

# Musk says government likes plan for high-speed tunnels

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In this Dec. 14, 2016, file photo, Tesla CEO Elon Musk listens as President-elect Donald Trump speaks during a meeting with technology industry leaders at Trump Tower in New York. In a Tweet, Musk says he has "verbal government approval" to build a tunnel for high-speed transportation from New York to Washington. The billionaire entrepreneur didn't say who gave him the approval. But the White House confirmed it had "positive discussions" about the tunnel with Musk and executives from his underground drilling enterprise, The Boring Co. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci, File)

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Musk says the tunnel could ferry people and cars from New York to Washington in 29 minutes. The system would also have stops in Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Musk initially served on two White House business councils, but quit them last month after President Donald Trump announced he would withdraw the U.S. from the Paris climate accords.

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