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“Today, I am recommending the New Jersey Turnpike Authority Board advance the \$6.7 billion Newark Bay Bridge program. This historic investment in safety, resilience, and job creation will improve long-term reliability for drivers and freight.

“This project will support approximately 19,000 jobs, including thousands of union construction jobs. It will generate economic activity across the region and create opportunities for small and minority-owned businesses in our state. These are good-paying jobs that support families and local communities. The project will also allow traffic to shift off the aging existing bridge by 2031, consistent with NTSB concerns.

“This \$6.7 billion investment will be the largest single project the New Jersey Turnpike Authority has ever advanced. It involves the immediate construction of a four-lane bridge with shoulders and improvements. I am also recommending that the Turnpike Board continue to advance design and permitting work on the roadway structures leading to the Holland Tunnel for safety improvements only, without expanding capacity.

“Finally, I am recommending that, going forward, the Turnpike require Project Labor Agreements on this program to guarantee that the work meets the utmost standards of safety and quality with a highly-skilled and diverse union workforce.

“I am grateful for the input I have received from mayors, community leaders, and organized labor. I look forward to this historic, job-creating project that will grow our economy and improve commutes for the people of New Jersey.”



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