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## GLOBAL GATEWAY ALLIANCE RELEASES ANALYSIS COMPARING AIRPORT ACCESS IN NEW YORK TO LONDON

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Key Findings:

- The average travel time to a regional airport in London is half that of New York (22 minutes in London; 44 in New York).
- LaGuardia has the longest travel time of any airport at 58 minutes.
- London Heathrow has the shortest travel time at 15 minutes.
- Heathrow has the highest percentage of passengers traveling to the airport by subway or rail at 28%; LaGuardia has the least, at 0.9%.
- The Gatwick Express is up to 50% faster getting to London than going by car.
- Gatwick Express passengers contribute 40% more revenue than commuters, amounting to \$27 million in extra revenue.
- Heathrow offers passengers access to not one, but three one-seat rides. What's more, they aren't stopping there – a new Crossrail will add four trains per hour from Heathrow to Central London.

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