan, including \$2.7 billion for the Hudson Tunnel and Portal North Bridge
- September – Request for inclusion in President’s FY2019 Budget, including funding and financing plan
- December – Submittal of financial plan with 100% local share for new tunnel and Hudson Yards Concrete Casing

Engineering

- Preliminary Engineering for the Hudson Tunnel Project reached 10% design to support development of the Draft EIS. Preliminary Engineering is on track to be completed by March 2018 when the Final EIS is scheduled to be released. Additionally, permitting efforts are well underway, and contract packaging efforts are advancing that will allow for an expedited start of construction while maintaining flexibility in project delivery approach.

Portal North Bridge Project

NEPA

- July – Record of Decision issued by FTA

Grants and Loans

- May – Portal North Bridge receives a “Medium-High” rating from the FTA Capital Investment Grant Program for FY18
- June – GDC Board authorizes application for federal funding and financing
- September – Request for inclusion in President’s FY2019 Budget, including funding and financing plan with 100% local share (augments September 2016 request for inclusion in President’s FY2018 Budget)

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- September - TIFIA Letter of Interest (LOI) submitted to USDOT Build America Bureau for a \$284 million loan request to be supported by PANYNJ
- November – Request for project to enter into Engineering Phase of FTA Capital Investment Grant Program

Construction

- May – Award of early work construction contract
- August – Notice to proceed for early work construction contract
- October – Groundbreaking ceremony; early work construction commences

Private Sector Involvement

- August – Request for Information (RFI) launched seeking private sector input on finance and technical issues
- September – 34 responses received to RFI
- September – Submission of comments by GDC on the FTA’s Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding Private Investment Project Procedures
- October/November – One-on-one meetings with RFI responders for feedback (on-going, as the Hudson Tunnel Project advances)

Gateway Program Development Corporation

- January - Initial Board Meeting (Adopted By-laws, entered Emerging Projects Agreement with USDOT Build America Bureau)
- April – Authorization of Funding Agreement with Amtrak and Professional and Technical Support Agreements with Amtrak, NJ TRANSIT and PANYNJ
- April – Chief Executive Officer Search started
- August - Interim Finance Director appointed
- November – Senior Vice President, Project Delivery Search started