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GLOBAL GATEWAY ALLIANCE RELEASES STATEMENT ON PATH TRAIN TO NEWARK AIRPORT IN NEW PORT AUTHORITY CAPITAL PLAN

The following is a statement from the Board of Directors of Global Gateway Alliance:

“The New York metropolitan region has fallen behind when it comes to innovative, 21st Century transportation options for passengers to get to and from our airports. That hurts our competitiveness, our ability to continue to attract tourists, and quality of life for our own residents.

“A one seat PATH ride from Lower Manhattan directly to Newark Liberty International Airport Airtrain is a major step forward in fixing this problem.

“Extending PATH from the World Trade Center stop directly to Newark Airport is affordable. It is doable, requiring a less than 2 mile track extension from Newark Penn Station, rather than having to dig a new tunnel or build flyovers. It is good for New York. It is good for New Jersey. But most of all, it’s good for residents, businesses and visitors alike and will help bring us into the league of other world class cities with modern mass transportation to airports.

“For decades, elected officials, planners and advocates have talked about a one-seat ride from Lower Manhattan to our airports. Now the Port Authority, with the support of Governors Christie and Cuomo, is turning talk into much needed action.

“And the efforts to develop better transportation to our airports shouldn’t stop there. A one seat ride from Manhattan to JFK and finally having viable mass transit to LaGuardia also need to be priorities.

“However it is paid for, whether through a public private partnership, direct Port Authority funding or some other mechanism, PATH from World Trade Center directly to Newark Airport is simply a good idea.”

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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. Follow GGA on Twitter @GGA_NYNJ and 'Like' the organization on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/UsqxGw>.

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