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GROUND TRANSPORTATION NEWS

[Waymo, Uber set aside past rift to team up on robotaxis in Phoenix](#)

Arizona Capital Times - May 23, 2023

Self-driving car pioneer Waymo is teaming up with ride-hailing leader Uber in the Phoenix area to transport passengers and deliver food in robotic cars that triggered a bitter technological dispute between the two companies.

The partnership announced Tuesday provides Waymo with another avenue to expand a robotaxi service that it has been running in the Phoenix area since late 2020 while competing to attract passengers from Uber cars that still depend on humans who receive a portion of the fares.

Phoenix so far is the only major metropolitan area where a robotaxi operates throughout most of the city, although Waymo and General Motors subsidiary Cruise are vying to run similar autonomous services in San Francisco.

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[Black Wolf app offers armed ride-share drivers amid Atlanta crime surge, sees 'great response'](#)

Fox News - May 24, 2023

One [former private investigator](#) is taking ride-sharing to a new level - by launching his own application that offers armed drivers that provide peace of mind for customers.

Atlanta-based "Black Wolf" allows riders to request armed drivers, and in the first week since it was launched, there were already around 80,000 downloads according to Atlanta News First.

"I kind of created this app to be very exclusive," app owner, Kerry KingBrown, said [during "Fox & Friends First"](#) Wednesday.

"I'm not competing with Uber, not competing with Lyft because we have a different path. We have a different goal, and our goal is to make sure that we secure each rider."

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[Hertz CEO: 'We did not get it right'](#)

Fox8Live.com - May 24, 2023

NEW ORLEANS - The CEO of Hertz says the company has apologized to and refunded a Puerto Rican man denied a rental car at the New Orleans International Airport.

The letter, sent from the company's chief official, Stephen M. Scherr, to Puerto Rican U.S. Representative Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon on Tues., May 23, admits the company "did not get it right" when Humberto Marchand says he was wrongly denied a rental car even though he had proper identification. They also say Marchand has been refunded.

Despite presenting his Puerto Rican driver's license, the staff denied him the car on May 9 because he didn't have a passport.

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[Corpus Christi International Airport considers offering car-sharing company, Turo, to passengers](#)

KrisTV.com - May 17, 2023

[Corpus Christi International Airport](#) is looking to partner with car-sharing company Turo to bring more car rental options to passengers.

[Turo](#) is a peer-to-peer car-sharing app that allows private car owners to offer their vehicles to guests on an online mobile platform.

Some would consider this the [Airbnb](#) option for cars.

Through Turo, customers can book whatever car they want by filtering locations, prices, vehicle models and years. Turo has been argued to be slightly inexpensive compared to car rental companies like Hertz or Enterprise. More so during the pandemic as car rental prices hit record highs.

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[Helsinki Airport opens parking hall with 350 electric vehicle charging stations](#)

Passenger Terminal Today- May 23, 2023

Finland's Helsinki Airport has opened the P1 Premium/P2 parking hall next to the terminal, with almost 350 chargepoints for [passengers'](#) electric vehicles (EVs).

In P1 Premium, the [chargepoints](#) are located at the front and back of the Premium floor. Charging stations are also available in the popular P3 and P5 parking halls – P3 has 30 chargepoints and P5 has 70. Chargepoints for EVs are assigned according to demand, and they are intended for charging [electric](#) cars.

Jukka Isomäki, head of parking and landside traffic at [Helsinki Airport](#), said, "There are charging stations in each of our parking halls, so our customers can leave their electric car to charge in their preferred parking hall for the duration of the trip. The number of charging stations is highest in the P2 parking hall, where the entire third floor is reserved for electric cars being charged. Our parking areas at Helsinki Airport are located closest to the departure gate and some are right next to the [terminal](#). Customers can ensure they get the best price and access to their preferred parking area by booking their [parking](#) in advance."

Read more parking updates from the passenger terminal industry [here](#).

[Is it better to park or ride-share to Sacramento International Airport? Here's the breakdown](#)

The Sacramento Bee - May 22, 2023

When factoring transportation to and from Sacramento International Airport, is it better to gamble on a ride-share or parking?

Sacramento airport has seen an increase in travel since COVID-19 restrictions eased, leading to crammed parking lots, but ride-share companies like Uber and Lyft are known for surge pricing that makes costs hard to predict.

Here's a breakdown of estimated parking and ride-share costs at Sacramento International Airport:

What does it cost to park at Sacramento airport?

Sacramento airport has five lots, and although they all share the same \$2 per half hour rate, they vary on daily rates.

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[Airport Shuttle Bus Industry to Witness Exponential Growth by 2030 | Top companies: Cobus Industries, Zhengzhou YuTong Bus, CIMC Tianda](#)
Scene for Dummies - May 22, 2023

The [Airport Shuttle Bus](#) Market research report provides detailed observation of several aspects, including the rate of growth, regional scope and recent developments by the primary market players. The report offers Porter's Five Forces, PESTEL, and market analysis to provide a 360-degree research study on the global Airport Shuttle Bus market. The research study discusses about important market strategies, future plans, market share growth, and product portfolios of leading companies. The final report copy provides the impact analysis of novel COVID-19 pandemic on the Airport Shuttle Bus market as well as fluctuations during the forecast period.

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[Airport to ground control! Get ready for a meeting](#)
KOTATV.com - May 20, 2023

RAPID CITY, S.D. (KOTA) - Rapid City Regional Airport will hold an open-house public meeting to discuss and receive public input on a proposed ground transportation program at the City of Rapid City Council Hall Chambers, 300 6th Street in Rapid City, on Tuesday, May 23 at 1 p.m.

The operations of an airport can be significantly affected by a ground transportation program. Enhancing the experience of passengers is one of the primary advantages. A well-thought-out program can shorten wait times, ease traffic, and improve accessibility all around, making passengers' journeys more pleasurable.

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[Port Douglas mum left furious after late airport shuttle no-show nightmare](#)
Newsport - May 25, 2023

A shocked Port Douglas mother has expressed her disappointment claiming a shuttle company failed in its duty of care having left her daughter stranded, without a ride, after midnight just days ago at Cairns airport.

The mother, who didn't name the shuttle operator, claims the business sent her daughter a late-night email - which she didn't receive until she disembarked her delayed aircraft upon arrival into Cairns - saying her impending onwards transfer to Douglas had been cancelled.

So, bleary eyed the concerned mother made the dash from Douglas to Cairns to retrieve her daughter – not before remaining extremely frustrated with the unnamed and unidentified shuttle operator.

“Seriously, is this acceptable, especially so late at night?,” the parent queried.

“Yes, I will be contacting the shuttle company to complain.

“These shuttle companies ask for your flight number so they know when a plane is delayed, through no fault of the traveller.”

Editor's Note: This article gives new meaning to ground transportation. This one is for your comical relief for the day.

[Sheriff: Man charged after stealing backhoe, driving to airport to catch flight](#)
14News.com - May 24, 2023

WILLIAMSON COUNTY, Ill. - An Illinois man was arrested in Nevada and is facing charges of theft after he allegedly stole a backhoe and drove it 10 miles to the airport to catch his flight to the West Coast.

Timothy J. Baggott, of Carbondale, Illinois, was arrested Sunday in Elko County, Nevada, for charges related to the possession of a stolen vehicle, according to the Williamson County Sheriff's Office. He was later released.

The sheriff's office said Baggott was arrested again Monday in Wells, Nevada, for charges related to the possession of an additional stolen vehicle. He is currently being held in the Elko County Jail on a \$40,000 bond, [KFVS reports](#).

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AIRPORT NEWS

[Orlando International Airport to add over 3,000 parking spaces ahead of Memorial Day weekend](#)

Fox 35 Orlando - May 24, 2023

ORLANDO, Fla. - In an effort to prepare for over one million travelers to pass through [Orlando International Airport \(MCO\)](#) over the next week, officials announced the opening of a new parking lot that will bring over 3,000 additional spaces during Memorial Day weekend.

MCO will open the West Park Place parking lot which will be located at Tradeport Drive, adding 3,100 more parking spaces for travelers.

Airport officials said they're expecting more than 1.1 million travelers at MCO during the 7-day travel period — accounting for about 16% more passengers than the year before.

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[Lambert Airport gets FAA approval for new combined terminal, more parking](#)

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - May 24, 2023

ST. LOUIS — St. Louis Lambert International Airport planners have received initial federal approval for an estimated \$2.8 billion plan to consolidate its two terminals into one new, single passenger concourse and replace the parking garage with a larger version, among other improvements, officials announced Wednesday.

The Federal Aviation Administration approved the airport's master plan laying out changes designed to meet an anticipated increase in air travel demand, plus stakeholder and public input calling for a more streamlined passenger experience, more parking space, a simpler roadway, and more concession and retail offerings.

The master plan reaches through 2040, when airport officials predict serving about 21 million passengers a year — an increase of roughly 34% over 2019, the most recent peak year for travel before the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

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[Major improvements to Juneau International Airport Parking coming in summer 2023](#)

KINY Radio - May 23, 2023

Juneau, Alaska (KINY) - Major improvements to the Juneau International Airport parking lots will take place during the summer of 2023.

Work will affect all four lots—Long-Term, Short-Term, Rental Car and Employee—and will begin in May.

Improvements include work on curbs, repaving, lighting and draining, as well as the implementation of a new payment system.

The Long-Term Lot will be temporarily relocated for the duration of construction and Short-Term, Taxi Staging, and Rental Car parking will be relocated for shorter periods at various times during construction.

During the busy summer season, the Airport anticipates parking will be very tight and at times all lots will be completely full.

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[Sky Harbor installing, enforcing new 'No Parking' signs on airport campus](#)
Arizona's Family - May 24, 2023

PHOENIX — Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport is installing and enforcing new “No Parking” signs on the international airport’s campus.

Airport officials say there has been a significant increase in drivers parking illegally along highway access ramps and roads leading to Sky Harbor Boulevard. Arizona Department of Public Safety and Arizona Department of Transportation officials are installing the signs, which will say on them, “No parking, stopping, or standing.”

Also, the Aviation Department is reviewing and installing more “Cell Phone Lot” signs to direct traffic to the correct areas. There are three free 24-hour cell phone waiting lots, each of which is near Terminal 4 and south of the 44th Street PHX Sky Train Station. The Sky Train Station also has parking spots conveniently located near SR-143, Loop 202, SR-51, and I-10.

Each waiting area is meant to be used for 30 minutes or less. Leaving your vehicle there is not allowed and you may have your car towed or fined. [Click here for more information.](#)

[Bismarck Airport could soon raise parking rates](#)
KXNet.com - May 23, 2023

BISMARCK, N.D. — This week, Bismarck Airport leaders are also asking city leaders to green-light some future projects. One of those ideas is to raise the parking fees at the airport.

The new plan wouldn’t charge drivers for the first half hour if they’re picking up or dropping off — but those in short-term parking would need to pay an extra \$4 a day. In the long-term lot, you’d go from paying \$40 to \$66 a week, and in the economy lot, the price would rise from \$35 to \$54.

“So, basically, where you get your ticket and where you pay for it, we’re going to update those systems,” said Bismarck Airport Marketing and Operations Director, Matthew Remynse. “Because those systems are fairly old, they’re coming on a decade, so we want to replace those — and then also help with the pay equity of the staff who operate the parking plaza and the parking lot for us.”

Airport workers are also asking the city to say ‘yes’ to replace the jet bridges at gates two and three, which are expected to cost around a million dollars apiece.

[PHL Impression Makers: Parkway Corporation Ground Transportation](#)
Philadelphia International Airport - May 19, 2023

Parkway Corporation’s Ground Transportation Associate, Marie Belizaire recently received the “Impression Makers” award from Philadelphia International Airport’s (PHL) Employee Recognition Program. This award recognizes customer-facing employees who provide direct customer service to passengers.

As a ground transportation associate, Belizaire assists passengers in navigating the different transportation options available at PHL. In addition, she utilizes her fluency in French, Creole, and some Spanish to communicate with passengers who need help communicating in English.

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