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## **GATEWAY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WELCOMES NEW JERSEY COMMISSIONERS TO GDC**

*Confirmations Complete Gateway Development Commission Board*

Newark, NJ – The Trustees of the Gateway Program Development Corporation issued the following statement reacting to the NJ Senate vote to confirm Janine Bauer and Dr. Balpreet Grewal-Virk to the Gateway Development Commission. The Commission was created by bi-state New Jersey and New York legislation in 2019.

“We welcome our colleagues from New Jersey and congratulate Janine Bauer and Dr. Balpreet Grewal-Virk on joining us on the new Gateway Development Commission. Along with our New York members, Marie Therese Dominguez and Jamey Barbas, their expertise and partnership will help finally deliver 21<sup>st</sup> century rail infrastructure to this region, to boost a 21<sup>st</sup> century American economy.

Our first priorities include supporting NJ Transit as it moves the Portal North Bridge project to full funding and the start of major construction next year, and partnering with Congress and the incoming Biden Administration to approve the Hudson Tunnel Project EIS and improve the project’s federal grant rating so we can aggressively move forward.

A special thanks is owed to Governors Murphy and Cuomo, elected leaders in the State Legislatures on both sides of the Hudson River, as well as the many stakeholders, advocates and supporters who have helped get us to a new, fully constituted Gateway Development Commission.

With a new public authority in place to oversee development of the Program, we can continue the progress made by the Gateway Program Development Corporation and our partners and finally build Gateway, before the costs to the region, the nation, and hundreds of thousands of daily commuters become overwhelming.”

Steven M. Cohen, Chairman and New York Trustee  
Anthony Coscia, Vice Chairman and Amtrak Trustee  
Jerry Zaro, Treasurer and New Jersey Trustee

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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 (GDC) is a New Jersey not-for-profit entity with Board members representing 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. Follow the GDC on Twitter [@GatewayProgNews](https://twitter.com/GatewayProgNews).*