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24 DAYS LEFT

Spring 2023 Conference in New Orleans

The Spring 2023 AGTA Conference in New Orleans is three weeks away!

We're meeting April 30 - May 3, 2023 in New Orleans, Louisiana at the Crowne Plaza New Orleans French Quarter. The theme for this year's conference is ***A Return to New Orleans: New Build, Re-Build, or Are You Planning for the Future?***

The conference program has been updated and completed with speakers. See the link below.

Updated Agenda

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Several more airports have registered! Our updated list is below.

Airports Registered for the Spring 2023 Conference:

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Charlotte Douglas Airport
Charleston International Airport
Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport
Harry Reid International Airport
Houston Airport System-Hobby
Kelowna International Airport
Maryland Aviation Administration
Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority
New Orleans International Airport
Sacramento International Airport
San Jose Mineta International Airport
Santa Barbara Airport
Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority
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Seattle-Tacoma International Airport
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GROUND TRANSPORTATION NEWS

[Naples VIP luxury ground transportation company expands](#)

Naples Florida Weekly - Mar. 30, 2023

BC Executive Services, a provider of luxury ground transportation in Naples, has expanded to Miami and Orlando, Fla., announced owner and CEO Brian Cruz.

Founded in 2017, the company offers a wide range of transportation options with its 12-car luxury vehicle fleet and a highly trained experienced driver team. Transportation services include private car service; point-to-point transportation; event transportation for weddings; destination tours, and corporate events. In addition, BC provides luxury airport service to major airports throughout South Florida including Ft. Myers Regional Airport (RSW), Miami International Airport (MIA), and Ft. Lauderdale International Airport (FLL).

"We are proud to offer transportation throughout South Florida and are committed to providing safe, reliable and stress-free transportation options in Ft. Myers, Naples, Punta Gorda, Marco Island, Miami and Ft. Lauderdale with a hub in Orlando," said Mr. Cruz.

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[Incoming Lyft CEO David Risher says rideshare company will 'get back to the basics'](#)

Yahoo! Finance - Mar. 29, 2023

The [incoming CEO of Lyft](#) on Wednesday said the rideshare company will "get back to the basics" and focus on its customers as it competes with Uber.

David Risher, who will step into the CEO role in mid-April, told host [Liz Claman](#) on "The Claman Countdown" that he is "going to build a great company" that is "profitable" and "strong." His plan to do that involves focusing on customers – which he at one point said included both passengers and drivers – "with a laser."

"We're going to pick you up when we say we are. We're going to give you a price that's in line with what the competition does. We're going to drop you off on time," he said. "That's the goal – really get back to the basics."

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[Turo is coming to Tucson International Airport](#)

KVOA.com - Apr. 4, 2023

TUCSON — Turo is a peer-to-peer car sharing service and it's coming to Tucson International Airport.

Tucson International Airport officials announced the new permit on Tuesday, highlighting the need for more mobility options.

The Turo app also lets Tucson residents make money from their car by sharing it with a traveler or neighbor at the airport.

If you're looking for a way to skip the rental car counter, you can now give Turo a try instead!

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[Warnings of 'carnage' at Edinburgh Airport as private hire firm needs to double drivers 'to stand still'](#)

Edinburgh News - Mar. 31, 2023

Black cab drivers have warned of 'carnage' at [Edinburgh Airport](#) ahead of changes that will see a private hire firm take over as sole operator of taxi services for the first time.

After a joint bid by black cab companies City Cabs and Central Radio Taxis was rejected, private hire firm Capital Cars will provide both the black cab and private hire operation at Edinburgh Airport from April 14. According to figures seen by the Evening News the contract is estimated to be worth £15.7m in 2023 and up to £100 million over five years.

The move from two operators to one sole provider has sparked warnings [from the union of a lack of available black cabs](#) and accessibility fears for those with disabilities. Now cabbies have warned it will result in a significant shortage of all vehicles at the airport. Bosses from City Cabs, which has served the airport for 13 years have branded the change a commercial decision that will result in a 'reduced offering'.

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[With AirTrain to LaGuardia out, state plans improved bus service to airport. Will Long Islanders ride?](#)

News Day - Apr. 1, 2023

The AirTrain to LaGuardia Airport is out, and upgraded bus service is in. But luring Long Islanders to leave cars might not be so easy.

Experts believe it will take a cultural shift to get residents into mass transit because of concerns buses can get stuck in traffic, be delayed and make catching a flight all the more stressful.

"There is some stigma against buses, and people just don't like riding them," said Maia Roseval, a sustainability manager at Farmingdale State College, who supports expanding the bus network to the terminal but believes it won't make much of a difference for the suburban car-dependent population.

"If I had to predict, not too many Long Islanders will use it," she said.

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[So Your Friend Asks You To Pick Them Up From The Airport. Are You Annoyed?](#)

The Huffington Post - Mar. 30, 2023

Think back to the last time you were asked to pick up a friend at the [airport](#). Did you:

A.) Jump at the chance to help. That's what friends are for!

B.) Die a little inside and wonder why they can't get an [Uber](#) or a taxi. An airport pickup? You're not a masochist.

If you have strong opinions either way, you're hardly alone. Over the last month or so, a fierce debate has been raging on social media over the ethics of picking up friends from the airport in the age of ride-shares.

Click on the link above to view the rest of this article.

[Renting a car at Cleveland's airport? Expect to pay a bit more](#)

Ideastream Public Media - Apr. 4, 2023

New rental car fees are coming soon to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

The surcharge is expected to bring in at least \$5 million a year to help foot the cost of the more than \$200 million new rental car facility at the airport.

At present, visitors must travel more than a mile off-site to rent a vehicle. Once completed, the new facility will allow travelers to walk directly to car rental agencies from airport terminals.

The exact fee is yet to be determined, but is expected to fall between \$4-\$8 per transactional day. That amount will be decided by the city's [Board of Control](#) later this spring.

Other airports in the region already charge a similar fee. While smaller airports like Akron-Canton charge \$2 a day, larger state airports fall around \$6.50 in Columbus and \$7.50 in Cincinnati.

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[EPA Grants Waivers for California's On-highway Heavy-duty Vehicle and Engine Emission Standards](#)

US Environmental Protection Agency - Mar. 31, 2023

WASHINGTON — Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing a decision that grants two requests for waivers of preemption regarding four California Air Resource Board (CARB) regulations related to California's heavy-duty vehicle and engine emission standards.

Under the Clean Air Act, California is afforded broad discretion to adopt emissions requirements to meet their significant air quality challenges, but they must seek waivers from EPA for new motor vehicle emission standards. In this instance, CARB requested two waivers for regulations relating to heavy duty vehicles and engines. After reviewing the technical information provided by CARB, reviewing comments submitted by the public, and applying the limited authority for review under section 209 of the Clean Air Act, EPA determined it appropriate to grant the waiver and authorization requests.

"Under the Clean Air Act, California has longstanding authority to address pollution from cars and trucks. Today's announcement allows the state to take additional steps in reducing their transportation emissions through these new regulatory actions," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan.

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[Peer-to-peer rentals contributing to spike in car thefts on Maui: Police](#)

Hawaii News Now - Apr. 1, 2023

KAHULUI (HawaiiNewsNow) - Maui Police Department officials say auto thefts are on the rise at the Kahului Airport.

They said there were seven car thefts from the airport public parking lot in January, nine in February, and 12 in March.

Authorities said the most common vehicle stolen was a Toyota and several of the stolen vehicles were Turo vehicles, which are illegally parked on the property.

Turo said in a statement that "these incidents are uncommon in our marketplace, with over 99.9% of trips ending without any significant incidents."

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[Hourly airport shuttles to begin in April](#)

BizWest - Mar. 29, 2023

LONGMONT — Hourly shuttles from Boulder County to Denver International Airport will begin April 10.

Eight Black Airport Shuttle will deliver passengers to the airport at the top of each hour. Service will begin at 4 a.m. daily and end 10 p.m. daily. Return service to Boulder County will leave the airport hourly beginning at 4:10 a.m. with final pickup each night at 10:30 p.m.

Eight Black also is expanding its service zones to include residential service from the towns of Erie and Niwot. Service zone expansions begin April 1.

"We are excited to expand the service times for our customers," Simon Chen, Eight Black's CEO and founder, said in a written statement. "Moving to an hourly service model is something we have been looking to do since our founding to better serve our customers' travel schedules. We have based the new service schedule on the operating hours of the Denver airport and airline schedules taking into account peak travel times to maximize our customer's ability to use our shared shuttle," Chen said. Reservations can be made [online](#) or by calling the customer support team at 720-223-5474.

[No driver? No problem. Robotaxis eye San Francisco expansion](#)

My San Antonio - Apr. 4, 2023

SAN FRANCISCO— Two trailblazing ride-hailing services are heading toward uncharted territory as they seek regulatory approval to transport passengers around the clock throughout one of the most densely populated U.S. cities in vehicles that will have no one sitting in the driver's seat.

If Cruise, a subsidiary of General Motors, and Waymo, a spinoff from Google, reach their goal before year's end, San Francisco would become the first U.S. city with two totally driverless services competing against Uber, Lyft and traditional taxis — all of which depend on people to control the automobiles.

But Cruise and Waymo still must navigate around potential roadblocks, including complaints about their vehicles making unexpected, traffic-clogging stops that threaten to inconvenience other travelers and imperil public safety.

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[EDITORIAL: Airport transit solution needed ASAP](#)

Jackson Hole News & Guide - Apr. 5, 2023

Just as surely as April showers bring May flowers, spring break swells parking lots to the verge of capacity at the Jackson Hole Airport. It's a perennial problem in spring — and throughout the year — with residents from Jackson and neighboring commuter communities wondering once again why there are no public transit options.

So we make another call for public bus service to Wyoming's busiest airport.

It's been over four years since a short-lived and ultimately inconsistent \$20 per person Ride2Fly airport shuttle service ceased operations. And it's been decades that residents have been requesting a public transit solution for getting people to and from the airport inside Grand Teton National Park.

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[5 Hidden Costs of Electric Vehicles](#)

Yahoo! Finance - Mar. 31, 2023

Record high gas prices convinced drivers across the country to take a second look at going electric in 2023. After all, EVs cost more up front, but they [pay you back over time](#) with lower ownership costs and exactly zero trips to the gas station — right?

EVs certainly can make financial sense for some drivers, but there are a lot of hidden costs that industry marketing glosses over.

"There is a push for every driver to switch to electric, while almost every automaker has invested billions of dollars into expanding their electric vehicle lineups with hopes that you will make the switch," said automotive expert Lauren Fix of [Car Coach Reports](#). "Do the math and see what works best for you and your budget, and don't be pressured into what may or may not work for you. A close inspection of the cost of an EV versus a standard car — the tax breaks, the maintenance, the fuel — may surprise you as to which is actually the better buy."

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AIRPORT NEWS

[The Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority Appoints Aaron Flake as Assistant Director, Parking and Ground Transportation Business Strategy](#)

Aviation Pros - Mar. 20, 2023

The Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority (MNA) has named Aaron Flake as Assistant Director, Parking and Ground Transportation Business Strategy. In this position, Mr. Flake will manage contractual compliance for ground transportation providers, including taxicabs, transportation network companies, charter, and shuttle vehicles for Nashville International Airport. He will also develop and execute strategies to support department goals including innovation, customer experience and revenue generation. He began his new position on March 13, 2023.

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[Half of the world's 10 busiest airports for 2022 are in the United States](#)

CTV News - Apr. 5, 2023

Five of the world's busiest airports for passengers in 2022 were in the United States, according to preliminary global air traffic figures.

Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport was still the world's busiest airport for passenger volume in 2022, holding the top spot it reclaimed in 2021 after being knocked off stride by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Airports Council International, a trade association representing nearly 2,000 airports, released the rankings on Wednesday.

Dallas/Fort Worth, Denver and Chicago O'Hare took the second, third and fourth slots, respectively. Los Angeles was No. 6 among the busiest airports in 2022.

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[SFO wins CIO 100 award for innovative tech solution](#)

International Airport Review - Mar. 30, 2023

The San Francisco International Airport (SFO) received the 2023 CIO 100 award on 27 March 2023 in recognition of an advanced technology solution that improves taxi operation efficiency. SFO developed an in-house system, TaxiVQ, that permits taxi drivers into a virtual queue to serve passengers, thereby reducing wait times and empowering drivers to be more productive.

Officially launched in February 2022, the TaxiVQ app allows taxi drivers to make a reservation to enter a virtual queue when they are needed at SFO. Until called, drivers can continue taking fares elsewhere, resulting in reduced wait times in airport holding lots. This lets drivers service more pickups per shift, while allowing SFO to recover parking spots previously used by taxis for public use.

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[Federal budget promises to improve air travel — but advocates are skeptical](#)

CBS News - Mar. 30, 2023

Tuesday's federal budget included a number of proposals aimed at improving air travel after a year of chaos at Canada's airports. But advocates for both airlines and passengers are skeptical about the measures.

Ottawa has earmarked an extra \$1.8 billion over the next five years for the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA) to "maintain and increase its level of service" in airport screening and overall security.

But those improvements to airport security are coming at a price to Canadian travellers. The government is set to increase the Air Travel Security Charge — one of many fees that flyers pay when they buy a plane ticket — by nearly 33 per cent next year.

First implemented in 2002 after the Sept. 11 attacks, the security fees have not increased since 2010, when they jumped by more than 52 per cent to their current level.

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[Ronaldsway Airport parking facing major changes with inflated prices of up to 84%](#)

Manx Radio - Apr. 5, 2023

New 'seasonal' passes are among proposals being trialed from 1 May.

People will have to pay more to park at Ronaldsway Airport if new proposals get the go-ahead.

The Department of Infrastructure is planning major changes with increases of up to 84 per cent for some time limits.

A 12-month trial will start on 1 May.

Free disc parking is being reduced from one hour to 15 minutes before payment is required - the fees will start at £3.

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[Tampa International Airport parking costs going up](#)

WFLA.com - Apr. 4, 2023

TAMPA, Fla. — Starting Tuesday, it's going to cost travellers more to park in some areas at Tampa International Airport.

Airport officials said the price increase is needed due to a combination of growth and inflation.

On Tuesday, the daily rate for economy parking will go up by \$2, which means the total for 24 hours of parking there goes up from \$12 to \$14. Hourly rates will not be affected.

Airport officials said a year of historic inflation and rising labor and construction costs has hit the Tampa Bay area at a higher rate than many other large airport markets.

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[ACI-NA calls for airport cash infusion; how politics impact airports in US and Canada – part one](#)

Centre for Aviation - Apr. 4, 2023

As regular as clockwork, along with Christmas and the first cuckoo of spring, Airports Council [North America](#) (ACI-NA) calls for a massive injection of public cash into America's airports each year.

After two years of the COVID-19 pandemic and one of partial recovery, it is hardly unexpected this year, but it comes as the [US](#) government grapples with inflation, bank failures, falling production, funding the Ukrainian resistance and a massive debt that has been made worse by trillions of dollars already committed to 'infrastructure'.

You can only print so much money if there isn't the production to match it, as even the present administration is finding out. Airports (alt: 'polluters') have probably had as much as they are going to get from Washington.

In any case there are already numerous projects under way at a wide range of [US](#) airports.

This is part one of a two-part report.

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[Former dog track property could solve parking shortage at Sarasota Bradenton airport](#)

Bradenton Herald - Apr. 3, 2023

One of the possible uses for the Sarasota Kennel Club property could be providing parking for its neighbor, the Sarasota Bradenton International Airport.

Baird Inc., a Sarasota-based company, has the 25-acre site under contract in a \$9.5 million deal.

Baird manages a diversified investment strategy in secured and asset-based lending, private equity and commercial real estate, according to its web page.

Tyler Oakley, the firm's vice president of finance and accounting, confirmed to the Bradenton Herald that his company has had talks with airport officials about using the kennel club property for airport parking.

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[Denver airport to close 2,000 parking spots through October](#)

KDVR.com - Mar. 31, 2023

DENVER — Denver International Airport is getting ready to close more than 2,000 parking spaces for the next six months.

Beginning Monday, April 3, about half of the East Economy lot will be off-limits to anyone wishing to park at the airport. During the closure, crews will be performing maintenance work in the lot including paving, curb work and upgrading shuttle shelters. The work will help the facility remain compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

“It’s routine maintenance, so it’s nothing out of the ordinary. We do this kind of thing every few years,” airport spokesperson Stephanie Figueroa said.

However, DEN is serving more passengers now than ever before. In 2022, the airport set a record with more than 69 million passengers. It expects to exceed those numbers in 2023.

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[Cost to park at Redmond Airport to increase to \\$24 a day](#)

Redmond Spokesman - Mar. 30, 2023

Despite a rocky start that brought some flared tempers to the Redmond City Council’s March 28 meeting, the council made progress on multiple fronts — most notably in raising Redmond Airport parking fees up from \$15 per day to \$24 per day and awarding multiple bids to developers.

According to Redmond Airport Director Zach Bass, the airport doesn’t have enough money on hand yet for the expected [\\$142 million terminal expansion](#).

“We’re looking for any kind of money we can get from anywhere,” Bass said.

Bass said the airport has seen a 115% increase in enplanements in the last decade and exceeded one million passengers in 2022, yet 89% of passengers come from outside Redmond.

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