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New York & New Jersey Need Bigger ‘Bang for their Buck’ on Hudson River Tunnel Project

On Wednesday, the Gateway Development Commission announced the 4.5 mile-long rail project would not be completed until 2035, three years later than expected, and cost \$16.1 billion, up from a previous estimate of \$14.1 billion.

New York, NY– The Hudson River Tunnel Project is critical for the modernization and expansion of the Northeast Corridor. Our region's environment and economy cannot afford any more delay on this project.

“There is something to be said, however, about the ballooning cost of mega infrastructure projects, including Amtrak’s Gateway Program,” said **Liam Blank, Policy & Communications Manager**. “As it stands, it will take 12 years and \$16.1 billion to build a 4.5 mile rail tunnel from the New Jersey Palisades, beneath the Hudson River and Hudson Yards, to Penn Station. For comparison, London’s Crossrail, which opened last year, took 13 years to build at a cost of \$23.6 billion USD, but that project included 10 new stations and 26 miles of new tunnels under Central London.

“Other cities around the world are getting much more for their investment, so we need to address high-cost factors, such as outsourced work and bureaucratic red tape. If we’re going to spend so much money on a new tunnel, we should at least be getting more utility out of it. This includes allowing New Jersey commuter trains to run through Penn Station to points in Long Island and Connecticut, as detailed in a [recent TSTC report](#).”



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"It's easy to look back and say, if former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie hadn't canceled the Access to the Region's Core (ARC) Project, our region would already have a new tunnel by now. Or, if the Trump administration hadn't spitefully put the project on ice for years, we could have avoided much of these inflationary costs and unnecessary delays," said **Felicia Park-Rogers, Director of Regional Infrastructure Projects**. "That is all 'water down the Hudson' at this point. We must invest in transit now. It's about working smarter—not harder—to ensure historic investments get a bigger bang for their buck. It is imperative that the public receives full transparency about how its money is spent, and be assured that it's being well invested."

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