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GROUND TRANSPORTATION NEWS

[Airport ground transportation market is expected to reach US\\$ 22 billion in 2022](#)

American Journal of Transportation - Jan. 25, 2023

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.

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.

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[Uber Wants Cheaper EVs Made Just For Ride-Sharing](#)

Jalopnik - Jan. 20, 2023

Uber is doing everything it can to make an entire fleet of electric ride-sharing vehicles by 2030. Uber has already taken a step in that direction, by working a deal with Hertz to allow drivers to rent its electric vehicles. Another avenue the ride-sharing company is considering is having a dedicated electric vehicle made exclusively for ride-sharing, per a report from the Wall Street Journal.

Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi recently spoke at an event hosted by WSJ, saying the company is working with automakers on developing EVs designed with features just for ride-sharing. These include features like lower top speeds, which Khosrowshahi says are of better use in city environments. "I do think that top speeds, for example, that many cars have are not necessary for city driving that's associated with ride-share. That can reduce the specs and if you reduce the specs you can reduce the ultimate cost." Khosrowshahi also highlighted other customer-friendly features, like conversational seating that faces each other.

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[Why some airports use buses to transport passengers to planes](#)

Traveller - Jan. 24, 2023

Watching your flight take off without you is a sobering experience, but that's what happened to 55 passengers on a shuttle bus heading across the tarmac to their aircraft when it started moving across the tarmac at India's Bengaluru Airport.

"Why aren't you on board?" messaged a passenger on the Delhi-bound aircraft to Neeraj Bhat, his friend on the bus, but there was nothing to be done. The airline operating the flight, Go First, apologised profusely, booked passengers on a following flight, stood down the staff responsible and offered a free flight on the airline's domestic network to affected passengers but Bhat wasn't biting.

"Maybe they should rename the airline 'Go Now'", he said.

Have you ever had a flight that began with a bus ride to the plane? Probably not in Australia, here passengers usually board their aircraft via an airbridge, or a short walk across the tarmac for rear-boarding on stairs, but at European airports shuttle buses between terminal and aircraft are common.

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[Bus company offering more trips to Logan airport from Mansfield commuter rail station](#)

The Sun Chronicle - Jan. 23, 2023

MANSFIELD — A bus company that offers express service from the MBTA commuter rail station to and from Logan International Airport in Boston is offering more daily trips.

[Blue Apple Bus Co.](#) started making 15 daily round trips on Saturday, up from 10 trips, John Cogliano, president and CEO of the Randolph-based company, said.

The company started the service from the MBTA station in November, the first time buses have made trips to Logan since Bonanza Bus pulled out of Foxboro at least 20 years ago.

[The GO Group Reveals What to Do About Airport Ground Transportation When Flights are Cancelled or Delayed](#)

Cision PR Newswire - Jan. 24, 2023

CHICAGO -- The airline industry recently underwent back-to-back travel meltdowns with the massive disruption at a popular low-cost carrier followed by temporary grounding of all flights nationwide due to an FAA system failure, creating airport chaos and stranding passengers everywhere.

With no guarantees these could not happen again, it would behoove travelers to plan ahead for potential disruptions to vacation plans and business trips. While it may be an afterthought behind rescheduled flights and hotels, ground transportation should be part of that planning.

"While there are federal laws and regulations regarding passenger rights and what they are owed due to cancellations or delays, no such rules exist for ground transportation providers," says John McCarthy, president of The GO Group, parent company of [GOwithUs.com](#) (formerly [GO Airport Shuttle](#)).

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[Landline teams with Sun Country Airlines to provide roundtrip transport between Fargo and Minneapolis airports](#)

WDAY Radio Now - Jan. 24, 2023

(Fargo, ND) -- A new motorcoach service will soon be providing non-stop ground transportation between Fargo's Hector International Airport and the airport in Minneapolis.

"We are just very thrilled and excited for this partnership. It brings a lot of opportunity for travelers and passengers in the Fargo Moorhead area to take a premium motorcoach nonstop at a very reasonable cost," said Landline spokeswoman Liz Thiesse.

Thiesse says Landline is teaming up with Sun Country Airlines to offer the service beginning March 1st. Sun Country passengers will pay 15 dollars each way to ride the Landline bus to and from MSP. Landline is also providing ground transportation to passengers on other airlines, and service for non-air travelers simply looking to get to and from Minneapolis. For those travelers, the one way fare is \$29. Thiesse says reservations are being accepted online at [Landline.com](#) beginning Wednesday, January 25th.

[LUXY \(Luxyride.com\) Recruits 2 Major Executives from the Travel Industry to Join its Board of Directors](#)

EINNews.com - Jan. 25, 2023

SHELTON, CT -- LuxyRide (www.luxyride.com), the only nationwide (B2C & B2B) booking platform that optimizes excess capacity in the livery industry and allows travelers to reserve executive black car services at significantly discounted prices announced the addition of two seasoned travel executives to its Board of Directors. Bill Courtney and Matthew Tynan have joined the Board as Independent Directors.

Bill Courtney is a career CFO who recently retired as CFO of CWT, the Business-to-Business-for-Employees (B2B4E) travel management platform. Prior to CWT, Bill held the position of CFO at Starkey Hearing Technologies. Before joining Starkey, he held senior global finance roles with Medtronic, Bank of America, Barclay's Bank, Best Buy Co. Inc., and Delta Airlines. Bill is a graduate of Elon University and holds an MBA from Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh.

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[State Dept. warns Cancún visitors against Ubers as taxis protest](#)

The Washington Post - Jan. 24, 2023

The U.S. Embassy and Consulates in Mexico on Monday issued a [security alert](#) for the state of Quintana Roo — home to Cancún, the Riviera Maya and Tulum — warning that hiring application-based car services such as Uber and Cabify could put passengers at risk of getting caught in a tense exchange between drivers competing for fares.

While the State Department has said transportation apps “generally offer another safe alternative to taxis,” [recent disputes](#) between drivers for the apps and taxi unions “have occasionally turned violent, resulting in injuries to U.S. citizens in some instances,” the alert read.

The travel alert came as the region’s licensed taxi drivers have been protesting by blocking the road to Cancun’s hotel zone, leading to [tourists abandoning rides to walk to the airport](#) or get escorted by police, La Jornada newspaper [reported](#).

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[Proposed Chicago ordinance would hike fees for O'Hare ride-share trips](#)

Daily Herald - Jan. 19, 2023

A proposed Chicago ordinance would mean more expensive Uber and Lyft trips for suburban riders making trips to and from O'Hare International Airport or other parts of the city.

The ordinance creating a new 10-cent fee per ride was introduced Wednesday by Alderman Susan Sadowski Garza and referred to the city council's Committee on License and Consumer Protection.

The fee would fund a Network Worker Resolution Center, a nonprofit organization that would connect ride-share and food delivery drivers with representation in grievances, as well as provide them with outreach and education services.

The measure also would create an appeal and arbitration process for drivers who perform at least 10% of their business in the city and believe they've been unjustly deactivated by a ride-share or food delivery company.

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[Colorado's gig app drivers nearing a breaking point. And this newly elected lawmaker is one of them.](#)

The Denver Post - Jan. 15, 2023

Abdulsalam Mindas chose to work as an Uber and Lyft driver last year because it allowed him to take English classes at a community college in Aurora.

And the money was solid — enough to send hundreds of dollars back to his siblings and parents in his native Sudan, helping them pay school tuition fees and medical bills.

But now it's different, Mindas and other ride-share drivers say. The tech giants are taking more and more of their shares, inflation and gas prices are eating into their take and there's little transparency, they say, over how the companies calculate prices.

For Mindas, what started as an enticing proposition to be his own boss and make decent money turned into an endless cycle of low-wage work — without the benefits of independence.

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[6 Reasons You Should Hire an Airport Car Service](#)

Kake.com - Jan. 25, 2023

According to the [TSA](#), anywhere between 1.5 million and a little over 2 million people travel through hundreds of airports across the country every day. That's an impressive amount of drop offs and pickups happening at all hours. And with that many travelers needing to arrive at the [airport at least two hours before](#) their flights, it is imperative they get to the airport through a reliable mode of transportation. You may have driven your own vehicle and paid to park on or off-site or asked a loved one to do you the huge favor of taking you to the airport, but those may not always pan out as the best options among the many options for transportation services.

When you have plans to travel for business or leisure, you should consider hiring an airport car service to take you to and from your destination. With the help of a professional transportation service company, you can enjoy a safe, comfortable and stress-free ride to and from the airport.

In this blog article, we'll give you 6 compelling reasons why you should hire a private car service to make your travel experience even better than you could imagine. So, read on to find out why you should hire an airport car service for your future trips.

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[Groups Partner for 'Safer, More Inclusive' Ride-Share Option](#)

Public News Service - Jan. 25, 2023

An Arizona LGBTQ+ group has established a partnership with Waymo, the autonomous-driving tech company, to provide what it said will be a safer transportation option.

Angela Hughey, president of the group One Community, said through the partnership, Waymo is providing what she described as "acceptability through innovation."

Hughey explained a person never truly knows what experience awaits them when they hail a traditional ride-share service, and it comes with a sense of vulnerability. She stressed Waymo and One Community have gone the extra mile to eliminate the worry.

"What I really think is so cool about Waymo and the innovation of autonomous driving, is that Waymo doesn't discriminate, right?" Hughey pointed out. "It is about providing safety and an assuredness to every passenger that gets into the car."

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[Hertz is bringing thousands of EVs and chargers to the city of Denver in a broad new partnership](#)

CNBC - Jan. 19, 2023

[Hertz](#) is teaming up with the city of Denver — and soon, it hopes, with other cities — to build out its charging infrastructure to support the ongoing transition to electric vehicles.

The partnership is a big step toward helping rental car drivers, including those who may be renting an EV for the first time or in an unfamiliar area, to navigate the often-daunting task of finding a charge. It'll also see Denver boost availability and education around EVs in a first-of-its-kind effort.

As part of the program, called "Hertz Electrifies," the rental car company plans to add more than 5,000 EVs to its Denver fleet for daily customers as well as for ongoing rentals to drivers for ride-sharing services like Uber. To support those who rent the EVs, Hertz and its partner BP Pulse, the EV-charging network owned by oil giant [BP](#), will also install public EV chargers at Denver International Airport and at sites around the city, with a focus on underserved communities.

That latter point is key to the deal. In addition to building chargers in lower-income neighborhoods, Hertz will provide EVs, tools and training to the city's technical high school — and will offer summer job opportunities through Denver's Youth Employment Program.

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[Moment self-driving car halts traffic during rush hour in US city plagued by autonomous vehicle problems](#)

The Sun - Jan. 25, 2023

A spokesperson for the [driverless](#) ride-share company noted that the [vehicle](#) stopped after a complicated intersection confused the model's technology.

This confusion was compounded by the major intersection's temporary road closures, SFGATE reports.

The traffic holdup occurred on 19th Avenue and Ulloa Street at around 8.50am.

Twitter user [Melon](#) posted a [photo](#) showing how the driverless Waymo vehicle backed traffic up 3.6 miles away into Crossover Drive in Golden State Park.

A Waymo employee eventually removed the car from 19th Avenue and Ulloa Street.

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[Arlington's Via Rideshare expands transit services in Tarrant County](#)

CBS News - Jan. 20, 2023

ARLINGTON, Texas – The City of Arlington is expanding its on-demand public transit service to make it easier for people to get to other parts of North Texas.

Via Rideshare will now pick up and drop off riders at several Trinity Metro bus stops in Fort Worth.

The expanded service marks the city's continued commitment to the unique public transit option. At the end of 2022, the Arlington City Council voted unanimously to continue its partnership with Via for at least another two years.

Since the City of Arlington replaced its traditional downtown bus line with Via in 2017, the service has been steadily growing.

"We've given over 1.6 million rides," said Ann Foss, the planning & programming manager for the City of Arlington's Transportation Department. "We continue to see hundreds of new rides trying the service each week, so we really do believe that the service is fulfilling a need and there's a lot of interest for it as well."

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[Little tech luxuries once made middle class millennials feel rich. That era is over](#)

Yahoo! Finance - Jan. 20, 2023

Growing up in the 2000s and 2010s, big tech made some big promises: Everything would be disrupted, streamlined, simplified. We'd be able to hack our lives to perfection, and doing so would make everything cheaper, to boot.

For a while, the promises seemed to pan out. At least in certain sectors. Travel—flights, accommodations, transportation—was democratized, with more people able to afford to go to more places and post the photos to prove it on [Instagram](#). Food from local restaurants and grocery stores could be delivered for free right to your front door. Designer clothes could be rented for a fraction of the cost of buying retail and returned with ease, after, again, the requisite shot for social media.

But into the 2020s, the sheen of the accessible luxury tech era has faded. The companies that once subsidized a certain urban lifestyle failed to actually turn a profit, and so the little luxuries—[Uber](#) rides home from the bar, unlimited workouts at boutique fitness studios—that were once affordable are no longer so.

And thanks to a combination of rampant inflation, stagnant wages, and recession fears, customers are already feeling their budgets squeezed. So long, cheap luxury; hello, expensive reality.

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[Licencing system fueling taxi shortage - Uber Ireland](#)

News Talk - Jan. 24, 2023

During the pandemic, [many taxi drivers quit the industry](#) and when restrictions loosened decided not to return. Even prior to COVID-19, the industry was slowly contracting and Mr Harte says Uber is often contacted by people who are put off by what it takes to get a licence.

“The biggest challenge for them is they are not able to licence the vehicle that they currently own,” he told *Newstalk Breakfast*.

“To get a new vehicle licence, it needs to be a very specific make and model by the NTA and it's been like that for 10 years.”

Others find the amount of training they are required to go through off-putting.

“Many drivers tell us they're just not prepared to do the six months training to memorise every street and landmark in their local area,” Mr Harte said.

Last month, Fine Gael's Neale Richmond said the [Government has to do more to help the industry](#).

“I think we are all very grateful for the service they provide and we're happy to pay it but ultimately, we don't have enough taxis in Dublin or across Ireland,” he told *Newstalk Breakfast*.

“We don't have enough taxi drivers coming out at the times that are a little bit less appealing; we don't have enough taxi drivers servicing the airport and we need collectively to do a lot more to get more taxis out on the street to provide that service.”

[Car Rental Rates: A Three-Year Analysis](#)

Auto Rental News - Jan. 25, 2023

If 2019 is viewed as the pre-pandemic baseline for a multitude of business metrics, so too for car rental rates. With the help of Rate-Highway, *Auto Rental News* analyzed data from 2019 and compared it to the “pandemic-exit” years of 2021 and 2022. Following are the details.

Compared to the “normal” baseline of 2019, each of the chosen car types saw significant gains in 2021 and 2022, the pandemic-exit years. While 2021 followed a normal rate pattern of summer peaks — and a historically high peak at that — 2022 saw sustained high rates in the first half that

deflated slightly moving into fall. One explanation is that supply loosened somewhat as the year progressed, putting downward pressure on rates.

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[Reimagining the Car Rental Industry](#)

Auto Rental News - Jan. 17, 2023

Some jobs are cooler than others. Test pilots, marine biologists, and Disney Imagineers all have pretty cool jobs. So do futurists — scientists, philosophers, and thinkers — who get paid to envision what our world will look like moving forward. Like science fiction writers, futurists project how the technologies and trends of today will influence emerging inventions and cultural shifts to create the new normal. But unlike writers, they do this not to spin works of fiction, but to advise business and government leaders on how to anticipate and leverage these new developments to stay on the cutting edge.

As businesses plan ahead for the new year, it's worth asking, what would a futurist say about the car rental industry? To play futurist ourselves, let's look at the major trends in the industry today and the emerging technologies that are already reshaping the market to project what renting a car might look like in the next few years.

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[This Is Why EV Rental Is Surprisingly Expensive](#)

Jalopnik - Jan. 23, 2023

Despite the fact [EV prices](#) — for the most part — are falling, renting them hasn't gotten any cheaper than it was before. A new report from [USA Today](#) says that not only do [electric vehicles cost](#) more to rent than gas vehicles [up front](#), in many cases there are hidden fees that have caught travelers by surprise.

You can probably guess those costs were hidden in various charging fees such as *charging the car* or spending too much time at a charging station. Yes, you read that right. You can be penalized for charging the car.

The report says that the fine print of the updated terms from Budget Car Rental require EVs to be returned with more than 70 percent state of charge or users will face a \$35 fee. If it's less than 10 percent, then the penalty is \$70. Budget is not alone in this, though. Avis — Budget's owner — has an identical policy. Hertz also has a set of complicated rules that include charging, an idle fee (which will penalize drivers who don't move the car after it's done charging) and a rule that customers must cover any cost toward a damaged charging cable.

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[How Do You Rent an Electric Car? EV Rentals Explained](#)

MakeUseOf.com - Jan. 23, 2023

If you want to own an electric car but you're not too sure about it, you could rent an EV. Also, if you're traveling, renting an electric car could be cheaper since you don't spend that much on fuel. Not to mention, the latest electric cars have self-driving technology that makes it easier to drive.

But how do you rent an electric car? Let's find out.

The process of renting an electric vehicle is not any different from renting a gasoline vehicle. However, you first need to identify a car rental company that offers electric vehicles. Some companies with an EV lineup include Hertz, Sixty, and Enterprise.

Next, you need to find out if you can qualify to rent an electric car. Most rental companies have an age and driving experience limit for customers who want to drive electric cars. If you meet the

requirements, you can fill out your details and choose your preferred package, depending on your budget.

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[Clean Energy to Provide 86 Million Gallons of RNG to One of Nation's Largest Transit Systems, San Diego MTS](#)

Business Wire - Jan. 24, 2023

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif.-- Clean Energy Fuels Corp. (NASDAQ: [CLNE](#)), the largest provider of the cleanest fuel for the transportation market, has been awarded a contract by San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), to provide an expected 86 million gallons of [renewable natural gas](#) (RNG) to operate its bus fleet.

“San Diego MTS was an early adopter of natural gas in the 1990s and has continued to seek cleaner and more economical fueling options,” said [Clean Energy Senior Vice President Chad Lindholm](#). “As a result of the use of RNG the people who live in the San Diego area will have less exposure to greenhouse gas emissions and cleaner air.”

“RNG is a great example of how we can use innovation and technology to create a cleaner and more sustainable environment,” said MTS Chief Executive Officer Sharon Cooney. “The use of RNG is an important strategy for MTS while we work toward achieving our goal of zero emissions. This contract with Clean Energy will play key role as MTS continues transitioning to a more eco-friendly transit system.”

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AIRPORT NEWS

[Experts predict the airline trends we'll see in 2023](#)

Airport Technology - Jan. 18, 2023

Research by IATA found that airline net losses for 2022 are expected to hit \$6.9bn, but better news is on the horizon. The industry is expected to finally reach a profit in 2023 – the first time since the Covid-19 pandemic – but unpredictable factors such as oil costs and ever-increasingly extreme weather patterns will continue to create more challenges for airlines.

From baggage tracking that comes with flight bookings to a potential aircraft shortage, we hear from aviation experts, learning their predictions for the airlines in 2023.

Sylvía Kristín Ólafsdóttir, chief customer officer, Icelandair

“This year looks brighter and many in the aviation industry expect to see a return to business as usual. This will give airlines the breathing space they need to focus on the future – a future many predict will increasingly focus on sustainability.

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[Upgrade SEA — The Next Era of Capital Projects Takes Flight](#)

Port of Seattle - Jan. 23, 2023

Picture an airport journey without long lines and overflowing crowds. You follow a predictable and easy path from curb to gate with the space, services, and amenities that make your trip just right. There is more of what you know and love about Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA), plus more of what you need and want.

SEA needs modernization to meet that vision. A new suite of capital projects, brought together under the banner [Upgrade SEA](#), will create that experience from the second you hit the Airport Expressway to the moment you board your plane.

While recent projects in the Central Terminal, N Concourse, and International Arrivals Facility created or modernized approximately 1 million square feet, many remaining facilities across the airport were built for fewer passengers and older building standards. Upgrade SEA will update system efficiency, sustainability and technology, improve accessibility, and add more space for passengers.

With passenger volumes returning to pre-pandemic numbers, these updates are necessary to maintain SEA's high standards and 4-star level of service with 5-star aspirations. And while impacts are temporary, they are vital in continuing to invest in the future of this thriving airport.

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[NOT EASY: Airport Accessibility](#)

eTurboNews - Jan. 25, 2023

While many people are eager to travel, one of the major deterrents from moving from here to there is having to deal with the chaos, confusion, and long distances [at airports](#) that challenge even the nimblest and most athletic.

From the need to walk miles from one gate to the next, poor-quality air and dirty and inaccessible toilets, to high-priced food and surly employees, along with an almost total disregard for travelers with disabilities – all are roadblocks to increasing travel frequency. Who to blame? These issues can be placed at the feet of government officials, airport designers, and airport/airline corporate executives.

The Census Bureau estimated that over 42.6 million people in the United States (13 percent), have some type of disability that may impact on their mobility, vision, hearing, or cognition. The Bureau also finds that older adults are more likely to have a disability and the number of seniors is rapidly increasing. On a global level, approximately 1.2 billion people (between 15-20 percent of the world population) live with a disability. By 2050, the number of people aged 60+ y/o will reach approximately 2.1 billion.

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[‘I had no choice’: For many homeless people, O’Hare has become a nighttime refuge](#)

Chicago Tribune - Jan. 22, 2023

Norbert Pikula, 77, had been sleeping on a friend’s sofa every night for the last six months. But when his friend was admitted to the hospital a few weeks ago, Pikula’s fragile world turned upside down and he had nowhere to sleep.

So now he uses his senior citizen CTA pass to ride to O’Hare International Airport and spend the night there. His situation mirrors that of countless other homeless people who sleep at the airport to stay warm and safe during the winter.

“I had no choice,” Pikula told the Tribune on Thursday. He was on his way to open a bank account after eating his usual weekday lunch at Providence Soup Kitchen in St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church.

According to a report from the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, [an estimated 65,611 people experienced homelessness in Chicago in 2020](#), an estimate different from that offered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development because it takes into account people living doubled up or temporarily staying with others.

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[Second Australasian Airport Retail & Commercial Forum set for Brisbane in July](#)

The Moodie Davitt Report - Jan. 25, 2023

AUSTRALASIA & PACIFIC. The Australian Airports Association (AAA), in partnership with The Mercurius Group and The Moodie Davitt Report, have announced plans to hold the second Airport Retail & Commercial Forum in Brisbane from 17-19 July.

The Forum will take place at the Sofitel Hotel in Brisbane Central, with Brisbane Airport Corporation (BAC) as host. The Gala Dinner will be held at the Queensland Art Gallery.

BAC CEO Gert-Jan de Graaff said the airport company was eager to host airport colleagues from across the country.

“Commercial services are critical to all airports and the landscape is constantly changing. This forum gives us all a chance to come together to discuss important issues facing the airport commercial industry and to grab hold of new opportunities.” said de Graaff.

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['Lots' of development planned at SRQ](#)

Observer - Jan. 13, 2023

As construction continues at Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport on new boarding gates, the airport is planning for further growth outside of the passenger terminal with a focus on resolving its parking shortage.

Airport representatives are working with the Sarasota Development Review Committee to rescind its Development of Regional Impact classification and to replace it with a general development plan in order to develop parcels on airport property that lie within the city limits. The airport is seeking a development agreement with the city on 88.84 acres at the southwest corner of its property.

The airport is in three governmental jurisdictions — the city and Sarasota and Manatee counties.

By Florida statute, a development of regional impact is "any development which, because of its character, magnitude or location, would have a substantial effect upon the health, safety or welfare of citizens of more than one county."

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[Design Approved For New Parking Garage At Jacksonville International Airports International Airport](#)

Simple Flying - Jan. 24, 2023

Passengers departing Northeastern Florida's Jacksonville International Airport will soon have several thousand additional parking spaces. On Monday, the Jacksonville Aviation Authority board took steps toward constructing a new \$100 million parking garage and expanding the security checkpoints at revenue at [Jacksonville International Airport](#) (JAX).

The board voted 6-0 for a \$10 million budget transfer to design a third parking garage to add around 2,000 spaces. The new facility will encompass six levels and sit adjacent to the existing daily garage on what is currently a surface parking lot. The facility is projected to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2024 or the first quarter of 2025.

The meeting also resulted in the board unanimously ratifying a \$15 million award for continued work on the checkpoint renovation at the airport. The upgrades are both parts of an upcoming terminal expansion to add the six-gate Concourse B, expected to be completed in 2025.

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