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Gateway Development Corporation Trustees Welcome Jerry Zaro *New Jersey Representative on Board of Trustees Focused, Enthusiastic*

NEWARK – The Trustees of the Gateway Program Development Corporation welcomed Jerry Zaro to the Board today as the representative of the State of New Jersey. Mr. Zaro was appointed to the role by NJ TRANSIT in April, at the suggestion of New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy.

“I thank Governor Murphy for his confidence in entrusting me with this enormous responsibility,” **Mr. Zaro said**. “Gateway, being the most urgent infrastructure project in the nation, is vital to both commerce and commuters, not only in the great state of New Jersey, but to our partners in New York, all along the Northeast Corridor and beyond. To all stakeholders, I pledge to bring every measure of mind and spirit I possess to this critical project.”

“I fully support the appointment of Jerry Zaro as New Jersey’s representative to the GDC,” **said Governor Murphy**. “At this critical juncture in a project that is our number one transportation infrastructure priority, Jerry’s caliber of experience and commitment to service will ensure the state’s best interests and those of our residents are carefully considered.”

Mr. Zaro is Chair of Banking and Real Estate Services practice at Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. He has served the last seven consecutive Governors of New Jersey in a variety of leadership posts including Chairman of the New Jersey Highway Authority, Commissioner of the NJ Sports and Exposition Authority and as Chief of the Office of Economic Growth for the State of New Jersey, a cabinet-level position.

“Jerry Zaro’s experience and enthusiasm for the Gateway Program are a welcome addition to the Board of Trustees,” **said GDC Chairman Steven M. Cohen and Vice Chairman Anthony R. Coscia**. “The State of New Jersey is well represented with Jerry on the team and we look forward to working collaboratively with him to move the vital Gateway Program forward.”

“Jerry Zaro has served the people of New Jersey well in his various leadership posts in the administrations of both Democratic and Republican governors. We look forward to working with Jerry, the full GDC board and all stakeholders to move Gateway forward,” **said U.S. Senators Bob Menendez and Cory Booker**. “There is no more critical infrastructure project in the nation than replacing the century-old Portal Bridge and Hudson River tunnels that keep the entire Northeast Corridor between D.C. and Boston and one-fifth of the U.S. economy moving. We will continue to fight at the federal level for the resources we need to have a safe and reliable rail system while ensuring our economic competitiveness.”

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The Gateway Program is the most urgent infrastructure program in the country – a comprehensive rail investment program 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. The Gateway Program Development Corporation is a New Jersey not-for-profit entity with Board members appointed by Amtrak and the States of New York and New Jersey. It was incorporated in 2016 to oversee and effectuate the Gateway Program in coordination with federal and local partner agencies.