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## STATEMENT FROM THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK & NEW JERSEY

Following up on the commitment made last month to respond to New York Governor Kathy Hochul's request for a thorough review of mass transit options for reducing car traffic and increasing connectivity to LaGuardia Airport, the Port Authority has appointed a panel of esteemed, world-renowned and independent transportation experts with regional, domestic and international experience to consult on and help guide the review process. These experts include the following individuals:

- [Mike Brown](#), former Commissioner of Transport for London and former Managing Director, Heathrow Airport
- [Janette Sadik-Khan](#), Principal, Bloomberg Associates and former Commissioner of the NYC Department of Transportation
- [Philip A. Washington](#), CEO of Denver International Airport and former CEO of Los Angeles Metro

### *Metropolitan Transportation Authority*

In addition to the input and expertise of these leading transportation voices, the MTA will be a key participant in the analysis of mass transit options, specifically the subway and bus alternatives.

### *Options*

The options that will be analyzed as part of the review process will include, at minimum:

1. **improved and expanded bus service, including potential for dedicated lanes;**
2. **ferry service;**
3. **one-system rides including subway extension options;**
4. **elevated guideway options including light rail from various LIRR and subway stops;**
5. **other new and emerging technologies** that can be pursued and implemented in the near-term.

Additional options may be added to the review based on input from the experts and other stakeholders.

## Factors to be Analyzed

The thorough and rigorous review of each alternative will include assessment of key criteria and considerations including, but not limited to, the following:

- constructability;
- construction and other impacts on the local community;
- customer experience and length of travel time;
- greenhouse gas reduction;
- impacts to existing transit network/riders;
- improved access to airport;
- project cost;
- projected timeline to become operational;
- removal of cars from roadways;
- ridership;
- throughput capacity;

The final report will be completed as expeditiously as possible and will be made public upon completion.

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