



## LAGUARDIA GATEWAY PARTNERS ANNOUNCES ELIMINATION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS AT CONCESSIONS IN NEW TERMINAL B AT LAGUARDIA AIRPORT

*Elimination of single-use plastic straws is part of LaGuardia Gateway Partners' effort to reduce the environmental impact of the +280 million plastic straws used daily in the United States*

**New York, NY – February 22, 2021** – LaGuardia Gateway Partners (LGP) announced today the elimination of single-use plastic straws at concessions in the new Terminal B at LaGuardia Airport. LGP is the manager and developer of Terminal B at LaGuardia Airport, and this move comes as part of its commitment to creating a terminal that combines the best of what New York has to offer with sustainable design and operation.

“Our mission at LaGuardia Gateway Partners is to combine excellent service with best-in-class design. We are creating a Terminal B that not only provides a guest experience that everyone can be proud of, but also incorporates sustainability into all operations,” **said Stewart Steeves, CEO of LaGuardia Gateway Partners.** “Eliminating single-use plastic straws will positively contribute to reducing the environmental footprint of Terminal B operations, and we’re proud to be single-use plastic straw free!”

In an effort to reduce the environmental impact of the +280M plastic straws used daily in the United States; including their contribution to climate change, ocean pollution, and the accumulation of microplastics in the food chain, LGP is eliminating all petroleum-based single-use plastic straws from food and beverage operators. All Terminal B commercial partners have procured naturally degradable or reusable straw alternatives.

Since the opening of the Terminal B Arrivals and Departures Hall last year, concessions have phased out the availability of single-use plastic straws at their locations. Instead, commercial partners now have naturally degradable or reusable straw alternative options available.

There are currently no regulatory mandates in New York to ban single-use plastic straws. However, there is proposed legislation in the New York City Council to ban single-use plastic items and study single-use plastic alternatives. Given the environmental benefits associated with reducing the use of conventional plastic straws, LGP is proactively implementing this policy.

Creating and operating a first-class facility with a minimal environmental footprint is a priority for LGP. The more than 1.3M square foot new terminal will achieve LEED Silver certification for sustainable design and is expected to achieve LEED Gold when complete. The Terminal B redevelopment project was also awarded the first Envision Platinum Award for commitment to sustainable practices and resiliency from the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure in 2019. The new terminal also includes an energy-efficient Baggage Handling System, optimized heating and cooling systems through our Building Management System, LED lighting, water-saving fixtures, and water bottle refill stations throughout the facility.

Those who require plastic straws for disabilities will be able to request one as part of LGP's adherence to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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### **About LaGuardia Gateway Partners**

LaGuardia Gateway Partners was selected by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to deliver an extensive capital redevelopment project at LaGuardia Airport's Terminal B that will provide world-class terminal facilities and operations for passengers and airlines.

LaGuardia Gateway Partners is composed of Vantage Airport Group, Skanska, Meridiam, and JLC Infrastructure for development and equity investment. Vantage Airport Group leads the redevelopment program and management of Terminal B, with Skanska Walsh as the design build joint venture and HOK and WSP for design.

LaGuardia Gateway Partners' members have worked on more than 350 aviation and transportation projects globally and domestically, including international airports in New York (John F. Kennedy), Chicago, Doha, Delhi, Los Angeles, Santiago, and Nassau. For more information, visit [www.laguardiaB.com](http://www.laguardiaB.com) or follow on Twitter at [@terminalBLGA](https://twitter.com/terminalBLGA).