THE MOST URGENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM IN THE UNITED STATES

The Gateway Program, the most urgent infrastructure program in the United States, is a comprehensive rail investment program that would improve rail services by adding resiliency and creating new capacity in the busiest 10-mile section of the Northeast Corridor (NEC), the most heavily used passenger rail line in the country.

The Gateway Program consists of critical projects that link millions of people to good jobs, connects the New York-New Jersey metropolitan region with the rest of the United States, and ensures the environmental sustainability of the Northeast Region.

FACTS & FIGURES

- Current tunnels are over **107-years old**; damaged by Superstorm Sandy and subject to frequent repair work and delays.
- Over **200,000 daily passengers** on current cross-Hudson Tunnels.
- Over **260 million passengers** on the NEC per year; projected to double by 2040.
- Unexpected loss of the NEC for one day alone costs the nation nearly **$100 million** in transportation-related impacts and productivity losses.
- **$1.2 billion lost per year** by 2025 in potential additional costs to highway and aviation systems if the NEC is unable to accommodate future growth.
THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR LINKS THE LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF PEOPLE, JOBS, AND ECONOMIC PRODUCTIVITY IN THE NATION

- 20% of Nation’s GDP
- $3 trillion Annual Economic Output
- 20% of U.S. jobs
- 17% of U.S. population (52 million people)
- 32% of Fortune 500 Company Headquarters
- 30% of nation’s 4-year Colleges and Universities
- Projected to add 12 million additional residents, a 23% increase, by 2040

THE CRITICAL LINK

The Northeast Corridor narrows from four tracks to two tracks between Newark, NJ, and Penn Station New York, creating a severe bottleneck at the most critical section of the regional rail network. The two tubes of Amtrak’s existing North River Tunnel that cross the Hudson River currently operate at or above capacity during the rush hour.

This critical link connects 800,000 daily riders across eight states and Washington, D.C. A failure of this crossing would have a ripple effect on the entire national economy.

Source: Gateway Program Development Corporation (GDC)