An international airport is indispensable to a global city. It is always the main portal of the metropolis that connects people from different parts of the world. In an era where the common perception of "good airport, good city" is a fact of life, many global cities have worked to provide exemplary airport facilities and ground transportation services to locals and visitors alike. However, it seems that New York City seems to be one of the few, if not the only, global city that does not provide what an every modern society essentially needs: a direct railway service to its city center. The majority of New Yorkers seem to use taxis as their main mode of transit to the JFK Airport. The lack of a direct railway system to the JFK Airport and the prevalence of the use of taxis in New York City have lead to this study. This paper found that the JFK Airport could not provide an adequate rail service because: (i) JFK Airport was born in an "highway era" where automobiles were favored, and (ii) the existing land use made it difficult to create a direct train service to the airport in later years. Further, the study found that taxis were the main mode of transportation used to get to the JFK Airport.