

AGTA News from the Airport Curb for the week of 5/26/22.



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If you weren't able to make the spring conference or missed out on any of the presentations, [click here](#) for a review of our speakers and presentations from the meeting.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION NEWS

[Groome Transportation helps make the trip to MCO as smooth as possible](#)
Villages-News.com - May 25, 2022

As spring and summer travel ramps up, Groome is here to help ensure your journey is as smooth as possible. Groome Transportation has been serving The Villages since 2019 and covers 80+ neighborhoods in and around The Villages with daily trips to the MCO Orlando International Airport.

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[Try these ride-hailing tips on your next trip](#)

The Washington Post - May 25, 2022

"The best strategy today is to have access to many services and to use each one when it best fits your trip needs," says Stan Caldwell, executive director of Carnegie Mellon University's Traffic21 Institute, which focuses on transportation issues.

For example, he says savvy travelers should consider using Uber or Lyft to get from home to a transit hub. Or they should use the ride-hailing services late at night when mass transit isn't running. On other trips, a Zipcar rental or even a bike share or scooter might be more appropriate.

Look at the fare before you agree to it. Insiders say this is particularly important for visitors to a new city. The practice of surge pricing, or charging more if demand is higher, can make some rides less affordable, says J.B. Shepard, a Baltimore-based photographer who has driven for both major ride-hailing services.

Pay a little more to get a lot more. Uber launched a service called Uber Comfort in 2019. It guarantees that you get a roomier car for a small upcharge. And you also get a top-rated driver. The upper tier options such as Uber Black and Uber Select generally aren't worth it to travelers who don't really care about the make and model of the car that takes them there.

Yep, there's an app for that. It's called [Up Hail](#), and it compares the prices of Uber, Lyft, a taxi and an airport shuttle. It's the brainchild of Avi Wilensky, a ride-hailing expert who has taken nearly 3,000 Uber rides since 2015. Wilensky's insider tip for people who want to save money on ride hailing: Check out [Waze Carpool](#). "Drivers are only able to charge to cover the cost of gas and tolls and are not permitted to make a profit," he says. [UberX Share](#) and [Lyft Shared](#) also offer carpooling options, but they are a little pricier.

Never hail a ride from the airport. An airport pickup can cost up to twice as much as it would from the airport hotel across the street, according to experts. "Instead, take a free airport shuttle to a nearby hotel," says Michael Alexis, who runs a team-building company that coordinates flights and airport pickups each month. "Your ride will be significantly cheaper, sometimes as much as 25 to 50 percent less, and you will also save the driver from having to navigate the busy airport pickup."

Sign up for a loyalty program. [Uber Rewards](#) gives frequent users upgraded rides, highly rated drivers and priority pickup at airports. Lyft has [Lyft Pink](#), a \$9.99-per-month program that offers rewards and other benefits.

[Taxi drivers protest at Mexico City international airport, blocking access to terminals](#)

Devdiscourse.com - May 25, 2022

Taxi drivers blocked access to the Mexico City International Airport's two terminals in an apparent protest against ride-hailing apps on Tuesday, snarling traffic at one of the busiest airports in Latin America. The demonstrations blocked access to terminals 1 and 2 at the Benito Juarez International

Airport in Mexico City (AICM), according to an afternoon tweet from an account for the airport, and vehicle access in some areas was restricted.

A statement from Mexico's National Transportation Movement, a collective of transportation workers, said it planned to protest at the airport "with the purpose of joining forces so that together we defend our source of work," in an apparent rally against ride-hailing apps like Uber, which operate to and from the airport. Traditional taxis were "disappearing," the group said, adding that government authorities had left them "defenseless."

Taxi drivers have blocked major roads in Mexico City in protest against ride-hailing apps in recent years, calling for them to be subject to the same regulations as taxis.

[Lyft to Pause Some Hiring and Trim Budgets, Citing Economic Slowdown](#)

Techstory - May 25, 2022

Lyft Inc. LYFT – 17.27%▼ will slow recruiting, decrease the financial plans of a portion of its specializations and award new investment opportunities to certain workers to compensate for its disintegrating share cost, joining rival Uber Technologies Inc. UBER – 9.38%▼ in framing cuts as financial backer positive thinking cools on tech stocks.

President John Zimmer declared the actions Tuesday in a reminder to staff.

"Given the surprisingly sluggish recuperation and have to speed up influence in the business, we've settled on the troublesome however significant choice to essentially sluggish recruiting in the US," he said.

That incorporates the organization giving need to fewer drives, not filling a considerable lot of the ongoing open jobs, and zeroing in recruiting on jobs considered basic, for example, those that help its center rides business, Mr. Zimmer said. He said there are no cutbacks arranged.

Uber and Lyft are battling with a drawn-out driver deficiency that has pushed passages to record highs. The raised passages have mostly come about in fewer Lyft riders and fewer Uber trips contrasted and before the wellbeing emergency, however, the two organizations' first-quarter income outperformed pre-pandemic levels on the rear of greater costs.

Lyft's first-quarter results were eclipsed by a more vulnerable than-anticipated profit standpoint as the organization said it would have to spend more cash to boost drivers to return. Its stock tumbled over 35% after the declaration, denoting the greatest rate drop in a solitary day since the organization opened up to the world in 2019.

Recently, Uber said it would cut spending on showcasing and downsize on recruiting as it centers around making money.

[Transit agency to link downtown St. Pete to Tampa airport](#)

Catalyst.com - May 25, 2022

The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority has a long roster of new connections to come online within the next several years, including a key connection from downtown St. Petersburg to the Tampa International Airport.

From a list of future planned unfunded routes, one that would launch in 2025 is Route 727X. It entails PSTA providing a new express bus service from downtown St. Petersburg to Tampa International Airport that would run seven days a week, from 5 a.m. to 12 a.m. The tab for the capital cost is \$7.8 million. It would also cost \$5.1 million to operate.

After two years, another route, Route 60X, would connect Clearwater Beach to the Tampa airport for the same duration. The Clearwater-Tampa airport connection would be \$7.8 million in capital costs and \$4.5 million to operate.

Having a downtown St. Pete connection to the airport has been a hot topic, as it would be a critical linkage that can help alleviate traffic and provide more options for commuters. PSTA's first-ever connection to the airport launched in 2018 with the 300X Airport Express, which takes riders from Largo to the Rental Car Center's SkyConnect station at TPA. The 300X route is mentioned in the list as PSTA will attempt to improve its frequency and space to seven days a week from 5 a.m. to midnight. The enhancement would come in 2026 and cost \$7.8 million for six buses and \$5.1 million to operate.

"The unfunded regional transit needs list is something we've talked about for a while and are now providing to the TBARTA Board monthly as a reminder of the opportunities we have in front of us as a region," TBARTA Executive Director David Green said. "The list is intended to serve as a collective reference of transit priorities and what projects are most needed in the event funding becomes available for any of them. Each agency will update its list as anything on it changes. PSTA provides great service and coverage throughout Pinellas County but better connections to TPA and other activity centers would be really attractive to both residents and visitors."

[Colorado needs hundreds of thousands of EV chargers. Here's where they're going.](#)

Colorado Sun - May 24, 2022

There are slower chargers in the DIA parking garages. Fast charging stations built by private companies around DIA's edges, like the neon-green glowing Electrify America juicer at East 57th Avenue and Tower Road. And yes, airport and state energy office officials say, the popular cellphone lot, gas station and food court next to DIA is a logical spot for a gleaming bank of rapid-charge stations that probably should have happened already.

Electrify America, with a simple consumer interface and plugs that can put 50 miles of range into a car within a few minutes, is "the recipient of an award from CEO to build stations at the cellphone lot, I'm guessing within the calendar year," said Christian Williss, who directs transportation fuels and technology for the energy office.

Analysts say that kind of government-assisted growth is helping Colorado keep pace with EV sales that rank among the top states in the nation. Publicly financed chargers in high-traffic locations have been a success, they say, with the state's interstate-focused network regularly adding completed stations.

Colorado is doing well to keep up so far, and is even a bit ahead in the charging game, according to analyst Jesse Toprak with the EV subscription company Autonomy. (Autonomy's subscription operates like a lease, but allows people to try EVs without a long-term commitment.)

With about 54,000 EVs currently on the road in Colorado, there are 4,150 fast charging ports at Level 2 or 3, Toprak said.

That's about 90 combined Level 2 and DC fast charging ports for every 1,000 vehicles, better than the U.S. Department of Energy recommendation of about 43 ports for every 1,000 EVs, Toprak said.

Entrepreneurs at Eagle County Airport are using state charging station grants to fulfill goals of greening up the airfield, which services both private jets and public airline tourism flights. The Hertz rental business there now has more than 40 EVs in the fleet, Teslas and Polestars. Cooley Mesa Detailing, which cleans and turns around returned rentals, worked with the state to install Level 2 chargers for the EV fleet that can juice up at about 40 miles of range in an hour.

Eventually, Eagle County airport officials want to charge EVs from a solar array that will cover a parking lot.

Denver airport officials, who have put Level 2 chargers in public parking garages, agreed with state officials that a grant for a fast charger at the cellphone lot was critical. But, airport officials said Tuesday, that plan is now on hold while the airport entertains proposals for redeveloping its entire western approach.

Work on fast chargers for the commercial vehicle holding lot, where taxis and Uber drivers wait, are still moving forward, airport spokeswoman Stephanie Figueroa said. "But the cellphone waiting area project is pending conversations."

[Relying on ride-hailing services: How to work the system so you aren't left without a ride](#) **The Points Guy** - May 24, 2022

In one case, I had a 6:15 a.m. flight from Gainesville, Florida (GNV) to LaGuardia Airport in New York City (LGA) that first went through Charlotte, North Carolina. The driver that picked me up around 4:30 a.m. told me I was lucky to get a driver that early in the morning as normally no one is on the road at that time.

On a trip the next month to Anaheim, I was flying out of LAX, also around 6 a.m., and was concerned it might be a similar situation. Since Anaheim is 50 minutes from LAX on the rare LA day without traffic, I decided to switch hotels to be right next to LAX. Luckily the Marriott I was staying at let me make the switch the night before, and I had no issue getting to the airport on time.

Uber pointed out their Reserve and new Travel options may be best for those looking to schedule rides in advance. Through my research, I learned that the old schedule feature on Uber doesn't match a driver with a rider ahead of time, but the newer "Reserve" option attempts to do just that. According to Uber.com, "An Uber Reserve trip is reserved, and a driver assigned in advance of the trip time. Once a driver has been assigned to the trip, the fare is then locked and will not change." Even when using this option, the ride isn't confirmed until you get alerted that you have been matched with a driver. This still isn't a guarantee.

However, if you reserve one of Uber's Premium options, Premier Black or Premium Black SUV at least 2 hours in advance, you will get \$50 in Uber Cash if the driver cancels or is more than 5 minutes late. On the flip side, note that with the Reserve option, if you cancel less than an hour before pickup you will face a fee for canceling, which could be equivalent to the full fare (depending on which class you booked).

If you are relying on a ride-hailing service early in the morning or late at night, and don't want to risk a scheduled ride, you may want to seek other options that you can set up and confirm in advance. Christine Parfitt Schwartz says when she flies out of Medford, Oregon (MFR) and tries to order an Uber, she always gets "not available." She says she now goes old school and calls a cab.

CF Gilberg adds that on two occasions he has had to pivot from getting a ride at an airport to spontaneously renting a car. He recalls on one trip into Denver, he tried to get an Uber/Lyft to go downtown. "I couldn't get one to arrive in under 45 minutes, and costs ranged from \$125-\$150 when one became available. I ended up getting an Avis car ... a brand-new Escalade. \$35 for the night, plus \$4 in gas, and free street parking overnight. I dropped it off at the downtown site the next day."

There are also black car services that can be pre-ordered. When using these services, just remember to read reviews and book ahead of time. These services often have cancellation fees and, in some cases may be significantly more expensive than ride-hailing services or cabs.

It may be worth it to drive your own car to the airport and park. In Miami, I will park at Miami International Airport if the trip is 4 days or less. It's \$17 a day in MIA's main garages, so four days comes out to \$68. That would be the equivalent of a round-trip Uber or Lyft for me. If you are gone for

a week or more, however, that could prove to be cost-prohibitive. A 10-day trip would be \$170. Many airports do also have park-and-ride lots that offer lower prices, so if time isn't an issue, you may also want to explore that option.

There are a lot of factors to consider when arranging a ride to an airport. The key to it all is planning ahead and doing your research. If you are in a big city like Chicago, Miami, or NYC, ride-hailing options may still be the easiest (and potentially the most affordable way to go). If you are in a smaller city or a significant distance from the airport, depending on the time of your flight, this is when you may want to explore other options.

[5 Best Parking Apps to Save Money on City and Airport Parking](#)

Motorbiscuit.com- *May 24, 2022*

SpotHero: This app is great at finding flexible and affordable rates for parking spaces in cities or near airports. When you search for parking spaces or garages, the screen splits between the results and a map guiding you to each one.

The prices remain steady even if you plan to park for a few hours at a time. [SpotHero](#) also finds cheaper garages and parking spaces that might not show up from a quick Google search.

Once you've found a spot, you can reserve it in advance through the app. There's no fee to cancel a reservation, and you can change your mind a mere minute before you're supposed to arrive. SpotHero also allows you to earn up to \$250 of free parking with its referral program.

[ParkWhiz](#) can also find parking spots at lower rates than what's advertised online. However, MU30 found that this app couldn't quite match the deals on SpotHero. It also doesn't have a lot of monthly rate options, so it's best used for short-term parking.

This [parking app](#) does have a few annoyances, such as having to input your license plate each time you want to reserve a spot. You also can't change your allotted timeframe after making a reservation.

Powered by ParkWhiz, [BestParking](#) features the most extensive selection of parking spaces in cities and garages. You can also find cheaper rates at some of the busiest airports, including JFK (New York) and LAX (Los Angeles).

[ParkMe](#)'s capabilities are somewhat limited compared to other parking apps. Its database only holds 240,000 locations, and you can't get real-time updates for garage or on-street parking in most cities. However, MU30 praises the app for locating some of the cheapest rates for on-street parking.

Prices will show up in bubbles across the map, so you don't have to bother tapping through to each one. To prevent confusion, ParkMe's directions will guide you right to the entrance instead of the simple street address. The app also reminds you to set a timer so that you won't get parking tickets or late reservation fees.

[PCB City Council to consider 50-cent per mile hike in taxi rates due to soaring gas prices](#)

Panama City News Herald - *May 24, 2022*

As drivers grapple with soaring gas prices, those who use taxis soon could feel the same sting on the Beach.

During a City Council meeting Thursday morning, councilmen are scheduled to discuss an ordinance to hike by 50 cents per mile the rates charged by taxis, limousines and shuttles that operate within the limits of Panama City Beach.

Richard Brake, general manager of Beach Boys Shuttle Taxi and Limo, said the fee increase not only is necessary, but something that hopefully will help his business attract more drivers. He had a staff of 15 as of Monday, operating only about half of the available cars.

With the average price of a gallon of gas in Bay County more than \$4, Brake said raising taxi rates would help drivers more than the company because his drivers are responsible for refueling their cars out of their own pockets at the end of each shift.

If passed Thursday, the new maximum mileage rate, which would go into effect June 1, would climb to \$3 per mile.

Leaders also will consider Thursday raising by 50 cents an additional fee for riders who are taken to or picked up from Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport. It currently is \$1.

For context, Pier Park is about 14 miles away from Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport. Using the current rates, a single rider for Beach Boys now pays about \$36. This would increase with the new rates to about \$43.50.

Someone traveling from the airport to Bay Point, about a 25-mile trip, now pays about \$63.50. This would increase with the new rates to about \$76.50.

[Advanced Air Mobility Aims to Shorten Travel Time](#)

NASA.gov - May 23, 2022

For trips between cities, a road trip to a relative's house could take anywhere from four to six hours. NASA's [Advanced Air Mobility](#) (AAM) mission is researching how the addition of AAM could cut traffic commutes, make travel more sustainable, and make road trips shorter.

AAM can help make travel more efficient. This could look like requesting an air taxi on a cellphone app instead of a rideshare service to take you to the airport. This could be a two-hour flight to grandma's house instead of a six-hour drive on the highway. This could be daily commuter air taxis to takeoff from a community suburb vertiport and land on a city vertiport. AAM could also make traveling to work more affordable from a rural area into a city. With the addition of AAM, we would be using another dimension in the sky for travel below traditional aircraft and above cars, buses, or trains below.

Several projects supporting the AAM mission are working on different elements to help make AAM a reality. This includes work on automation, noise, vertiport and vehicle design, and airspace design to keep everyone safe while flying in the skies together. It is going to take an effort between government agencies, industry, and the public to build new highways in the sky.

NASA's vision is to map out a safe, accessible, and affordable new air transportation system alongside industry partners, community partners, and the Federal Aviation Administration. Once developed, passengers and cargo will travel on-demand in innovative, automated aircraft across town, between neighboring cities, or to other locations typically accessed today by car.

[Get-e: Simplifying ground transportation within the aviation industry](#)

Airport Technology - May 23, 2022

Get-e acknowledges that the digitalisation of ground transportation systems reduces the amount of administration work. This allows efforts to be directed elsewhere within the airline business.

Roy Hughes, commercial director of Get-e, says: "Get-e's strategy is to simplify ground transportation and reduce costs and administrative time for airlines utilising smart, in-house developed technology, with an additional layer of 24/7 operational support.

“We provide all of this for free to airlines. We work in partnership with airlines and function as an extension of their operations team. Based in Amsterdam, Get-e has grown to cover 110 countries and more than 900 destinations.”

Get-e’s solution can entail either automating the entire process through integration with airline crew rostering systems or receiving and uploading crew schedules directly into the system.

Airlines are also given the option to book their own transfers using get-e’s web-enabled booking portal, which includes status updates of booked transfers for all stakeholders through dashboard overviews. This includes airline operations and station managers. The Get-e Driver App allows all transfers to be tracked via GPS.

Get-e’s mobile application provides driver details and pick-up points and all rides are tracked in a single dashboard so crew and OCCs can GPS track the vehicles.

[Elizabeth Line set to open in London, giving travelers more transit options to and from the airport](#)

ThePointsGuy.com - May 23, 2022

After more than a decade of work, years of delays and tens of billions of dollars in spending, this week London will officially launch the Elizabeth Line, the city’s newest Crossrail train service. It will provide travelers with new and additional public transportation options as they head in and out of London Heathrow Airport (LHR) and throughout the city.

Under construction since the late 2000s, the line named for Queen Elizabeth, will service 41 stations spanning the city and surrounding region, traveling both above and below ground, acting both as a subway in the city and a commuter rail in the suburbs.

While the Heathrow Express can transport flyers between the airport and London’s Paddington Station in 15 minutes, it comes at a pretty high cost – about \$31. Then, if you’re not staying near Paddington, you’ll likely have to connect to the London Underground, or choose another form of transit to continue on to your final destination.

The Tube’s Piccadilly Line also has service to Heathrow and travels to many of the city’s most popular destinations. It is generally the cheapest rail option for getting to and from the airport – and likely will remain so – but you’ll want to weigh its convenience as you plan travel.

Perhaps the biggest impact of the new Elizabeth Line will be simply more choices for travelers going back and forth from Heathrow or through the city – and on newer, sleeker trains traveling through Wi-Fi equipped stations.

Once fully combined this fall, the line, with its new, 1,500-person capacity trains, will start in the west with service from either Reading or Heathrow, travel through the center of London, Liverpool Street and Canary Wharf, to Abbey Wood or Shenfield in the east.

Once the Elizabeth Line opens Tuesday, it won’t transport travelers from the airport to Heathrow as quickly as the 15-minute one-way trip on the Heathrow Express, but it will be far cheaper than its \$31 USD fare.

A trip between the airport and Paddington will cost about \$13.36 USD, or \$15.86 during peak hours. Compared to the Heathrow Express, it will be quite a bit slower, at about 28 minutes, with several stops along the way.

[TRAVEL ADVISORY -- DUE TO EXPECTED INCREASE IN TRAVELERS AHEAD OF MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY, PORT AUTHORITY ADVISES THAT ON-AIRPORT PARKING AT JFK, EWR AND](#)

LGA MAY BE EXTREMELY LIMITED

Port Authority NY NJ - May 20, 2022

Travelers Strongly Encouraged to Pre-book Parking; On-Airport Parking Facilities May Be Unavailable or Full for an Extended Period of Time to Customers Who Have Not Pre-Booked a Parking Space

JFK and EWR Customers Advised to Use Mass Transit and the AirTrain System

LGA Customers Advised to Use the Free Q70 MTA Select-Bus Express Non-Stop Service from Subway to Terminals B, C and D

Additional MTA Bus Routes to LGA Include Q47, Q48, Q72, and M60

Due to an expected increase in travelers flying during the upcoming Memorial Day holiday, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey advises all travelers that on-airport parking facilities at John F. Kennedy, Newark Liberty and LaGuardia airports may be unavailable or full for an extended period of time to customers who have not pre-booked a parking space. Travelers are strongly encouraged to pre-book parking or to use alternate transportation modes to the airport including mass transit, for-hire-vehicles and taxis.

Customers can check on-airport parking capacity and pre-book parking at [JFK](#), [LGA](#), and [EWR](#) at their respective links.

Brown Lot at Cleveland Hopkins airport reopens Saturday, at a higher price

Cleveland.com - May 20, 2022

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport will reopen the Brown Lot to travelers at 7 a.m. Saturday, easing a parking crunch that has worsened in recent months as air travel has rebounded to pre-pandemic levels.

The price to park in the lot will be \$13 per day – an increase of \$2 from early 2020, when the lot was closed in the early days of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Brown Lot is located on Rocky River Drive about a mile north of the terminal, accessible via shuttles to and from the main terminal. The city recently spent approximately \$400,000 to repave the lot, add new lights and credit-card machines. The city has also added approximately 100 new spots to the lot, increasing capacity to about 600 cars, according to Airport Director Robert Kennedy.

Even with the parking rate increase, the lot remains the most economical of city-owned parking areas. The daily rate at the Red Lot recently increased from \$18 to \$19; the rate at the Blue Lot is also \$19, up from \$16; and the Orange now costs \$16 per day, up from \$15. The parking garage remains \$20 a day.

Altogether, Cleveland Hopkins operates about 6,500 spaces, which is considerably fewer than on-site parking at similarly-sized airports in the region. John Glenn Columbus International Airport, for example, has 16,000 spaces; Pittsburgh International Airport has about 14,400, according to a spokesman. The airport's long-term master plan for the facility calls for an increase in parking capacity, although it will be years before those plans are implemented.

The airport is also hoping to reclaim city-owned land that includes the adjacent Sheraton Cleveland Airport Hotel, which could also free up space for additional parking. Again, that will likely take years.

Waymo Prepares To Bring Robotaxi Service To Phoenix Airport And More

Forbes.com - May 19, 2022

Waymo will begin testing at Phoenix Airport and also move soon to operation with no safety driver (as Waymo calls it, "rider only") in downtown Phoenix. They already operate this way in suburban Chandler Arizona and San Francisco.

The testing at the airport evokes the most interest. While this testing will be with safety drivers, and only used by Alphabet staff, airports present a first attack at the hard problem of "pick up and drop off" or PuDo. Previously, it was noted that Cruise decided to deploy in San Francisco without attempting to solve that problem, raising the ire of the local Muni transportation agency.

Robotaxi service, or any unmanned car service, has to include the cars being able to pull off the road to good locations for PuDo. That means being able to identify these locations (perhaps by mapping them) and handling the somewhat chaotic traffic that can occur at busy ones, and airports are among the busiest. PuDo is often highly regulated at airports, with restrictions on who can do it where, whether people can leave their cars even for a moment, and special fees charged to commercial vehicles doing PuDo. Major battles have been fought between Taxi companies, Shuttles, Uber [UBER +5.4%](#)/Lyft [LYFT +5.8%](#) and others over airport PuDo.

Waymo's first experiment wimps out a bit, they will service the Skytrain station at the edge of the airport. From there you can board that train to the terminals. No actual customer would like that, why not get dropped off right at your terminal.

[FAAN inaugurates App for airport taxi](#) **The Guardian - May 19, 2022**

Capt. Rabiú Yadudu, Managing Director, the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) has inaugurated Taxi App loading booth at Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport Abuja (NAIA).

"The project is planned to be operated under the Public and Private Partnership(PPP).

"The FAAN TAXI App is to enable air travellers to book online for a taxi to the airport and from the airport.

"It is also aimed at eliminating touting and analogue ways of operating taxi at the Airport as anyone could book the FAAN taxi at the airport and move just like other transport Apps."

According to Yadudu, the project will improve safety, security and comfort and further ensuring development in the Aviation sector.

In his address of welcome, Mr Kabir Mohammed, FAAN Regional General Manager, North Central, said that the commissioning of the App was a resolute action to move from analogue to digital at all airport in the nation.

[Brightline train pulls into Orlando airport facility in station's 1st test](#) **ClickOrlando.com - May 19, 2022**

The train rolled into the airport's new Intermodal Terminal Facility for testing. The facility, when open, will act as a hub for the new Brightline route from Miami to Orlando and, if the plan goes through, Brightline's expansion across Orlando to Tampa.

Following the test, the train returned to the company's maintenance facility south of the airport.

Brightline is nearly 80% complete with building its rail line north from Miami, through Brevard County and over to the airport in Orange County. The line will begin carrying passengers from Orlando to Miami in 2023.

The Intermodal Terminal Facility is meant to be an outlet for several kinds of rail and ground transportation. It also connects to the new Terminal C which is currently under construction and is scheduled to open later this year.

In addition to Brightline, SunRail is also considering an expansion line to the airport and this facility.

[Allow People to Rent Out Their Own Vehicles](#)
Mackinac Center for Public Policy - May 19, 2022

Supply chain problems are causing a shortage in many auto parts, making fewer cars available and pushing up prices for the vehicles that are out there. This in turn is prompting a “rental car apocalypse” – a scarcity of vehicles to rent and higher prices for the rental cars that are available.

The solution is to make more cars available to rent. It’s already happening through new platforms that allow people to rent out their own vehicles when they aren’t using them. It’s a win-win: Those looking to rent have more options and those looking to earn a little extra money can do it.

House bills 4915, 4916 and 4917, with a bipartisan list of co-sponsors, would create the [Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Program Act](#). The package would:

- Require the carsharing platform to assume liability for the vehicle when it is being rented, unless the owner engages in intentional fraud
- Mandate an extensive insurance policy that covers the vehicle owner and the driver who rents the vehicle
- Allow auto insurers to not cover rental vehicles
- Establish record-keeping and disclosure requirements
- Require that safety recall issues be repaired before an owner can rent out the vehicle
- Mandate certain taxes be collected and paid by the carsharing platform
- Require that carsharing programs enter into agreements with airports before vehicles can be dropped off or used to pick up renters from that property

Most of this is unobjectionable. They’re either things that are already being done or should be required. (Insurers need this information and should get to choose whether to cover vehicles taking part in this activity). The taxing provision must be fair across the board. State policy should not favor either companies or individuals who rent out vehicles.

But the airport provision is unnecessary. Airports already have authority to enter into agreements with individuals and companies who use their property or services – presumably, rental companies already have those types of agreements. And the mandate in the bills says that even a person who rents a vehicle to drive from home to airport – which uses only a minimal amount of airport facilities or services – will essentially be treated like a company renting out space at the airport. That is overly intrusive and anti-competitive.

[Airports across the country seeing packed parking lots as more Americans return to air travel](#)
CBS News - May 17, 2022

Parking problems at major airports are leading to passenger problems with people trying to make their flights.

Port Authority of New York and New Jersey confirms this is happening more and more often at LaGuardia, Kennedy and Newark, and at other big city airports across the country, including Atlanta, Seattle and Chicago.

"We've largely been able to just re-direct people to overflow lots but again, we're looking at Memorial Day weekend coming up, summer peak," said Susan Warner Dooley, the aviation chief commercial officer for Port Authority.

Then you risk getting sent away from the airport altogether, so Port Authority officials recommend you log on the airport's official website and pre-book and pre-pay for parking.

At LaGuardia, you can also take Q-70 bus service, which is free, from Woodside/61st Street and from Jackson Heights/Roosevelt Avenue/74th Street.

You can also let taxis and other car services do the driving for you.

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[Airport lands \\$72 million project to address passenger traffic surge](#)

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Already one of the nation's fastest-growing airports in terms of passenger count prior to 2020, pandemic-fueled interest in visiting and relocating to the Sarasota-Bradenton area has brought explosive passenger growth to the airport, under the call letters SRQ, as more airlines and more flights pack the airport's 13 gates served by a single concourse.

With an eye toward growth and the need to better serve current customers, the airport will by fall embark on a \$72 million design-build project to add a ground-based boarding facility capable of serving upward of 2.5 million passengers a year through five new gates. Combined with the current 13 gates, SRQ's capacity will be about five million annual travelers.

"We're growing so fast we need more gates, and the fastest way to do that is ground-based because you don't have to build air bridges and you don't have to go two stories," SRQ President and CEO Rick Piccolo says. "It's also not as expensive. We're looking for fast and cost-effective, while at the same time making sure that we have something that looks as nice as the rest of the airport."

Ground-based boarding brings passengers directly outside to the tarmac, where they board and disembark aircraft via portable ramps or stairs, similar to operations at Punta Gorda and St. Pete-Clearwater International airports.

The new boarding area will be built behind the current airline ticketing area. While that is being built, the Sarasota Bradenton Airport Authority is already planning for the next expansion — an elevated concourse to connect the two, designed to include four more traditional gates and an 11th TSA checkpoint with it.

There is no timetable set for that project, but when it does happen Piccolo says SRQ will have a capacity of about seven million passengers a year.

"We need more space just to serve the customers we have and give them a more pleasant experience," Piccolo says. "We need more seating areas for departures, and concessions are a real challenge right now because we just don't have enough space."

Or enough parking.

At 2,100 spaces in a surface lot, SRQ parked 4,500 cars per day during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays last year. In addition to operating a temporary remote lot, the airport used auxiliary tarmac space to park 500 cars behind a temporary security fence.

Design work is underway for a permanent 1,400-space remote parking lot, a project that will help the airport to address yet another growth challenge, car rental service. On the drawing board is a \$30 million "quick-turnaround" facility, which will be paid for by car rental agencies. The binary solution to ground transportation problems will also take about two years to complete.

Plans unveiled for San Antonio airport's \$2.5bn terminal development

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During a San Antonio City Council meeting, the director of airports, Jesus Saenz, unveiled the Terminal Development Programme (TDP), which includes the design and construction of the new terminal.

The new terminal C will add 17 gates to SAT.

There are currently two projects underway to create five new gates at the airport, however, even with these projects, it is reaching capacity.

The terminal project will see the creation of a ground transportation centre, parking garage and terminal road realignment to meet passenger requirements over the next two decades.

These new facilities are expected to be completed by 2028.