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GGA PRAISES PORT AUTHORITY SUPER BOWL PREPARATIONS; CALLS FOR EXPANDED CUSTOMER SERVICE AND TSA SECURITY EFFORTS TO CONTINUE WHEN FINAL WHISTLE BLOWS

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY – The Global Gateway Alliance released the following statement today praising the announced fan experience and security preparations for Super Bowl week at New York metro airports while urging expanded year-round attention:

“With more than 400,000 visitors expected for the Super Bowl, the airports are a critical transportation and security link, and the first and last impression of our region. The Port Authority has developed innovative initiatives to meet the challenges presented by this influx of airport passengers, efforts that should serve as a model for the other 50 weeks of the year.

“By expanding the number of customer service “red coats” and volunteers at our airports, the agency is putting a human face on the airports and our region to help travelers. And working with TSA to beef up the number of agents at security lines finally provides the busiest airport system in the country with the Federal manpower we need to ease security lines and improve the passenger experience. At the same time, added agents and new “eyes and ears” at the airports will help identify – and prevent – threats and problems before they occur. In addition, creative steps spanning a range from minimizing delays with tight traffic management at Teterboro to creating a “FanZone” at Newark, will help move Super Bowl visitors seamlessly from airport to the game and back.

“But all of these initiatives shouldn’t end when the final whistle blows. The record setting 111 million year-round passengers at our major airports deserve the same attention and focus.”

ABOUT GGA

Global Gateway Alliance (GGA) was established to address the major challenges facing the metropolitan region’s airports and related infrastructure that, if left unaddressed, will serve as a major impediment to the long-term growth of New York City and surrounding areas. By harnessing the expertise of leaders in business, government, academia, labor and other sectors, we seek to tackle these challenges head-on and serve as the leading advocate in an effort to improve our airports and facilitate the continued growth of the region. For more information

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