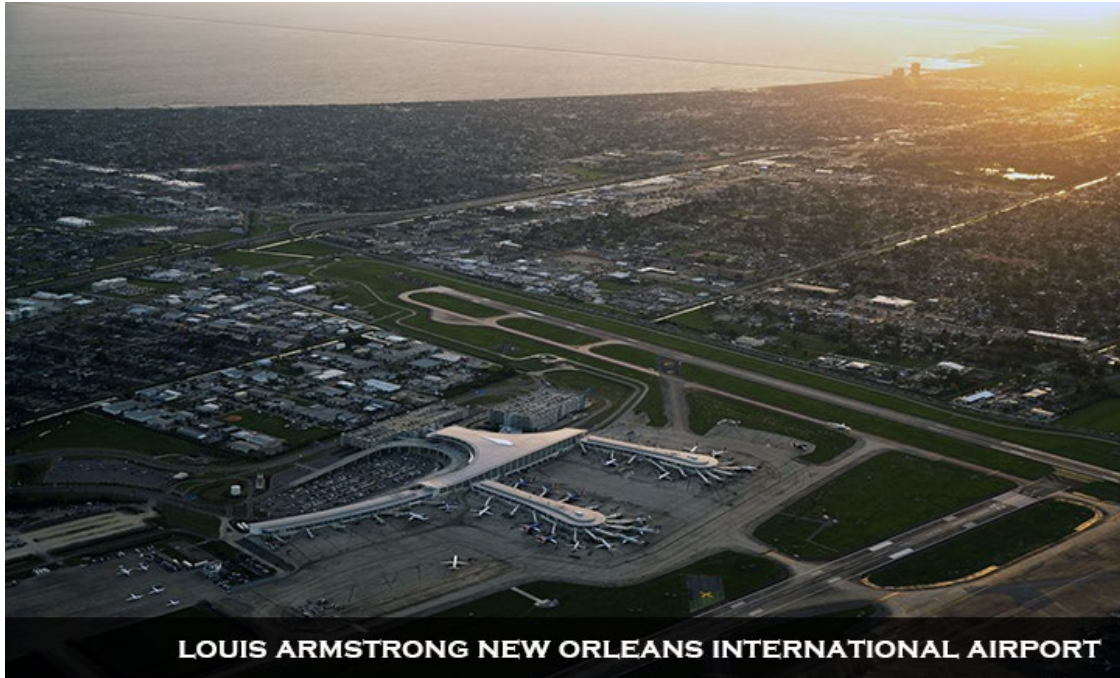




AGTA News from the Airport Curb



We have arrived at the
one month mark.

AGTA will be in New Orleans
in just one more month.

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The Spring 2023 AGTA Conference in New Orleans is almost here!

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?***

Update: The preliminary program has been updated and now has breakout requests listed.

The final agenda is expected to be available by early next week. Stay tuned!

Preliminary Agenda



The list of registered airports has grown again this week. See below.

Airports Registered for the Spring 2023 Conference:

Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport
Calgary Airport Authority
Charlotte Douglas Airport
Charleston International Airport
Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport
Harry Reid International Airport
Houston Airport System-Hobby
New Orleans International Airport
Sacramento International Airport
San Jose Mineta International Airport
Santa Barbara Airport
Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority
Savannah Airport Commission
Seattle-Tacoma International Airport
Spokane International Airport
Tampa International Airport
Tulsa International Airport

**Other Airport Representatives, Ground Operators, and Vendors -
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GROUND TRANSPORTATION NEWS

[United and Archer to open first air taxi route in Chicago](#)

Airport Technology - Mar. 24, 2023

Archer Aviation, an electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft maker, and United Airlines have [unveiled plans for their first air taxi route](#) in Chicago.

The duo finalised O'Hare International Airport (ORD) and Vertiport Chicago as the next point-to-point route as part of their urban air mobility (UAM) network development.

Located in the Illinois Medical District, Vertiport Chicago is claimed to be the largest vertical aircraft take-off and landing facility in North America, while United's largest operations hub, ORD is expected to serve as a suitable location for United and Archer to advance their UAM operations.

Archer Aviation founder and CEO Adam Goldstein said: "We're thrilled to add Chicago to our growing list of initial launch cities as we continue to solidify our UAM network plans.

"We're looking forward to working with state and city leaders to bring an innovative transportation solution to the City of Chicago and its surrounding communities."

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[Montreal airport calls on province to crack down on 'illegal taxis'](#)

CBC News - Mar. 24, 2023

Daniel Killin says he once got into a fake cab in the United States and realized only too late there was no meter tracking the fare.

The driver told him he had to cough up \$250, so Killin tried to get out but the child-safety locks were on and he couldn't open the door.

"That's why I use Uber," said Killin, noting he always checks the driver, car description and licence plate to ensure he's getting in the right car. "Don't just assume."

But fake taxis aren't just a problem in the United States. It's becoming a problem at the Montreal airport as well, as first reported in [La Presse](#).

Individuals are greeting arriving travellers at the gate, offering them a ride for a fee. Meanwhile, their partner is waiting out in the car in a pickup area that is far from the designated taxi stand.

"That's very worrisome for us, for the security of our passengers," said Anne-Sophie Hamel, a spokesperson with the airport authority, Aéroports de Montréal (ADM).

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[Fast Park & Relax to Open Offsite Parking Facility Near PIT](#)

Business Wire - Mar. 28, 2023

PITTSBURGH--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--Fast Park & Relax, a leader in offsite airport parking and transportation, recently purchased 29 acres of land near the Pittsburgh International Airport to bring the company's signature service and more than 2,500 parking spaces to the Pittsburgh market. Currently with 16 facilities serving some of the busiest airports across the country, Fast Park expects to open the new and modern parking option for PIT travelers near the airport later this fall.

Melanie Chavez, a partner at Chavez Properties – the parent company of the Fast Park brand – calls the timing of entry into the Pittsburgh market a fitting complement to the airport as it undergoes major renovations in its Terminal Modernization Program.

"We are thrilled to enter the Pittsburgh market as the airport invests to revamp its customer experience," Chavez shares. "Fast Park has offered comfortable and consistent service to travelers across the country for more than three decades. We continually seek to elevate our guests' experiences, introducing innovative ways to make airport parking as effortless as possible. It bodes well with PIT's designation as a 'future-defining airport' by the *Washington Post* as Fast Park will ensure that the first and final leg of a trip – parking – extends that enhanced airport experience for travelers."

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[Amsterdam Schiphol Airport set to trial self driving buses](#)

Airport World - Mar. 23, 2023

Passengers may get a glimpse of the future at Amsterdam Schiphol this spring as the airport begins trials of self driving buses.

The trials are a result of the Royal Schiphol Group teaming up with nlmd and TNW (The Next Web) to further accelerate innovation at the airport.

According to the airport, nlmd and TNW have extensive in-house expertise and a large, global network of start-ups and innovation partners that it can draw upon.

“We need innovation to achieve our ambition: to become the world’s most sustainable airport,” remarked the Royal Schiphol Group’s head of innovation, Jan Zekveld.

“We anticipate that daily operations on Schiphol’s apron will have changed significantly by 2050. Ground-based activities such as baggage transport, passenger transport and aircraft towing will not only be clean, but also smart and autonomous.

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[Port Authority advances plan to replace Airtrain Newark with selection of three firms as part of multi-phase procurement process](#)

Port Authority NY NJ - Mar. 23, 2023

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey today announced it has selected three automated-people-mover (APM) system technology firms to advance to the next phase of a multi-phase procurement process to replace the existing AirTrain Newark system at Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) with a new 2.5-mile automated train system.

The three shortlisted firms are:

- Alstom Transport USA Inc.
- DCCA1 Inc. (Doppelmayr)
- Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America Inc.

The shortlisted firms were selected as a result of a publicly advertised [Request for Qualifications](#) (RFQ) that was published on Dec. 8, 2022. For additional details about the RFQ, click [here](#).

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[Brightline+ launches bi-directional shuttles serving MIA, Miami Beach](#)

Miami's Community News - Mar. 27, 2023

Brightline, the only provider of modern, eco-friendly, intercity rail in America, continues to connect South Florida with enhanced first and last mile mobility options.

Brightline+ now is offering guests new bi-directional fixed-route shuttles with available pickups at Miami International Airport (MIA) and three destinations in Miami Beach. Each shuttle will provide transfers to respective Brightline stations.

The new shuttle service operates on a fixed route schedule with designated locations, is trackable and does not require advance reservations. One-way rides are a flat rate of \$10 per person and can be paid for upon boarding shuttles.

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[HCMC airport set to make steep hike in fees for taxis](#)

VnExpress - Mar. 27, 2023

Taxis will have to pay a service fee to operate inside HCMC's Tan Son Nhat airport and pay another fee to pick up passengers.

Tan Son Nhat International Airport will collect a fee of VND9,100 (US\$0.38) from all taxis entering it from April 1.

Besides, TCP Vietnam Investment, which operates the parking lot at the airport, has said it will terminate the monthly contracts with taxis for renting space and instead switch to a fee to enter the terminal building.

They will have to pay a fee of VND5,000 or 15,000 each time, depending on where they choose to pick up passengers, with the higher fee applicable for the lane closest to the terminal.

The two new fees are on top of the airport entry fee of VND10,000.

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[Munich Airport improves customers' car rental experience thanks to innovative AI technology](#)

Travel Daily News - Mar. 27, 2023

Munich Airport is sharpening its focus on passenger and visitor services and making car rental even faster and more straightforward. This is possible thanks to a partnership between Munich Airport, the turnaround service provider Assured Europe, and the Norwegian start-up Wenn AS. The innovative scanning tunnel from the provider of leading, AU-based solutions for the automotive industry has been installed in the car rental center at Munich Airport. It allows the fully automated documentation of a vehicle's condition as it passes through and the detection of any damage in a matter of seconds.

Car rental customers drive their rental car through a structure at the entrance and exit of the parking garage. The cameras installed there capture the car from various angles, and the data obtained is automatically evaluated and documented by artificial intelligence in real time. Within a minute, the information is available to the vehicle check-in staff for the return process. Travelers thus benefit from maximum transparency and a 100% objective assessment of liability for damage, since any changes in the vehicle's condition arising between the beginning and end of the rental period are clearly documented by the seamless inspection on entry and exit.

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[How to Choose Airport Shuttle Service in Frederick, MD](#)

Patch.com - Mar. 27, 2023

Choosing the exemplary [airport shuttle service in Frederick, MD](#), can make all the difference in ensuring a stress-free and enjoyable travel experience. With so many options available, figuring out where to start can take time. Here are some tips to help you choose the best airport shuttle service.

The first step in choosing an airport shuttle service is determining your needs. Consider the number of people in your group, the amount of luggage you have, and your travel schedule. This will help you choose the right type of vehicle and ensure that the service you select can accommodate your needs.

Once you've determined your needs, it's time to research and compare different airport shuttle services in Frederick, MD. Look for services with a good reputation and positive reviews from previous customers. Compare prices and services offered to find the best value for your money.

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[Escape From LAX; How To Save Time, Money, Sanity Leaving Chaotic Airport](#)

Forbes - Mar. 23, 2023

Los Angeles International Airport, universally known as LAX, has been a travel nightmare for years. But there are tips and tricks you can use to escape the airport, even if, as the saying goes, "Friends don't make friends pick them up at LAX."

A major worldwide gateway and an attractive destination in its own right, LAX was the [second-busiest airport](#) in the U.S. before the pandemic. A [record](#) 88.1 million passengers used LAX in 2019. If you do the math, that works out to 241,000 people per day.

Post-pandemic, all those people are coming back. It can seem like all of them are coursing through the terminals, stuck in baggage claim, jamming the lounges or waiting at immigration at the same time. Even when travelers get outside, the white curb can be packed with passengers waiting for a limo, a bus, a shuttle (to parking, rental cars, or hotels), or pickup by an unfortunate relative. Unlike many cities, LAX lacks a "train to the plane" to get out of the airport and into town.

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[How a simple airport mistake could leave you out of pocket – avoid being scammed](#)

The Sun - Mar. 25, 2023

A TRAVEL expert has revealed the simple trap holidaymakers often fall into at airports that could be costing them a fortune.

With [prices of flights](#) and accommodation both going up at the minute, it's important for travellers to save money any way they can.

But many of them still end up spending an absolute fortune getting to and from the airport, by relying on taxis.

Travel expert Nicky Kelvin from the [Points Guy UK](#) explained why cabs can be so costly, and what people should do to keep costs down.

He told the [Express](#): "As a general rule, it's best to avoid cabs whenever possible in destinations that require haggling, especially if another language is involved as this is the easiest way to get overcharged."

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AIRPORT NEWS

[Balfour Beatty, Metcon Joint Venture Selected for Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority Construction Program](#)

Yahoo! Finance - Mar. 27, 2023

RALEIGH, N.C.--Balfour Beatty's Building operations and joint venture partner Metcon Inc., in association with Right Build and Varnedoe Construction, have been selected by Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority to deliver an approximately \$650 million phased construction program at Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU). As part of its [Vision 2040 Master Plan](#), the construction program at RDU will support growth in passenger volume and the ability for airport facilities to meet the current and future demand for aviation in the Research Triangle region.

This press release features multimedia. View the full release here:
<https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20230327005648/en/>

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[Orlando International Airport anticipates another record-breaking spring break weekend](#)
WESH.com - Mar. 24, 2023

ORLANDO, Fla. —Orlando International Airport is almost always busy. Thousands of people are in a hurry to get from point A to point B.

But never in the history of Orlando International Airport has it been busier than just recently, on March 11, with more than 95,200 passengers departing, beating every record on the books, including Christmas.

Airport officials predicted this spring break travel season would be a record breaker, and why not?

"It's beautiful here. The weather is amazing. It's outstanding," passenger Ruben Corria said.

And if you think March 11 was busy, Saturday's travel traffic at the airport is expected to beat the record again with thousands more passengers than originally anticipated.

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[Hannover Airport switches to digital parking](#)
Passenger Terminal Today - Mar. 29, 2023

Hannover International Airport in Germany will switch to digital parking from April 2023.

The new system from Peter Park System will first be implemented in the short-term parking spaces on the arrivals level. Parking on the departure level will also go digital in the summer of 2023. When driving in and out of the terminal area, the license plate of the vehicle is read using a scanner and the parking time is automatically determined. Payment is made by entering the license plate number at one of the pay machines. The system offers several payment options including cash, cards, Apple Pay, Google Pay (NFC) as well as online payments via an app.

With this technology, the amount to be paid is limited to the length of time actually parked, and passengers will no longer have to pay in advance. Signs have been posted around the car park to remind travelers not to forget to pay before they leave. Once the payment process has been completed, the vehicle can leave the area without stopping. If passengers leave the parking area within the 10-minute free parking period, there is no parking fee.

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[Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport's extra parking plan makes headway](#)
GSA Business Report - Mar. 29, 2023

Due to an increase in passenger traffic levels, [Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport](#) is moving forward with plans to add a third parking garage to its facilities.

GSP is now reaching approximately 95% of its 2019 passenger traffic levels, said Tiffany Cherry, GSP communications manager.

"Airport staff are now forecasting that GSP should be fully back to our record-breaking 2019 passenger traffic levels in early to mid-2024," she added. "Parking and rental car demand have also increased as passenger traffic continues to recover from the impact of the pandemic."

Currently, on certain days of the week, both existing parking garages reach full capacity, she said. At the March 27 airport commission meeting, the commission airport management the go-ahead to revisit plans to construct a new parking garage and consolidated rental car facility at GSP.

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[New Kansas City airport terminal features ventilated parking facade from Bendheim](#)
Cision PR Newswire - Mar. 29, 2023

NEW YORK -- Architects selected an elegant and functional parking façade from [Bendheim](#) as part of a major upgrade for Kansas City International Airport.

A completely new air terminal for Kansas City opened on February 28, replacing two outmoded structures built in 1972. The extensive modernization effort also included a new seven-story parking structure. Over 2 million square feet in size, the building provides parking for 6,219 vehicles. Skidmore, Owings & Merrill served as principal architects for the overall project, named "Build KCI". The Kansas City-based firm of BNIM took lead on the parking facility, in a design-build partnership with general contractor JE Dunn.

Bendheim joined this effort from the design stage, collaborating with their partner Längle Glas to create custom-engineered fastening systems for the parking facility's ventilated façade. Bendheim ultimately provided over 50,000 square feet of tempered and laminated glass for the project. As a trained architect, Bendheim Vice President for Sales and Innovation Said Elieh was able to contribute to essential planning work before construction began.

"Having someone on the Bendheim side that understands the design vision we're trying to achieve, but then can bring that technical capacity on the manufacturer side to help realize that conceptual vision is important," explained Joshua Harrold, Associate Principal at BNIM. "I think Bendheim has been a great collaborator in that respect." Bendheim's previous experience with the design of parking structure façades on this scale includes [1 South Halsted/727 West Madison](#) in Chicago, Ill., and the [Mueller Parking Structure](#) in Austin, Tex.

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[Answers to the most popular questions about parking at SFO](#)
SFGate - Mar. 25, 2023

For years my father-in-law worked at the San Francisco International Airport (SFO). This made parking a dream. Every time we had to [fly out of SFO](#) he would just park in staff parking and we'd take the Air Train into the terminal. It wasn't until he retired that I was forced to dive into the world of [SFO parking](#), parking *near* SFO and all the options for getting to and from the airport.

Turns out SFO parking is not nearly as confusing as it seemed at first, but it does require a little planning ahead. Keep reading for top parking tips to make your next trip out of SFO a bit easier.

Official parking at the airport includes a few options. These are, in order from cheapest to most expensive: long-term parking; hourly parking at both the domestic and international terminals; and [Park Fast](#) and [Park Valet](#) services, which are closest to the terminals.

There are also a few other private parking lots and transit options near, but not at, the San Francisco International Airport. Save time (and money) by booking your SFO airport parking before you go.

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[600 new parking spaces to open to public at Las Vegas airport Friday](#)
Fox5Vegas - Mar. 23, 2023

LAS VEGAS, Nev. - Hundreds of new parking spaces will open up at Harry Reid International Airport tomorrow, according to an airport spokesperson.

The 600 covered parking spaces are new for the public in the Terminal 1 long-term parking structure. About 1,000 more uncovered parking spots are expected to be made available soon.

The new parking comes after what was described as "[unprecedented](#)" demand for parking over the holidays. The parking is converted from previous employee parking.

Airport officials believe the unusual surge in demand can be attributed to more travel from locals; Harry Reid Airport is also the closest option for outlying areas such as St. George, Laughlin, Pahrump and other cities outside the Valley, and those visitors will often drive to Las Vegas and park in long-term parking.

[**NREL Study Shows Airport Energy Savings in Surprising Places: How You Find Your Way Around**](#)

NREL - Mar. 29, 2023

As you walk through the airport's glass doors, your phone buzzes. You open the camera, hold it in front of you, and spin a slow 360 degrees. When you look at your phone screen, bright, translucent arrows overlay the ground in front of you, guiding you through the revolving doors and pointing you to the airport's security checkpoint. As you move through the terminal, the digital arrows steer you down a corridor, onto a train, up an escalator, and finally to your gate, where your plane is almost ready to board.

This experience, called "augmented reality navigation," is just one of a host of emerging digital technologies that aim to make passengers' travel through airports more equitable and energy-efficient—not to mention more convenient.

And these futuristic technologies take center stage in [a new, comprehensive analysis](#) by National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) researchers that aims to reimagine how sustainability figures into the way people travel to (and through) enormous facilities like airports.

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[**America's airports are suddenly pretty good now**](#)

AXIOS - Mar. 27, 2023

As travelers take to the skies this spring and summer, many are in for a delightful surprise: Several of the country's airports have [made big improvements](#) in recent months, including some whose very names had long been met with something between weariness and outright dread.

Why it matters: Airports are gateways to their city, where travelers make their first impression upon arrival.

- More importantly, the latest improvements aren't just about aesthetics — they're also about accessibility and accommodations for travelers with different needs.

Driving the news: The most notable recent airport glow-up? New York's LaGuardia, of course.

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