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**Federal Transit
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Region 2

One Bowling Green, Room 429
New York, New York 10004

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Mr. Thomas F. Prendergast
Chief Executive Officer
Gateway Development Commission
120 Broadway, 10th Floor
New York, NY 10271

Dear Mr. Prendergast:

Re: Lead Federal Agency for Environmental Reviews

On behalf of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), I am writing to inform the Gateway Development Commission (GDC) on changes to the coordinated oversight processes for the Hudson Tunnel Project. Effective immediately, FTA will assume responsibility as the Lead Federal Agency for environmental reviews.

GDC, as the project sponsor, will remain responsible for compliance with FTA and FRA grant requirements. FTA will continue its role as the lead Federal oversight agency.

FTA, as the new Lead Federal Agency for environmental reviews, will assume responsibility for coordination on compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Historic Preservation Act, the United States Department of Transportation Act of 1966, and other environmental statutes, as required. FRA will continue to provide input and support to the NEPA process as a Cooperating Agency. FTA will assume all tasks previously assigned to FRA in the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Programmatic Agreement, consistent with Stipulation III.B (Change of Project Sponsor and Change of Lead Federal Agency).

FTA will distribute copies of this letter to all cooperating and participating agencies on this project. FTA also will notify all Section 106 Programmatic Agreement signatories and concurring parties. Please feel free to share copies of this letter with any of the above agencies and partners. FTA also requests that this letter be posted on GDC's project webpage.

Please direct any future communication regarding compliance with federal environmental review, including NEPA re-evaluations and related actions to James Goveia via electronic mail at James.Goveia@dot.gov, with a copy to Daniel Moser Daniel.Moser@dot.gov.

Please continue to copy FRA's environmental review team regarding environmental matters for this project. FTA and FRA remain committed to providing any technical assistance GDC may need. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

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