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WSP Congratulates Project Partners at Start of Hudson Tunnel Excavation

Gateway Development Commission's launch of first tunnel boring machine signals major construction milestone for vital Northeast Corridor rail improvement project

NEW YORK, October 14, 2026 — WSP congratulates the Gateway Development Commission and project partners on the Oct. 7 start of tunnel boring for the Hudson Tunnel Project, marking progress toward the first new passenger rail tunnel beneath the Hudson River in more than a century.

The launch of a tunnel boring machine began one of the Hudson Tunnel Project's most visible construction phases. The project is a cornerstone of the broader Gateway Program and is intended to support the long-term reliability and resilience of rail service along the Northeast Corridor, one of the nation's most heavily traveled passenger rail networks.

The Gateway Trans Hudson Partnership Engineering (GTHPE), a joint venture with AECOM and STV, serves as engineer of record for the design phases of the Hudson Tunnel Project and provides engineering services during construction. WSP is the managing partner of GTHPE and has supported the project since 2010, from alignment feasibility studies for Amtrak through environmental review, preliminary engineering, final design and now construction-phase services.

The project will create new twin tunnel tubes beneath the Hudson River between New Jersey and New York, intended to allow the rehabilitation of the existing North River Tunnel while maintaining rail service. The existing tunnel, which is more than 100 years old, sustained significant damage during Superstorm Sandy and requires extensive repairs to support the long-term reliability of this vital transportation connection.

“The start of tunnel boring is the culmination of more than a decade of planning, engineering and collaboration,” said Drew Bazil, senior vice president and project manager at WSP in the U.S. “We congratulate the Gateway Development Commission, Amtrak, NJ TRANSIT and the many project partners who helped reach this point. WSP is proud to contribute its tunneling, geotechnical and infrastructure expertise as this important connection advances.”

The Hudson Tunnel Project is designed to improve operational flexibility, enhance system resilience and reduce the corridor’s vulnerability to disruptions associated with aging infrastructure, severe weather and other potential hazards. As tunnel excavation progresses, the project will advance its goal of enabling expanded rail capacity and redundancy between New Jersey and New York City.

For more than 15 years, WSP has worked alongside project partners to advance planning, environmental studies, engineering design and construction support services for the initiative. WSP continues to deliver complex geotechnical, tunneling, civil and multidisciplinary engineering solutions across multiple active construction packages. Their work supports major transportation infrastructure programs in the U.S. and helps shape the future of rail travel along the Northeast Corridor.

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