



AGTA News from the Airport Curb



AGTA staff would like to thank all conference attendees who joined us in New Orleans. We appreciate you taking time away from your businesses to attend, and we hope you found value in the meeting and will plan to attend a future conference.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION NEWS

[Rideshare drivers stage strike at airport first weekend of NOLA Jazz Fest](#)
[Fox8live.com](#) - Apr. 28, 2023

NEW ORLEANS (WVUE) - Visitors flying into New Orleans for the first weekend of Jazz Fest were held up at the airport due to a rideshare strike. Dozens of rideshare drivers decided to park their vehicles and protest over what they say are unfair pay practices.

It's not the way many wanted to kick off Jazz Fest weekend.

"We have been waiting for... it was three minutes then it jumped to 24 so we will probably grab a taxi," said, Harry Cohen, a visitor from Philadelphia.

Visitors from all over the world were held up at the rideshare pick-up point due to drivers who decided to make a statement.

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[Uber, Lyft drivers will rally at Florida airports ahead of historic effort to unionize drivers](#)

WUSF Public Media - Apr. 28, 2023

Uber and Lyft drivers will rally at airports across Florida on Friday, April 28 kicking off a historic effort to unionize rideshare drivers in the state.

The rallies will be held at the Orlando, Miami and Tampa airports today.

Uber and Lyft drivers will launch the Florida Chapter of the Independent Drivers Guild, in an attempt to win higher wages and end alleged unfair deactivations of drivers.

Brendan Sexton, president of the Independent Drivers Guild, said so far these efforts have worked in several Northern states.

"It's about banding together and fighting for what's right," said Sexton. "And drivers and workers all over the country and the Florida drivers are just the latest example of workers being fed up and taking a stand and fighting for their own working conditions, pay and benefits."

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[Uber and Lyft drivers hold protest, calling for change in working conditions](#)

The Denver Post - May 4, 2023

Gig drivers from the Front Range rallied Thursday outside Denver International Airport, holding an afternoon work stoppage to protest their working conditions.

The strike lasted from 3-7 p.m. for participating drivers, who called for better wages, safer working conditions and changes to deactivation policies, among other things from Lyft and Uber.

A bill that would have given gig drivers more information about the rides they accept died in a state Senate committee late Tuesday night — a significant blow to labor groups and legions of workers who say they're nearing a breaking point.

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[Uber seeks patent to 'pre-match' riders and drivers using AI](#)

Fox Business - May 5, 2023

Uber recently filed a patent application for a system that would leverage [artificial intelligence \(AI\)](#) and machine learning to match potential riders and drivers based on predictions of customers' tendencies.

[Ride-hailing giant Uber](#) is seeking to patent a system that forecasts customers' potential ride requests by feeding "context data" contained in Uber user profiles, such as usage history or location data, into a "machine-learned model" that uses AI to find patterns in users' habits.

The model then determines whether the user should be considered for "pre-request matching" by which a driver can relocate to an optimal location to reduce wait times in the event the user requests a ride.

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[Waymo doubles robotaxi service area in Phoenix in bid to grow driverless trips tenfold](#)
Tech Crunch - May 4, 2023

Waymo is doubling its commercial robotaxi service area in the Phoenix metro area, an expansion that will add new suburbs and connect previously isolated sections of the sprawling and car-dependent desert city.

The service area, which now includes Scottsdale, nearly all of Tempe and larger sections of Chandler and Mesa, is 180 square miles in size. That's about one-third of the 517-square-mile Phoenix metro area. Importantly, it connects downtown to Arizona State University in Tempe and other East Valley suburbs. The former Google self-driving project under Alphabet is also adding a second location that accesses the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. Riders can already get to the airport by taking a Waymo robotaxi to the 44th Street Phoenix SkyTrain Station, which has frequent round-the-clock trains to the main terminals. Waymo robotaxis will now pick up and drop off passengers at the new 24th Street PHX SkyTrain Station.

A larger service area, particularly one that allows for riders to take driverless Waymo vehicles from one suburb to downtown or to the airport, is critical for the company to grow its business and generate more revenue. The expansion will also help the company scale beyond the 10,000 autonomous trips that public riders take each week in Phoenix and San Francisco combined, Waymo Chief Product Officer Saswat Panigrahi said in a media briefing. Panigrahi did not disclose what percentage of those rides were in Phoenix, where it can charge.

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[New car-sharing option planned for Denver International Airport](#)
News Break - May 8, 2023

Denver, Colo. - A third car sharing company may soon set up shop at Denver International Airport, joining Turo and Avail.

The Denver City Council will consider a contract Monday with Westminster-based CarGari. CarGari must share 10% of all revenue collected at the airport with the city, according to the contract.

The city is expected to collect \$34,000 in the first year, \$53,000 the second year and \$67,383 the third year.

The city began a pilot program for peer-to-peer car sharing companies to operate at DEN in 2020. The city collected \$342,558 in 2020, \$1.3 million in 2021 and \$2.5 million in 2022. In January and February of this year alone, revenues for the city reached almost \$1 million.

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[Making the Switch to Propane Autogas](#)
METRO Magazine - Apr. 19, 2023

Sticking to the routine of using traditional gasoline or diesel for your fleet may seem like a safe and reliable option, but there are better and more efficient alternatives available today. Propane autogas is one such alternative that provides benefits to the environment, your bottom line, and even your fleet's lifespan.

The Propane Education & Research Council often gets questions from fleet managers ready to take the next step with an alternative fuel. In this article, we'll provide you with all the information you need to know to transition your fleet to propane autogas.

While savvy fleet owners are aware of the environmental benefits of propane autogas in reducing emissions and improving air quality, some are surprised to learn that it also provides the lowest total cost-of-ownership. Fleet owners who transition to propane autogas can see up to a 50% reduction in fuel costs compared to gasoline or diesel. In addition, propane autogas engines are 90% cleaner than EPA standards and require less maintenance, resulting in lower long-term costs.

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[There's a new way to get to Toronto Pearson Airport for only \\$10](#)
BlogTo.com - Apr. 30, 2023

Travellers looking to save a buck or two on transport to [Toronto Pearson International Airport](#) have a new way to get to the major travel hub thanks to a recently-introduced GO bus route.

In April, Metrolinx combined two of its GO bus routes — the 34 and 94 — to form one continuous route spanning from Pickering GO station in the east to Square One in Mississauga to the west, and stopping along the way at Pearson's Terminal 1.

Now known simply as the 94 - Pickering GO, the route gives travellers in the east end of the Greater Toronto Area an hourly and direct route across the city and into the busiest airport in Canada, eliminating pesky transfers for travellers hauling cumbersome luggage.

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[Tampa Airport adds its first four electric buses to vehicle fleet](#)
Passenger Terminal Today - May 4, 2023

Tampa International Airport (TPA) in Florida has added its first four electric buses to its vehicle fleet.

The four electric buses will serve as a partial replacement for TPA's employee bus fleet, which transports people who work at TPA's partner businesses from the North Employee Parking Lot off Hillsborough Avenue to the Main Terminal.

The four new vehicles are K9M low-floor electric buses built by BYD Motors and powered exclusively by electricity instead of fossil fuels. The 12m, 16-ton buses can travel up to 250km on a single charge, which can be fully replenished at a charging station in about four hours. Each handicapped-accessible bus has seating for up to 37 passengers and is equipped with USB chargers and a luggage rack.

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[Taxi and Limousine Services Market May See a Big Move | Easy Taxi, Blue Bird Group, BostonCoach, Blacklane](#)
Open PR - May 4, 2023

Advance Market Analytics published a new research publication on "Global Taxi and Limousine Services Market Insights, to 2028" with 232 pages and enriched with self-explained Tables and charts in presentable format. In the Study, you will find new evolving Trends, Drivers, Restraints, Opportunities generated by targeting market-associated stakeholders. The growth of the Taxi and Limousine Services market was mainly driven by the increasing R&D spending across the world.

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[NREL Model Cuts Through Complexity of Deploying Electric Buses at Airports](#)
National Renewable Energy Laboratory - May 4, 2023

As the U.S. aviation industry generates [2% of the nation's carbon dioxide emissions and consumes 10% of transportation energy](#), the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) is leading the way to find pathways to sustainability, including through sustainable aviation fuels, electrification, and new transportation options for moving small groups in dense city centers.

NREL researchers recently developed a [simulation-based optimization modeling framework](#) to help Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) transportation operators design effective electric bus deployment strategies. The model analyzed real-world conditions and simulated the existing DFW

system to determine optimal battery capacity, charging power, and number of charging stations while minimizing capital cost and emissions.

“The model can help DFW simulate their shuttle bus fleet operations and help them make informed decisions on fleet electrification and operation strategies,” said NREL’s Zhaocai Liu, lead researcher on the study.

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[San Antonio International Airport experience demand in valet parking](#)
International Airport Review - May 5, 2023

[San Antonio International Airport \(SAT\)](#) has reported a record-setting demand for Fly Away Valet. Valet parking spaces for the airport have had a 525% increase in parking since the launch of the service in 2020.

“We now have 500 spaces on airport property for valet—we started with 80,” said Jesus Saenz, Director of Airports, San Antonio Airport System (SAAS). “Travellers find it useful to be able to drop off their vehicles quickly and smoothly. We’re so pleased to see Fly Away Valet’s service grow exponentially. Our goal is always to help everyone fly easier at SAT and give them the best experience possible.”

Beginning on 15 May, Fly Away Valet operations will only be conducted within the Short-Term Parking Garage for both pick-up and drop-off of vehicles. The inner curb of Terminal A will no longer be used for valet car queuing.

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[Will airport shuttle, parking fee hike take off?](#)
Jackson Hole News & Guide - Apr. 26, 2023

Bob McLaurin is no stranger to an earful.

The former town manager is a member of the Jackson Hole Airport Board, having just stepped down as its president. He knows that people are looking for a cheap, reliable way to get to and from their flights.

“When people aren’t yelling at me about airport noise, or being stuck on the de-icing pad, I hear about transit to the airport,” McLaurin said at an April 14 airport board ground transportation committee meeting. “It’s one of our highest priorities.”

It’s also a priority the board is trying to make good on this summer, aiming to test a shuttle from town to the airport during the hottest, busiest months of the year. Officials are considering the shuttle in conjunction with another change: increased parking fees during holidays and other peak times.

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[Bus service to Regina's airport now available](#)
CTV News - May 8, 2023

Residents can now take a Regina city bus to and from the airport.

The new route began operating on Monday and provides travellers with another option to get to and from destinations in the downtown core, a City of Regina news release said.

The city said the route, known as route 24, will run from Monday to Friday when the airport and surrounding businesses experience peak traffic volumes.

According to the city, the schedule will be from 6 a.m. until 9 a.m. on a 20 minute frequency, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on a 40 minute frequency and 9 p.m. until 12 a.m. on a 20 minute frequency.

"We're thrilled to partner with the City of Regina in welcoming bus service to YQR for the first time. The businesses on airport property generate over \$800 million in economic impact for our city, and providing public transit to both the employees and travellers coming to YQR is a great addition to our airport," Regina Airport Authority president and CEO James Bogusz said in a news release.

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[Riding London Luton Airport's New DART Shuttle: What's It Like?](#) Simple Flying - May 9, 2023

Luton Airport (LTN) is a key low-cost hub for passengers from London and the southeast of England. Like many UK airports, it has its own railway station (Luton Airport Parkway), but this is not located exactly on the site of the airport itself. This previously meant that passengers had to connect via a shuttle bus, but in March this year, the airport finally [opened an automated people-mover](#) known as the DART.

Following its initial soft opening in mid-March, when the DART (Direct Air-Rail [Transit](#)) operated for just four hours a day, its operations were scaled up to a 24-hour schedule by the end of the month. I landed at [London Luton Airport](#) on Sunday lunchtime after a long weekend away in [Prague](#). Upon exiting the terminal, I was quickly greeted by signage indicating the DART's proximity, as pictured below.

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AIRPORT NEWS

[\\$1.4 Billion Pittsburgh International Airport Modernization Is Nearly Halfway Finished](#) Aviation Pros - May 4, 2023

Once nothing more than a sketch on a dinner napkin, Pittsburgh International Airport's \$1.4 billion modernization is rolling down the runway toward completion.

With a topping out ceremony Thursday, the new landside terminal is just over 40% finished, with much of the steel structure in place and work inside to start by the end of the year.

Airport officials, local politicians and other dignitaries celebrated the progress by signing the final steel beam, one fabricated in Ambridge, to be set into place at the top of the terminal's roof this summer.

The landside building is the key feature of the modernization, one that also includes the construction of a massive 5,000-space parking garage and a new road system into and out of the complex.

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[Norfolk airport looking to add rental car options, increase business in local area](#) News Channel Nebraska - May 8, 2023

NORFOLK, Neb. -- The Norfolk Regional Airport is ramping up its efforts to attract more businesses to the area.

Bill Jepsen, marketing coordinator at the airport, believes they can help Norfolk increase business.

"We're trying to bring more businesses into Norfolk," he said. "Time is money, they (business owners) don't want to go someplace and drive a couple hours."

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, Enterprise Rent-A-Car had a presence in Norfolk, but like many small businesses, it closed due to travel restrictions in 2020.

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[Sea-Tac Airport raising parking fees June 1](#)

King5.com - May 2, 2023

SEATAC, Wash. — *Editor's note: The above video on Sea-Tac Airport's lost and found originally aired April 24, 2023.*

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport will raise its parking rates June 1, with increases reaching as high as 43% in some cases.

The airport [announced the new rates](#) Tuesday saying they keep pace with inflation and tax increases and support garage maintenance and customer service investments.

The biggest increases by percentage are for hourly and weekly rates in general parking and terminal direct. The hourly general parking rate, which covers floors one to three and five to eight in the garage, will increase by \$2 (33%) to \$8 per hour. The hourly terminal direct rate, which covers floor four in the garage, will go up \$3 (43%) to \$10. The weekly general parking rate will bump up \$57 to \$222 per week, which is a 31% hike.

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[Prepare to pay: Airport parking won't be free in Flagstaff much longer](#)

Arizona Daily Sun - May 5, 2023

Parking at the Flagstaff Airport will not be free for much longer.

Starting on or around July 1, travelers will have to pay between \$2 and \$8 to park at Pulliam. For those who aren't planning to leave their vehicle overnight, the fee is \$2 per hour. Depending on the lot a traveler chooses, overnight parking could cost \$6 or \$8 a day — the maximum weekly rate is \$48.

Airport leadership told the Arizona Daily Sun that kiosks will only accept credit cards when the system gets up in running in July.

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[Dayton Voice of Business: Dayton airport a critical asset](#)

Dayton Daily News - May 7, 2023

The Dayton International Airport is key to business and economic growth in the Dayton region.

I know that are other airports in adjacent metropolitan areas that offer cheaper flights or non-stop service to your destination. This is a moot point when you factor in the travel time to one of these airports being one or more hours from your home. Additionally, depending on the departure time, passengers may need to drive in the night before and rent a hotel room just to make that flight.

Let's also keep in mind the added logistics of arriving at the airport: parking a mile away, taking a shuttle, waiting 30 minutes to go through security and then taking a tram to the gate. Adding all of this extra time adds up quickly to add between two to four hours from leaving home to waiting at the departure gate. We all know that our time is more valuable than this.

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[Lambert Airport delays parking rate hike after a demand for public input](#)

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - May 3, 2023

ST. LOUIS — The city Airport Commission voted Wednesday to delay action on a parking rate increase at St. Louis Lambert International Airport after one member criticized management for refusing to release details to the news media before the meeting.

“The commission has consistently asked for more transparency, not less,” said Kathy Osborn, a commissioner and the president and CEO of the Regional Business Council.

“It gives the impression that we want to make a decision today and somehow we don’t want any public input,” she said. “I just don’t think it’s right.”

Osborn then asked to table the proposal until later; the 15 members present approved the delay on a voice vote.

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[Travelers frustrated by parking charges during Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport closure](#)

WPBF.com - Apr. 19, 2023

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. —Travelers at [Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport](#) are still having issues after historic flooding shut down the airport last week.

One traveler tells WPBF 25 News he couldn’t access his car in a parking garage during the closure and still had to pay full price to get his car out when it reopened.

Charles Ryan Minton is a customer experience author and consultant, so he’s built his career around advising hospitality establishments on how to provide great customer service.

And he thinks in this case the airport could have used some of his advice to make what was already a frustrating experience for travelers a little easier.

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