



# Hudson Tunnel Project: Latest Action Steps

By USDOT FRA Staff

*Editor's note: Recognizing the immeasurable importance of rail transportation in the Northeast, and the particular significance to our readers of potential construction activities, we are providing this recent progress update from the Federal Railroad Administration. Visit the Hudson Tunnel Project website (www.hudsontunnelproject.com) for more information, including the locations and times of three public hearings that will be held in New York and New Jersey in August.*

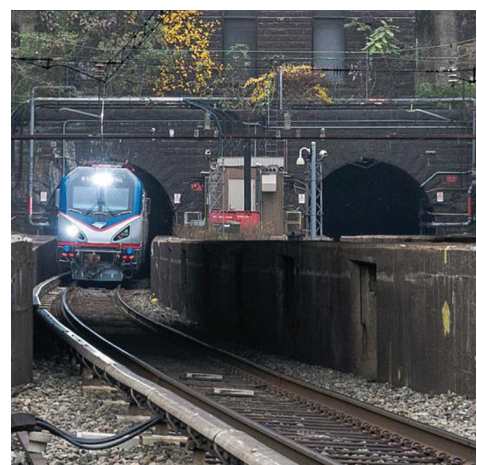
WASHINGTON, DC—On July 6, 2017, the US Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) published the Draft Environmental Impact Statement review (DEIS) for the Hudson Tunnel Project, completing the review in fourteen months from the Federal Register Notice of Initiation. The DEIS identifies the project's preferred alternative, which includes constructing a new tunnel, refurbishing the existing ones, and preserving the current functionality of the Northeast Corridor's (NEC) Hudson River rail

crossing between New Jersey and New York. To develop the DEIS, the FRA established a federal and state agency task force and obtained federal permits concurrently with the NEPA process.

The Final EIS is expected to be issued in March 2018, approximately twenty-two months after initiation as compared to reviews of this magnitude which have taken more than forty months to complete, demonstrating the USDOT's commitment to streamline the project review process.

The existing NEC rail tunnel beneath the Hudson River, known as the North River Tunnel, is used by Amtrak for intercity passenger rail service and New Jersey Transit for commuter rail service.

Within the DEIS, FRA states that the preferred alternative will meet the purpose and need identified for the Hudson Tunnel Project. The DEIS notes that the plan includes construction of two new rail tubes in a single tunnel beneath the Hudson River that can maintain the existing level of train service while the North River Tunnel tubes are taken out of service one at a time for rehabilitation. Once the North



River Tunnel restoration is complete, both old and new tunnels will be in service, providing redundant capability and increased operational flexibility. The DEIS reports that its preferred alternative may cost in the range of \$11.7 to \$12.98 billion. It

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**Description of project:**  
 The LIRR Expansion Project from Floral Park to Hicksville is a strategic component in Governor Andrew Cuomo's comprehensive plan to transform New York's vital transportation infrastructure while improving the economy, environment, and future of Long Island. The Expansion is decades in the making. Residents and commuters along the Main Line corridor have long sought a mass transit solution to reduce congestion, improve safety and the environment, and provide an appealing alternative to driving, with minimal disruption to existing services and without residential property takings. The new plan includes construction of a 9.8 mile third track between the Floral Park and Hicksville stations, the elimination of 7 grade crossings to improve safety and reduce road traffic, and upgrades to infrastructure, stations, and parking along the route.

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Inviting qualified contractors, specifically MBE/WBE/DBE firms certified/eligible as listed above, to contact Shea McNally JV (Prime Contractor listed below) regarding subcontracting services and material supply opportunities in connection with the upcoming tunnel and shafts project.

The Work under this contract is located in Long Island (Babylon), New York. The Work consists of:

**Southwest Outfall Replacement, Capital Project No. 8108**  
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 Capital Project No. 8108  
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Shea McNally JV set up an FTP site where you can view all plans, specifications and addendums for your convenience. Please contact Steve Fiore at (909) 595-4397, [Steven.Fiore@jfshea.com](mailto:Steven.Fiore@jfshea.com), to receive instructions on accessing the FTP Site.

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**Description of project:**  
 The LIRR intends to construct a new locomotive repair shop to replace the existing 125-year-old Morris Park Round House, which has outlived its useful life and is presenting an additional maintenance burden on operating resources. The new facility will be better equipped to maintain the LIRR's current fleet of diesel locomotives used in revenue service, as well as the fleet of diesel work locomotives. In addition, the project will provide new electrical service to the facility for lighting and shop equipment. The work shall include, but is not limited to: Shop Facilities—Front Shop Which Includes the Following: Four Service Tracks, One Release Track, Drop Table Tracks, and Inspection Pits.

**Many bidding opportunities available.**

If you are interested in bidding on this project, please contact Skanska's Outreach Coordinator: [Matthew.DeGudicibus@skanska.com](mailto:Matthew.DeGudicibus@skanska.com)

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**(In Chinese) Expand Your Markets to Government Contracting and Global Markets**  
 Thursday, July 27, 2017, 2:00 pm–4:00 pm  
 Affinity Health Plan Community Service Center, 41-46 Main Street, Second Floor, Flushing, NY  
 Main Sponsor(s): Small Business Administration  
 Contact: Man-Li Lin, [man-li.lin@sba.gov](mailto:man-li.lin@sba.gov)  
 Fee: Free; registration required  
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**Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Roundtable**  
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 Main Sponsor(s): Small Business Administration  
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