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## Stephen Sigmund Appointed Chief of Public Outreach for Gateway Development Corporation

The Gateway Program Development Corporation (GDC) announced today that Stephen Sigmund has been appointed Chief of Public Outreach. Mr. Sigmund brings over 25 years of experience in public affairs and policy in the New York-New Jersey region to GDC. He will be responsible for directing and overseeing all efforts to build public support for and communicate developments related to the advancement of the Gateway Program to external stakeholders and partners and serve as chief public spokesman. Craig Schulz will continue to lead media relations for GDC, responsible for day-to-day liaison with the press.

Mr. Sigmund was previously Chief of Public and Government Affairs for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and Executive Director of Global Gateway Alliance. Mr. Sigmund also served as Director of Communications and Policy for the New York City Council and Acting Communications Director for the New Jersey Governor's Office.

"The Gateway Development Corporation trustees welcome Steve to the team," said **GDC Chairman Steven M. Cohen**. "Steve's deep knowledge of the region will help drive a forward-looking message that builds on the successful efforts to highlight the urgency and local, regional and national importance of advancing the Gateway Program."

Mr. Sigmund is currently a public affairs consultant and Senior Advisor to Global Strategy Group, a position which he will continue to hold.

"We applaud the Gateway Development Corporation's decision to hire Steve Sigmund to lead public outreach on this project," said **Tom Wright, President of the Regional Plan Association**. "Steve brings great expertise and regional perspective to the nation's most important infrastructure investment. His many successful experiences steering projects through complex political landscapes at the Port Authority, New York City Council and the New Jersey governor's office will serve the Gateway Development Corporation well as they move from planning to implementation."

"The Gateway Tunnel is the most important infrastructure project in the nation. It will double the capacity for the country's most heavily used passenger rail line and protect both New York City's and the nation's economic future by ensuring additional transit options in the event our aging infrastructure were to fail," said **Angela Sung Pinsky, executive director for the Association for a Better New York**. "With so much at stake, we need experienced and skilled staff and trustees pushing this project to the finish line, and we applaud the Gateway Development Corporation for hiring Stephen Sigmund to lead the project's public outreach efforts."

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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.*