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GGA CALLS FOR FASTER NY-NJ AIR TRAFFIC FIXES IN 2015 FAA REAUTHORIZATION
“Thanksgiving in the Skies” Report Reveals Newark and JFK Already Experiencing Thanksgiving Like Congestion One Day Every Week

(New York-New Jersey) – The Global Gateway Alliance today pointed to a new study of air traffic congestion, “Thanksgiving in the Skies,” to call for a faster rollout of new GPS air traffic technology in the New York airspace.

The study, by the US Travel Association, demonstrates that Newark and JFK airports are already experiencing Thanksgiving levels of air congestion one day a week, and are on course to have every day mimic the Thanksgiving period within the next 7-10 years.

And with the most congested skies in the country – one third of all planes in the air at any given time are passing over the New York airspace – delays in New York mean delays for the rest of the nation.

GGA Founder and Chairman Joe Sitt reacted to the study:

“The report confirms yet again that unless the FAA fast tracks a 21st Century air traffic control system for the busiest airspace in the country, congestion in our skies will keep getting worse for hundreds of millions of travelers. Yet each year Congress and the FAA bicker over every dollar, shortchanging New York and New Jersey airports and pushing the cost on to passengers, who pay in lost time, productivity and quality of life.

“Congress needs to pass a new FAA reauthorization bill in 2015, including long-term funding priorities. It must put the New York-New Jersey airspace front and center to relieve delays and capacity constraints here first, since we have such an outsized impact on daily delays and commerce around the country.”

Airport Name	What Year Does / Do...					
	1 Day a Week Feels Like the Wednesday before Thanksgiving in 2012?	Closer than 2011 Forecast? (+/- years)	2 Days a Week Feel Like the Wednesday before Thanksgiving in 2012?	Closer than 2011 Forecast? (+/- years)	Every Day Feels Like the Wednesday before Thanksgiving in 2012?	Closer than 2011 Forecast? (+/- years)
Newark	2014	3	2015	8	2022	21
JFK	2014	-1	2017	-2	2026	-4
LaGuardia	2020	1	2028	3	2061	6

Link to full report here: <https://www.ustravel.org/news/press-releases/study-thanksgiving-airport-congestion-will-be-year-round-reality-sooner-expected>

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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 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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