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## **GLOBAL GATEWAY ALLIANCE STATEMENT CALLING FOR 21ST CENTURY ACCESS TO NYC AIRPORTS**

**(NEW YORK – NEW JERSEY)** – *The following is a statement from Global Gateway Alliance Chairman and Founder Joe Sitt regarding today's City Council public hearing on the state of New York's transportation infrastructure, and calls for better mass transit access to NYC airports:*

"For our airports to be world class, New York needs 21<sup>st</sup> Century mass transit access to and from gateways that collectively serve over 74 million passengers.

"But we're currently far behind. Ten of the top 20 busiest airports in the country have one seat rides, according to a GGA study last month – including top competitors like Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, and San Francisco – as do a vast majority of the busiest airports around the world.

"New York can do better. In the long term, extending the N Line to LaGuardia and exploring the addition of a 4<sup>th</sup> car to JFK's AirTrain to connect it to Penn Station will finally mean a true one-seat connection to those airports.

"More immediately, the City and State should work together to introduce the first true Bus Rapid Transit route by creating a dedicated express bus lane from the end of the N line directly to LaGuardia, less than three miles away.

"We thank the City Council for holding this hearing today and Transportation Chairman Rodriguez for keeping his eye on the importance of airport mass transit in New York."

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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 regarding the Global Gateway Alliance, please visit [www.globalgatewayalliance.org](http://www.globalgatewayalliance.org). Follow GGA on Twitter @GGA\_NYNJ and 'Like' the organization on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/UsqxGw>.

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