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GROUND TRANSPORTATION NEWS

Building digital platforms to enable advanced air mobility

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Advanced air mobility (AAM) is expected to take off in the second half of this decade. This new form of transportation uses electric vertical takeoff and landing vehicles (eVTOLs)—small, battery-powered aircraft that can transport passengers and cargo—for a range of urban and regional transportation use cases, including commuting, airport taxi services, and medical transport. Fast, clean, and expected to be comparable in price to black-car taxi services when operating at scale, AAM is poised to transform how people move across and between cities.

As with any new sector, the landscape is evolving rapidly. <u>Investors are intrigued</u>, with total disclosed investment in AAM start-ups exceeding \$15 billion through the first ten months of 2022. If governments begin certifying AAM passenger travel starting in 2025 as expected, eVTOL entry into service could occur in the mid to late 2020s. The global AAM market could eventually reach tens or even hundreds of billions of dollars in value.

Until now, the nascent AAM industry has primarily focused on developing and certifying eVTOL vehicles. With entry into service approaching, however, companies across the AAM value chain have begun shifting attention to air mobility operations, including the new digital platforms that will enable this ecosystem. These new platforms will touch all parts of operations and customer experience, and there will be significant value at stake for players, including OEMs and operators, who can use these platforms to play an orchestrator role within the broader AAM ecosystem. This ecosystem will include not just the direct eVTOL flight operations but many other applications,

including those for orchestration of intermodal trips, predictive maintenance, and regulatory interactions. Some of these platforms have been publicly announced. For instance, Volocopter, an early entrant to the AAM industry targeting entry into service between 2024 and 2026, has shared details about its VoloIQ platform, which will assist with flight operations, infrastructure management, and fleet service management, among other capabilities.

This article explores how AAM operations will require new digital platforms that differ significantly from those of traditional aviation, as well as the issues that companies must consider when developing these platforms. It also provides a framework to help AAM players decide whether it is best to own specific parts of a digital platform or access them through partners and suppliers.

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Airport Ground Transportation Market is Expected to Reach US\$ 22 Bn in 2022 and is Estimated to Cross US\$ 32.57 Bn at a CAGR of ~ 4% During Forecast Period of 2022-32 | Future Market Insights, Inc.

AccessWire - Nov. 30, 2022

NEWARK, DE - As per a recent market analysis by Future Market Insights (FMI), the <u>Airport Ground Transportation market</u> is poised to reach a valuation of **US\$ 22 Bn** in 2022. Sales are projected to increase at a ~4 % **CAGR**, with the market size reaching **US\$ 32.57 Bn** by 2032.

The airports are the most common type of transportation medium for international travelers and tourists. An airport can have multiple terminals, and aircrafts are assigned specific terminal for landing. The terminal and main airport building can be far, and passengers cannot walk to the aircrafts from building and other way around with luggage.

To make the transfer of passenger and luggage from building and aircraft, there are several vehicles, scheduled according to the flights or can be booked by passengers according to their convenience.

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This airport ground transportation is sometimes organized by airline, as a service included along with flight. Sometimes, third party transportation is used by travel agencies and sometimes, passengers can get their own vehicle, using applications and websites of transportation providing agencies. These vehicles are usually buses, taxis and sometimes trains, if available.

The airport ground transportation market is very niche, and there are not many popular service providers. There are only few airlines, providing these services to passengers, and there are not many dedicated organizations in this sector. As the market is not dominated by any recognized organization, there is lots of potential for taxi hailing and cab providing agencies, along with airlines to invest and start providing airport transportation to passengers.

Key Takeaways from the Airport Ground Transportation Market Study:

- The North America, Europe and Asia Pacific regions hold a market share of ~24%, ~22% and ~35% respectively.
- Online booking channels are leading for the booking of Airport Ground Transportation tickets.
- The Airport Ground Transportation sector have contributed ~15%-20% in Airport Services market.

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The "flying taxis" of the future are lifting off

Axios - Dec. 7, 2022

Some odd-looking aircraft are flying circles above strawberry and lettuce fields in rural California, as the next era in aviation draws closer.

Why it matters: Powered by electric batteries and designed to take off like a helicopter but fly like a plane, these newfangled aircraft — now undergoing testing — could soon be certified to whisk you to the airport or elsewhere.

They're called electric air taxis, or electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft (eVTOLs) — essentially cleaner, quieter helicopters.

The big question: Whether anyone other than rich executives and thrill-seeking tourists will ever fly in them — and that depends on ticket costs.

- eVTOLs are expected to be cheaper to maintain than traditional helicopters because their electric motors have fewer moving parts.
- Most eVTOL companies are targeting fares about equal to an Uber Black trip, which could
 make them a (relatively) affordable option.

The big picture: Urban air mobility is billed as the next big thing in transportation — quiet, electric aircraft skipping over congested roadways.

- Morgan Stanley projects the market will take off slowly, but will be worth \$1 trillion by 2040 and \$9 trillion by 2050.
- Investors have poured \$6 billion into newly public eVTOL manufacturers, including Joby Aviation, Archer Aviation and others.

Yes, but: After soaring initially, most eVTOL stocks have lost altitude this year amid broader economic woes and timeline uncertainty.

Where it stands: Executives at Joby and Archer, widely seen as the leading U.S. players, remain confident, saying their eVTOLs are moving out of the research and development phase and into early commercialization.

 Both expect to complete the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certification process by 2024 and to begin service in 2025.

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Portland International Airport Five-Year Expansion Project Reaches 50% Completion SimpleFlying - Dec. 1, 2022

Portland International Airport (PDX) in Oregon, USA, is at its five-year expansion project's 50% completion mark. The improvements, that will ultimately cost \$2 billion, include a new Concourse E, expanding Concourse B while demolishing Concourse A, improvements in ground transportation access, and improvements to the main terminal set to open in 2025.

New Concourse E

According to PDX, the Concourse E extension was completed and opened in 2020. The new 830-foot facility required over 2,000 builders to stand up six new gates for <u>Southwest Airlines</u>.

Seven new shops and restaurants come with the concourse also – plus a new bar celebrating women in aviation called 'Juliett.' The new bar features, "...a line of portraits featuring famous aviators, specifically Berta Moraleda, Bessie Coleman, Micky Axton, and Hazel Ying Lee. All the

portraits, painted by Sara Radovanovitch, are accompanied by brief descriptions of the pilots they feature, as well as their accomplishments."

The bar also comes with unique beers, cocktails, and wines. Some drinks pay tribute to other female aviators of note, like Amelia Earhart and the Women Air Service Pilots (WASPs). There are also lovely airport views.

But this is not the only notable restaurant in Concourse E. There is also The Tillamook Market that includes the classics with fried cheese curds, grilled cheese sandwiches, an ice cream counter and a selection of grab-and-go items travelers can carry home in insulated bags.

New Concourse B

Of course, PDX Is helping to keep Portland weird - in this case, by demolishing Concourse A without a replacement and then extending Concourse B. The new Concourse B is bigger, brighter, and more welcoming to guests. Most of these guests fly on Alaska Airlines' regional subsidiary Horizon Air.

Concourse B is intended to celebrate nature and be calming. From plants on the ceiling to new seats with power adapters to massive windows overlooking Horizon Air flight ops to three pieces of public art, it's a reimagined place to wait for a regional connector flight.

Such was the case last May when the author was waiting to fly and review a Dash 8-400 flight. You can see from the above photo from the Dash 8-400 (aka Q400) Concourse B and under the left wing the new rental car facility.

Improvements in ground transportation

The new rental car facility was built for PDX and opened on November 10, 2021. The rental car facility comes with public art and eliminates the need for shuttles to and from airport rental car facilities. According to the airport's statement, PDX currently has Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Hertz, National, Payless, and Thrifty, along with new additions Sixt and Zipcar.

The regional public transit provider Trimet is also working on improving the light rail connection. With an improvement program called "A Better Red," Trimet will extend the MAX Red Line westward and double-track the tracks from PDX to improve reliability. As someone who uses the Trimet MAX Red Line on occasion, I appreciate the efforts.

PDX is also working on a new roof for the main terminal, among other remodeling plans. The new wooden top will provide more natural light. The plan is to complete sometime in 2025.

JFK Millennium Partners begins management of New York JFK's Terminal 7

Airport World - Dec. 2, 2022

As part of the first phase of its \$4.2 billion, five-year development of a new international terminal anchoring the north side of John F Kennedy International Airport (JFK), JFK Millennium Partners (JMP) has assumed management and operations of JFK Terminal 7.

Under the leadership of New York Governor Kathy Hochul, this project is a key component of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's overarching, \$18 billion transformation of JFK into a world-class gateway airport.

Led by Vantage Airport Group, JMP will develop the new international terminal complex in two phases on the sites of the former Terminal 6, demolished in 2011, and Terminal 7, which will operate until 2026 when the 50-year-old facility is also demolished to make way for the second construction phase of the new Terminal 6.

JFK Millennium Partners board chair and Vantage Airport Group chair and CEO, George Casey, said: "We are delighted to celebrate the start of management and operations of JFK Terminal 7 with our partners, as we advance the \$4.2 billion redevelopment at JFK International Airport.

"From today's Day 1 operations at Terminal 7 through 2028 when the new Terminal 6 is complete, our team will deliver a best-in-class airport management and guest experience that's part of the

total transformation of JFK as one of the country's premier international gateways. We wish the very best to British Airways as they locate to JFK Terminal 8."

Terminal 7 is currently home to flight operations by Aerolineas Argentinas, Alaska Airlines, ANA, Icelandair, and LOT Polish Airlines, with more airlines to follow. These include Kuwait Airlines, which will operate its New York – Kuwait City flight starting in early December, followed by Condor's service to Frankfurt, Germany beginning in January 2023.

Additionally, Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) will inaugurate its New York – Copenhagen, Denmark route out of Terminal 7 in February 2023. British Airways and Iberia have recently relocated to the newly expanded Terminal 8.

With airline flight capacity at a premium at JFK and the rest of the New York Metro region, Terminal 7 offers critical gates for flight operations, dining, and retail amenities, including duty-free shopping, as well as essential airside infrastructure.

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LAX automated people mover receives gold sustainability award

Passenger Terminal Today - Dec. 7, 2022

The automated people mover (APM) train system at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) in California has won an Envision Gold Award for sustainable infrastructure from the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI).

The ISI noted that the LAX APM project scored well across indicators in the Envision framework pertaining to improving quality of life, from minimizing light pollution, noise and vibration, to improving mobility and access to convenient and sustainable transportation options. In many of these areas the project team, managed by LAX Integrated Express Solutions (LINXS), went beyond the highest requirements outlined in Envision, earning the team additional accolades for their accomplishments.

The APM was designed to improve connection and user experience for an anticipated 30 million passengers each year. Furthermore, it will help alleviate congestion in the surrounding communities, resulting in approximately 188,000 fewer vehicle kilometers traveled per day. The electric train system runs on a 3.62km elevated guideway with six stations, three of which are inside the Central Terminal Area (CTA) and three outside. The project broke ground in March 2019 and is scheduled to open for passenger service during the first half of 2024. During the airport's peak hours of 9am to 11pm, the APM will run nine trains of four cars each. The cars are designed to carry up to 50 passengers and their luggage for up to 200 passengers per train. Passengers who need to travel from the Consolidated Rent-A-Car Facility at one end of the line to the CTA station at the other end will be able to do so in 10 minutes.

The LAX APM has many sustainable features such as the electric train cars, which are made from fully recyclable aluminum shells and designed to eliminate hazardous substances and toxic emissions. The regenerative braking system converts kinetic energy lost when decelerating back into energy used for onboard vehicle power demands. Other sustainable elements include a solar power system on the roof of the APM's maintenance and storage facility (MSF), which will provide 40% of the MSF's power demand and 7% of the overall APM project's power demand.

The project also integrates with the new LA Metro Crenshaw/LAX rail line, thereby contributing to a larger integrated mass-transportation strategy for the airport community and the greater LA Basin region. This will enhance the level of service that LAX and LA Metro provides, as visitors and staff will have a more convenient way to travel between LAX and the LA Basin.

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There is one less taxi service in Steamboat as local company halts operations

Steam Boat Pilot - Dec. 8, 2022

Formerly known as Go Alpine, Steamboat Express has announced it will suspend its local taxi service while the company evaluates the program over the next 12 months. However, Steamboat Express' service to the Yampa Valley Regional Airport and Denver will remain unchanged.

"With the technology we had in place for the taxi service, it requires 24/7 coverage from dispatch and the driver perspective, and with ridership falling off by 95%, it's just not economically viable," said owner and CEO Landon Ogilvie, who with his wife purchased Go Alpine in 2019.

He said the increase in shuttle and rideshare options, along with the Yellow Zone free on-demand busing service, have caused a decrease in ridership, and there's just not enough demand to continue operating the taxi service, first offered by Alpine Taxi in 1985.

"We are disappointed to cease taxi operations, but the destination and market have shifted dramatically since the service was first implemented in 1985, and the demand is no longer there," Ogilvie said. "We are confident these riders now have sufficient alternative options for local transit, and we look forward to continuing to serve our residents and guests through Steamboat Express, including shared and private airport shuttle, charter, limousine, events and weddings."

He said the available options for transportation have grown with the addition of private services and rideshare apps like Uber and Lyft in the Steamboat Springs area. That combined with the city's free bus service, which provides rides to the mountain, downtown and other areas, means that anyone looking to get around Steamboat has plenty of options.

"The elected officials have done a great job with Yellow Line, the (Steamboat Spring Transit), and with the potential of bringing on (a regional transportation authority), the historic demand for taxi has really diminished," Ogilvie said.

He added that the company explored the latest technologies and rideshare options available but was unable to find a sustainable way to continue providing the taxi service at current ridership levels.

In October, Go Alpine announced that it was changing its name to Steamboat Express to better integrate the long-running business with the Destination Systems family. That organization operates similar shuttle services in Aspen, Montrose, Telluride, Gunnison, Crested Butte and Denver, as well as Mammoth, California.

"We have not received much feedback yet, but it is a challenge because a lot of the riders were historically a pretty consistent ridership of locals that used it and have been using it a long time," Ogilvie said. "It's just very challenging to leave a driver employed for the entire evening and dispatch employed for the entire evening for two riders."

RedCoach Provides an Affordable Solution to Regional Travel With its Luxury Bus Service BadCredit.org - Dec. 6, 2022

Traveling is never easy, especially in my household. My family is always finalizing plans, packing, and leaving for the airport at the last possible minute.

If leaving the house isn't bad enough, once you get to the airport, you have to park your car in an expensive parking lot, and rush to get your bags checked in. You also have to deal with an airport security line that moves at a snail's pace no matter how many times I check my watch.

Once on your plane, you wonder how any human is supposed to sit in these narrow airplane seats with no elbow room or legroom. I can't stream movies or shows from my favorite apps because I refuse to pay for the wifi and forget to download them beforehand.

The founders of RedCoach experienced the same travel issues outlined above, and saw an opportunity to make it better. RedCoach is a luxury bus line that provides comfortable and affordable regional travel without the headaches of airline travel.

The company's founders have more than 50 years of experience in transportation in South America, where bus travel is more common. When the founders visited Florida, they saw too many people who had to take road trips after traveling to Miami to make it to Orlando.

RedCoach buses feature air-conditioning, free wifi, comfortable seats, foot rests, and two checked bags and a carry-on bag included with the ticket. The company takes security seriously as well, with GPS tracking and camera monitoring throughout the bus.

RedCoach currently only travels in Florida and Texas, but the company has plans to add more destinations. All of the extra features the company provides would normally cost an arm and a leg

on an airline, but RedCoach provides <u>comfortable experiences</u> without exorbitant pricing. Ticket prices are as low as \$24.99 in Florida and \$29.99 in Texas.

"Bus travel can be super comfortable and affordable," said Florencia Cirigliano, RedCoach's President. "You don't have to drive yourself, you can save money, and our luxury features don't cost outrageous prices."

With gas prices hitting <u>all-time highs</u> earlier this year, Americans are looking for more ways to save money at the pump. Instead of driving long distances with gas stops on the way, many families are opting to use RedCoach's services.

RedCoach said good word of mouth from families who want to save money is helping it grow. The company offers dynamic pricing so ticket prices are cheaper for trips with lower demand.

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Silver Line extension cuts commuting costs to Dulles airport, students say

The GW Hatchet - Dec. 7, 2022

After eight years of construction, students said the Metro's newly extended Silver Line has made travel to Dulles International Airport more affordable during the holiday season despite a longer commute to the airport.

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority <u>opened</u> the six-station Silver Line extension last month with rail access to Dulles International Airport, the primary international airport in the D.C. area., for the first time in Metro's 46-year history. Ten students said the extension has opened more affordable avenues to fly out of Dulles after transporting to the airport through alternative and costly transportation methods, like shuttles and rideshares, in previous years.

"The completion of the Silver Line means a better, greener, more affordable way to get to work, school, shopping, entertainment and events as well as easy access to Washington Dulles International Airport, a gateway to the world," WMATA General Manager and CEO Randy Clarke said at the extension's opening ceremony in November.

The first phase of the Silver Line, with six new stations, <u>opened</u> in Fairfax County, Virginia in 2014 after officials began construction in 2007. The second phase – which includes three more stops in Fairfax County and Metro's first three stops in Loudoun County, including Dulles – began construction shortly after in 2014, but delays pushed back the opening date of the second phase from 2018 to 2022.

Before the Silver Line reached Dulles, riders could <u>take</u> the Metro line to Whiele-Reston East station and ride the Silver Line Express Bus the final leg to the airport for a \$5 fare.

Students who have taken the Silver Line to the airport said the extension has saved them between \$70 to \$80 in transportation spending.

Netra Ranganathan, a junior majoring in public health who lives in Dubai, said she travels to Dulles for international flights because they're not offered at the closer Reagan National Airport, which is connected to the Blue and Yellow lines and serves near-exclusively domestic flights in Arlington. She said the extension to Dulles was "really convenient" for her flight to London for Thanksgiving break because getting to the airport was free and easy to navigate.

Danielle Davenport, a freshman double majoring in political science and economics, said while her trip to Dulles to fly back to Newark for Thanksgiving break was "convenient" because of the free Metro service, the commute to the airport lasted about an hour – roughly 30 minutes more than a rideshare trip.

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The Serbian Ministry for Construction, Transport and Infrastructure has announced it will remove all unlicensed taxi drivers offering services in the airport's arrivals area upon the completion of the new central processor facility (pictured), at the start of summer 2023. Highly aggressive unlicensed taxi drivers who prey on foreigners unaware of standard taxi rates have been a long-running issue at the airport. The airport provides a taxi booth from which licensed taxi drivers are called up to pick up passengers. However, this has not deterred unauthorised taxis from trying to lure passengers by asking them if they need a ride in the arrivals hall. The Serbian Minister for Construction, Transport and Infrastructure, Goran Vesić, noted, "We will resolve the taxi issue at the airport once and for all. This is a major problem and brings shame on Belgrade and the entire country. There will no longer be a group of criminals who threaten and harass legitimate taxi drivers", Mr Vesić said.

6 Things I Learned Booking A Car Service Instead Of Taking A Rideshare Travel Awaits - Dec. 2, 2022

Our family does a lot of Walt Disney World trips and Disney Cruises. For us, that means flights from our home in San Antonio to <u>Orlando</u> International and <u>Miami</u> International Airports, MCO and MIA for short. My husband's limited vacation days are the reason for choosing flying over driving; otherwise, we'd probably road trip, at least some of the time.

On our most recent trips to Miami and Orlando, I decided to go completely bougie and booked a car service. I regularly listen to a cruise travel podcast where the host says car service was not "that much more" than a rideshare, so I decided to test this for myself. Here are six things I learned from booking a car service versus taking a rideshare. Blacklane provided me with complimentary codes to try their service. I've also researched and communicated with two of their competitors and may use them on future trips.

1. It Actually Was 'That Much More'

The value of our ride with Blacklane was \$189 each way. Because we were four people with four bags, we had to take a business-class SUV/van. We could have saved a little money if we'd been a smaller party, but we wouldn't have all fit in a sedan. Likewise, if we'd wanted a more upscale sedan or had a larger group, we'd have paid more.

If you're a party of six or more or if you have lots of luggage, I recommend cost comparing rideshare versus car service. It probably won't be less expensive than hiring multiple Ubers but it would be a nicer experience and everyone could stay together.

2. You Won't Get Away From Downloading An App

...but that wasn't a big deal for me. I booked my car service via a website but after I entered my info, I was prompted to download the app. I didn't really use the app because after I'd booked my ride, the driver communicated with me via text. The app allows me to have a record of my rides with that company if I choose to use it again, and I can use it to store my payment information.

3. You Have To Read The Fine Print

If rolling up to your hotel in a Mercedes-branded car or SUV is important to you, be advised that this is probably subject to change. I told my 12-year-olds we'd be riding in style and our car service subbed a Chevrolet Tahoe to transport my family of four. I didn't think it was a big deal, but I lost some cool points in the eyes of my tweens. Also, check to see how long your driver will wait at no charge and if your driver will be monitoring your flights and adjusting for early or late arrivals.

4. Customer Service Goes The Extra Mile

When I made my reservation, I accidentally entered the wrong flight number. Our flight connected in Dallas before we arrived in Miami and I mistakenly entered the flight information for our first flight. My driver texted me while I was in Dallas and flagged my flight information. I gave him the correct info and he was in constant communication after that. When we landed, I had a text from our driver letting me know he was waiting for us at the baggage claim.

5. The Little Rockstar Touches Are Pretty Sweet

From the suit and tie-clad driver with our name on a sign to the cold bottles of water waiting in the car to being shepherded to the curb, the whole elevated experience set the tone of our trip. We managed our bags but the driver did offer to help with our luggage. The whole experience was a huge departure from waiting anywhere from 10 to 30 minutes for an Uber, refreshing the app, and trying to figure out which car was ours.

6. You'll Know Exactly How Much Your Ride's Going To Cost

I liked knowing how much I'd be spending and liked the when/where/how aspects of our trip. For some travelers, knowns versus unknowns matter. Uber and Lyft fees are variable and if you're riding during peak periods, you're subject to surge pricing.

While I've never paid \$189 for a one-way rideshare, I have waited 30+ minutes standing on a hot, dirty sidewalk outside the <u>airport</u> wondering what was going to happen next. Sometimes, eliminating uncertainty as you plan your travel is a stress reducer, especially if you're anxious or a less experienced traveler.

While my budget does not allow me to sub a car service for a rideshare every time we need a ride, I would consider using a car service again depending on the circumstances. I'd splurge for a special trip, if we had a tight timeline, or if we were traveling in a group that included others who were less used to the bustle of airports and traveling in general than we are.

The Parking Spot Offers a Stress-Free Option for Holiday Travelers

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Approximately <u>4.5 million Americans</u> traveled by plane over Thanksgiving. Looking ahead to December holiday travel, 46% of Americans plan to travel by plane, according to <u>PwC's Holiday Outlook</u>. Anyone flying in the coming month needs to start planning now.

Planning ahead starts with making as many reservations as possible. When planning trips, many folks book flights and hotels first, followed by activities and excursions, and then consider themselves done with their preparation. This means that considering how to get to the airport to start their adventure is often an afterthought or spur-of-the-moment decision within hours of the plane taking off.

While rideshare can be convenient, travelers are subject to whatever surge pricing is taking place at the time requested, and wait times can vary based on driver availability. Plus, when traveling as a family, there is the issue of car seats for little ones and hauling a lot of luggage in someone else's vehicle, all while hoping it's big enough for both bags and people.

The Parking Spot at BDL is a great option for holiday travelers looking for a convenient, safe, and affordable parking solution. The lot is located on Schoephoester Road, just a stone's throw from Bradley International Airport, and parking includes complimentary trunk-to-terminal shuttle service with luggage assistance. Plus, when you reserve ahead of time, you can lock in parking for under \$6/day – no surprises at checkout!

Valet service, including covered valet parking, is available for added convenience. Express checkin and check-out are offered via The Parking Spot app, and in/out privileges meet the needs of the modern traveler dealing with flight delays and changes. Plus, travelers can reserve add-on amenities like a car wash to their stay.

While guests are always encouraged to reserve ahead for the greatest savings and peace of mind, the country's largest near-airport parking company understands that things change and a reservation isn't always possible. This holiday season, The Parking Spot is pleased to offer a \$7/day self-parking rate for drive-up guests, so travelers can park their stress at home and know their car's holiday stay isn't breaking the bank.

Find out more about how The Parking Spot can help ease holiday travel stress here.

When planning a trip, knowing whether to rent a car when visiting Hawaii can be tricky for travelers.

For starters, each of the main Hawaiian Islands is different, not just in population and size but also with unique natural wonders, activities and history. For example, while Oahu is the third-largest island, it's by far the most populated, with more than seven times the population of Maui, the second-largest island. So things on Maui are more spread out and tend to take longer to get to.

Experts agree that the answer to renting a car or not depends on which island you're visiting, where you're staying and what you're hoping to do there. Thankfully, visiting Hawaii sans car is totally possible – and encouraged.

"To be a respectful visitor, which we really need, you're going to have (to) dig deep if you're going to some of the islands and do your research," Bruce Fisher, a travel adviser for Hawaii Aloha Travel with about 20 years of experience, said. "In general, we're encouraging people to be more sustainable and akamai (smart) about being here and taking care of our lands."

In his experience, people appreciate knowing there are alternatives to renting a car on their trip to Hawaii. Hawaii is also known for having some of the <u>nation's worst traffic</u>, which can be painfully felt if driving along the scenic but often backed-up one-lane Honoapiilani Highway on Maui.

Jamie Phillips Weese and her family of four were looking into a weeklong trip to Hawaii with visits to Maui and Oahu in early October 2022. They ended up going with a rental car on Maui and traveling by Uber on Oahu.

For their five days on Maui, the family took advantage of the rental car, going grocery shopping and exploring beaches around the island, like West Maui.

The family also spent two days on Oahu and stayed at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort. On their first day, they hung out by the resort's pool and beach, leaving the property only to walk to a nearby restaurant. The next day they took an Uber to Pearl Harbor and had no issues, other than waiting a bit because of traffic.

"The main reason we chose not to rent a car in Oahu is because we knew it would be more populated and cater to tourists," Phillips Weese told USA TODAY. "We knew we wouldn't need to, and we also didn't want the hassle of navigating streets and people in an unfamiliar place with a ton of traffic." The high parking fee at the resort was also a deterrent.

She said their decision "absolutely saved us time and frustration."

<u>Lyft Earnings Call Results — Why The Stock Sank After Delivering Good News</u>

Forbes - Nov. 27, 2022

Lyft recently announced its earnings for the third quarter, and investors quickly rode away from the stock. Rideshare companies have struggled over the past few years due to pandemic restrictions, rising fuel costs, and concern about a possible recession still looming over us. There was hope that Lyft would bounce back with stronger earnings this quarter.

Lyft has been running one of the largest transportation networks in North America since 2012. While the ride-booking business took a hit during the pandemic, folks are going out again, with the number of active users jumping up to 20.3 million. However, the Lyft earnings call led to the stock plummeting as much as 22% in the days that followed the news.

Here are some of the key financial highlights:

- Lyft reported earnings per share of \$0.10.
- The quarter's revenue was \$1.05 billion compared to analyst predictions of \$1.051 billion. The revenue growth was 22% year-over-year.
- The company had 20.3 million active riders in the quarter.
- Adjusted EBITDA during the quarter was \$66.2 million.

- Adjusted net income was \$36.7 million versus an adjusted net income of \$17.8 million in the third quarter of 2021.
- Net loss for the quarter was \$422.2 million. This figure includes \$224.1 million of stockbased compensation and related payroll tax expenses.

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Gatwick Airport: Drivers urged not to fall foul of rogue parking firms

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Gatwick Airport has issued a checklist to tackle rogue meet-and-greet parking companies ahead of the Christmas break.

Some drivers who used unregulated firms have found their cars left in muddy fields, damaged or with added mileage. Between May and October, the airport saw a 164% increase in complaints from passengers about third-party meet-and-greet parking firms, compared to the same period in 2019.

Gatwick Airport said it does not want passengers to have holidays "ruined".

Under its five-point checklist, passengers are urged to look out for official accreditation, positive reviews, full contact details on the firm's website and not just a mobile number, and a Companies House number.

Gatwick Airport head of car parks Gary Wallace said: "The last thing we want is for our passengers' holidays to be ruined by rogue parking companies.

"For complete peace of mind, we would always recommend passengers book with official Gatwick Airport parking.

"However, if considering using a third-party 'meet-and-greet' parking provider, we strongly advise using our checklist before booking."

Duncan Crow, from West Sussex County Council, said: "We robustly tackle traders who con and mislead consumers and take action when needed to ensure rogue traders are dealt with.

"When looking for a meet-and-greet parking operator, we urge consumers to carefully check to ensure the company is genuine and trustworthy. The five-point checklist is a really useful guide in how to do this."

AIRPORT NEWS

Orlando Airport celebrates opening of 'innovative' and 'high-tech' Terminal C

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The Greater Orlando Aviation Authority marked the opening of Terminal C with a celebration this week, that echoed the project's 'vision to reality story'.

The GOAA, which describes the terminal as 'innovative' and 'geared toward high-tech conveniences for passengers', welcomed local community leaders and airport partners to the celebration, which acknowledged the work of former board chairs and airport executives who first envisioned what would later become Terminal C.

With an eclectic mix of national and local brands, Terminal C features 24 food & beverage outlets, 11 retail stores and one lounge for a total of more than 80,000sq ft of concession space. To

maximise customer options once they make their way to the gate area, 93% of the concessions are located post-security.

"Operations at Terminal C began on September 20, 2022, almost 40 years from the opening of the main terminal in 1981," said GOAA Chief Executive Officer Kevin Thibault.

"We celebrate Terminal C's opening at a time when our passenger volume is returning to prepandemic levels. Terminal C will help to offset heavy volume in our Main Terminal and help to sustain our growth. It is the foundation for an intermodal hub that will welcome planes, trains and automobiles."

Terminal C has been designed as one of the first LEED v4 airport campuses in the world, said the GOAA.

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Sarasota Bradenton Airport's sustained growth boosts economy and jobs | Indicators Herald-Tribune - Dec. 5, 2022

As we approach the end of another year, I thought it would be interesting to review some of the major developments over the last 12 months at the Sarasota Bradenton International Airport, and give a preview of some of the issues and plans for the upcoming new year.

The most obvious development is the continued significant growth of air service at SRQ. In 2021 the airport saw a 156% increase in passenger traffic, with a record 3,163,543 travelers on our airlines. In the first 10 months of 2022, traffic is up an additional 25%, and the airport is well on track to hit over 3.8 million passengers. This is a nearly 2-million-passenger increase over the pre-COVID 2019 period, at a time when your local airport was already the fastest growing in the United States. The nearly 275% increase since 2018 is unprecedented.

Additionally, five new cities have been added to the destination map this year, bringing the total nonstop city pairs to 55. That is 43 new city pairs since 2018. The increased service brings tremendous economic benefits and jobs to our region and provides tremendous pricing and schedule choices for the consumer.

SRQ: Airline announces new flights at Sarasota Bradenton International Airport

Indicators: Unselfish dedication of SRQ employees provides enormous source of relief

Not only has the airline side grown, but our general aviation segment continues to grow as well. A third general aviation service provider, Sheltair, signed a long-term lease and is in the initial stages of a \$32 million private investment in the airport. Additionally, three other leases have been signed by smaller private general aviation firms that will also invest millions in facilities at the airport. This is another economy and jobs generator for the community.

The final item for 2022 I want to mention is our continuing work to bring an educational element to the airport. The Team Success Charter elementary school is due to be open in fall 2023. Manatee Technical College received a \$5.5 million grant towards the airframe and power plant mechanics school to be built on the airport, and we are working with the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee on developing an aeronautical engineering program there as well.

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Sixt Opens New Location at Colorado Airport

Auto Rental News - Dec. 2, 2022

In November, Sixt USA opened its newest location at Eagle County Regional Airport in Vail, Colo.

In the past year, Sixt has launched several branches across the U.S., including <u>Baltimore</u>/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport, Charlotte Douglas International Airport, <u>Nashville International Airport</u>, and Kauai Lihue International Airport.

Vail averages more than 1.6 million visits annually, with 2021 being one of the busiest years on record, according to Eagle County Regional Airport. The branch opening was timed with most ski resorts across Colorado officially opening their doors in early November.

"We are excited to continue our U.S. expansion by adding Vail to our growing network," said Tom Kennedy, president and CEO at SIXT USA. "Vail has long been one of the most popular skiing destinations in the United States, and we are looking forward to offering our premium product and rental services to the thousands of skiers and vacationers alike that choose to travel through Eagle County Regional Airport."

America's airport glow-up

Washington Post - Dec. 6, 2022

For many years, going to the airport in the United States has meant trudging through dark and low-ceilinged terminals, crowding in dreary security checkpoints and throwing elbows to secure one of the few <u>power outlets</u> at the gate.

"A bus depot is not a great way to describe it, but that's kind of the methodology that a lot of American passengers saw," said Ty Osbaugh, an architect who helps lead the aviation practice at the architecture firm Gensler.

Airports built in the 20th century were largely designed to get customers in, out and through as quickly as possible. They didn't account for the high volume of passengers we see today or the logistical demands the age of Homeland Security would create. According to the trade group Airports Council International-North America, the average airport terminal in the United States is more than 40 years old.

Now, U.S. airports are catching on with a wave of modernization projects. With the urgency higher than ever — U.S. airports are in need of \$115 billion in improvements, according to a 2021 survey by the airport trade association — and an injection of funds from the bipartisan infrastructure law, there's new money and momentum for version "2.0 of airport design," Osbaugh said.

"I think we're always going to be in a constant need to upgrade," said Kevin Burke, president and CEO of Airports Council International-North America. "Not all airports are going to be modernized at the same time."

To get a better understanding of the design trends that will define our airport experience in the future, The Washington Post examined renovations that are either in progress or were recently completed at six U.S. airports: Orlando International, Los Angeles International, Dallas Fort Worth International, Portland International, Pittsburgh International and New York City's LaGuardia Airport.

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Electric charging stations added at the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport

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GULFPORT, Miss. (WDAM) - Four charging stations have been added to Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport's parking deck.

Airport executive director Clay Williams said that the charging stations will be very beneficial for those with electric vehicles.

"As the popularity of electric vehicles continues to grow, we wanted to ensure that we had that amenity available for residents of south Mississippi who are flying from the airport," Williams said.

The charging stations take four-to-10 hours to complete a charge on a vehicle.

With paid parking, the chargers are free to use.

For the first time in its history, Harry Reid International Airport drew more than 5 million visitors in a single month, leading airport officials to announce plans to upgrade the facility's often sold-out parking options.

In a statement Thursday, airport officials said the 5.17 million passengers in October was the fourth time in 2022 the facility shattered its monthly record. Prior to October, July held the previous singlementh record of 4.86 million passengers.

For the first 10 months of 2022, Reid Airport has drawn more than 43.7 million passengers, a 37.3 percent increase from 2021. The airport's single-year record for passenger volume was 51.5 million.

In a statement, Clark County Director of Aviation Rosemary Vassiliadis said the airport recognized that the airport not only services visitors to Las Vegas but also locals in a much higher volume.

She said the parking facilities at the Terminal One garages have been reaching capacity, not only on weekends but also during mid-week.

"To accommodate these vehicles and enhance the customer experience, we will begin a monthslong project early next year to increase public parking options in and near these garages," Vassiliadis said.

Nevada could shatter last year's record-breaking gaming revenue totals in just 11 months.

October marked the 20th straight month of \$1 billion or more in state gaming revenue, according to figures released Tuesday by the Gaming Control Board. Statewide, gaming revenue sits at \$12.3 billion for the first 10 months of 2022, more than 12 percent above the record \$13.4 billion recorded in all of 2021.

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Madison's airport is the priciest of nation's 100 busiest airports

The Cap Times - Dec. 2, 2022

Madison's airport has the highest average ticket price of any of the country's 100 busiest airports, according to a new study from financial information website SmartAsset.

The <u>study</u>, which analyzed data from the federal Bureau of Transportation Statistics, found the average airfare at the Dane County Regional Airport was \$526 in the second quarter of 2022, the most recent period for which data is available.

The national average airfare cost was \$397. Washington Dulles International Airport tied Dane County for average airfare cost, followed by Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport at \$503.

Up nearly 35% over the previous year, Dane County's fares grew less quickly than those of 34 other airports in the study. Pensacola International Airport saw the largest increase (51%), followed by Seattle/Tacoma International (49%) and Minneapolis-St. Paul International (44%).

The average fare at Dane County's airport was \$135 higher than a year earlier.

"We've always been high, but I don't think we've ever had the No. 1 spot before," said Ed Mani, president of Burkhalter Travel & Cruise Shoppe, who's been in the industry for 42 years. Travel really picked up in January, he said, and "there's no sign right now of it abating."

"People are going all over," Mani said, from Mexico and the Caribbean to Hawaii and Costa Rica. "They are booking vacations with a vengeance." The only destinations for which demand hasn't returned, he said, are places in Asia.

His top tip for saving money on flights: "Don't wait for the last minute. Book early." That's especially important, he said, as airlines have cut back the number of flights due to shortages of pilots and other staff, and a desire to make sure flights are as full as possible.

"There are fewer flights available for basically the same kind of demand that we had in 2019 before COVID hit," Mani said. "When supply and demand are out of whack, that means higher prices for you and me as the consumer."

But high ticket prices don't seem to have scared many travelers away from the Dane County airport. The airport's traveler counts have been hovering in recent months between 2017 and 2018 numbers, said airport spokesperson Michael Riechers. Those numbers have yet to return to the record-breaking 2019 figures.

"In order for our airport to get back to 'pre-pandemic travel,' it really means setting new all-time records," Riechers said. "It's quite a high bar to set, but we're definitely working towards it." He's still waiting for official numbers for November, but AAA projected that Thanksgiving air travel out of Wisconsin would for the first time surpass 2019 numbers.

The airport has also recently added back a few direct flights that disappeared during the pandemic, including flights to Las Vegas and seasonal flights to Orlando and Fort Myers, Florida.

In general, airports can't directly influence ticket prices, he said, noting that Dane County's five commercial carriers all set their own prices.

"What we can do is try and influence everything else that the traveler experiences," Riechers said. That includes things like parking fees, which he said are far lower than at other airports in the region. The airport charges \$6 per day for its economy lot and \$10 per day for covered parking in the garage across from the terminal.

Workers at 15 major US airports are gearing up to picket and rally on December 8 Business Insider - Dec. 2, 2022

December 8 could be a big day at some of the busiest airports across the country.

Airport service workers are gearing up for a day of action, rallying, picketing, and marching to demand better conditions on the job.

The action could affect 15 cities, including Chicago, New York, and Seattle — which host some of the busiest airports in the country and the world. Airport service workers, such as janitors, security guards, and baggage handlers, will call on Congress to pass the <u>Good Jobs for Good Airports Act</u>.

That legislation, introduced by Massachusetts Senator Ed Markey over the summer, would ensure that any airport that receives project grants must pay their airport service workers a minimum of \$15 or the area's prevailing wage and stronger benefits.

"Airport service workers all across this country help make our airports run. They are paid poverty wages, and it's been poverty wages for the past 20 years, and it's overwhelmingly workers of color who are often paid the lowest," Mary Kay Henry, president of Service Employees International Union (SEIU), told Insider. "Because service workers are fed up with business as usual, they're demanding that Congress take action to ensure that they have a fair shot."

The action comes as service workers across the country demand better from work, especially under increasingly difficult circumstances. Passenger violence on airlines went up as travelers returned. Early retirement and pandemic layoffs — coupled with burnout over conditions — led to staffing-shortages. All of that culminated in chaos.

The workers on the ground at airports are fed up with understaffing, according to Henry, and they've been "facing a crisis that's fueled by corporate greed." Now, airport service workers are the latest essential group to ask for more.

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<u>France</u>'s proposed ban on short-haul domestic flights was approved today by the European Commission, the <u>European Union</u>'s (E.U.) administrative body. The move will mean the elimination of flights between French cities that are already connected via rail with train trips of under 2.5 hours.

The changes will be included under France's 2021 Climate Law. With the Commission authorization issued today, this marks the first time such an article has been implemented by an E.U. member country.

Initially, the ban will only affect routes that previously operated between <u>Paris</u>' Orly Airport and <u>Nantes</u>, Lyon and <u>Bordeaux</u>. Connecting flights will be bound by the same rules.

After this fresh environmental protection policy was <u>initially approved</u> by French lawmakers last December, both the Union of French Airports (UAF) and the European branch of the Airports Council International (ACI Europe) battled the bill, causing the European Commission to launch an in-depth investigation into whether implementation of the measures should ultimately be allowed.

A clause included in the European Air Services Regulation law states that a member nation may, "where there are serious environmental problems ... limit or refuse the exercise of traffic rights, in particular where other modes of transport provide a satisfactory service."

Given that the new measure presently only affects three routes, Sarah Fayolle, Greenpeace France transport campaign manager, told <u>Euronews</u> in reaction to the government's decision, "It's going in the right direction, but the initial measure is one that's (not very) ambitious. We must go even further."

While the law was technically adopted last year, it will take some time before the ban actually comes into effect. Beaune explained that the policy still needs to be submitted for public consultation and reviewed by the Council of State. He did affirm that the change would be effected "as quickly as possible."

The newly sanctioned ban on short intranational French flights will be enforced for three years, after which time the law will need to be re-evaluated by the Commission.