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## **WITH CITY LEADERS WELCOMING NEW M60 SBS TO LAGUARDIA, GLOBAL GATEWAY ALLIANCE URGES DIRECT MASS TRANSIT LINK**

**NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY** – With the New York City Transportation Commissioner Polly Trottenberg, City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and City Council leaders today welcoming new Select Bus Service to LaGuardia Airport, Global Gateway Alliance released the following statement urging additional, direct airport mass transit links:

"We applaud the MTA and New York City DOT for launching the M60 express bus service to LaGuardia Airport. The new service provides a more direct and faster route to and from the airport and improves inter-borough connectivity. But the new route is no substitute for a direct airport mass transit link. If we are to bring LaGuardia into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, we must have 21<sup>st</sup> Century transportation access."

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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\_NY NJ and 'Like' the organization on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/UsqxGw>.

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