

**GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
BOARD MEETING**

February 3, 2025

Public Comments for February 3, 2025, Board Meeting

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*The public was encouraged to submit public comments via the comment form on  
[www.GatewayProgram.org](http://www.GatewayProgram.org).*

Name	Joshua Berman
Organization	Regional Plan Association
Comment Topic	Gateway Progress
<p>Good afternoon, GDC Commissioners.</p> <p>My name is Josh Berman, and I'm the Campaigns Manager with Regional Plan Association, the nation's oldest metropolitan planning organization and the leader of the Build Gateway Now coalition.</p> <p>First, I'd like to congratulate Tom Prendergast on his first day as CEO. His deep expertise and proven leadership in delivering major infrastructure projects make him the right person to advance the Hudson Tunnel Project and work to implement the full Gateway program.</p> <p>New Yorkers and New Jerseyans alike can see the progress happening in real time. From the excavation of the Manhattan cut-and-cover tunnel to the essential early work in New Jersey, we are witnessing a once-in-a-generation investment in our region's economy and transit future. Thousands of good-paying jobs have already been created, and billions of dollars are flowing into communities across both states.</p> <p>RPA's Early Work, Early Benefits report found that in-progress work has created 7,500 jobs and \$1.6 billion in economic activity. The full project is expected to produce 95,000 new jobs and \$19.6 billion in economic impact. This is only the beginning of the potential economic and job benefits of the full Gateway Program.</p> <p>Still, the work ahead is just as critical. The Palisades Tunnel remains on track to break ground in 2026, and today's contract award for the Manhattan Tunnel marks another major step forward. This is more than just another milestone—it's a moment that ensures the full construction phase of the project is underway and progressing with the urgency it demands.</p> <p>RPA is proud to support the GDC Board's commitment to delivering this transformative project. Gateway is not just about new infrastructure; it's about economic opportunity, regional resilience, and ensuring a reliable future for the millions who depend on this corridor every day.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	

Name	Maddie DeCerbo
Organization	REBNY
Comment Topic	Gateway Public Comments
attached	

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## The Real Estate Board of New York to Gateway Development Corporation

The Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY) is the City's leading real estate trade association representing commercial, residential, and institutional property owners, builders, managers, investors, brokers, salespeople, and other organizations and individuals active in New York City real estate. REBNY appreciates the opportunity to submit comments to the Gateway Development Commission in support of the ongoing Gateway Development's Hudson Tunnel Project (HTP), one of the most ambitious and critical infrastructure projects in the Northeast.

As a Build Gateway Now Coalition member, we are excited to see Tom Prendergast assume the role of CEO of the Gateway Development Commission. His leadership will ensure that work on the Palisades Tunnel continues, and the Hudson Tunnel Project remains on track towards completion.

Today's Manhattan Tunnel contract award is a significant milestone in the Hudson Tunnel construction process and building this section of the tunnel from Manhattan riverfront to the Hudson Yards Concrete Casing will enable the rest of the project to move forward. REBNY is pleased to see the HPT construction rapidly progressing.

Continued investment in our region's infrastructure is essential for attracting and retaining businesses and an in-person workforce, which will help accelerate a robust and equitable economic recovery. The four projects under construction, Tonelle Avenue, Palisades Tunnel, Manhattan Tunnel, and Hudson River Ground Stabilization Project, create thousands of new, well-paying jobs and boost the local economy.

The Gateway Project is critical to the region's economic growth and recovery. As an organization representing private sector real estate interests, REBNY is proud to support these efforts.

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