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### [Preliminary Agenda](#)

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# GROUND TRANSPORTATION NEWS

## [As taxi business wanes at Sea-Tac, drivers want a say in their future](#)

**Seattle Times** - Feb. 13, 2023

February is slow for Haybe Jamaac, a taxi driver at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

The holidays are over. People aren't traveling for summer vacations yet. So he only works about four days a week to avoid spending too long waiting in line on the airport's cold, dark ground transportation floor.

And in recent years, Jamaac has watched as prospective passengers ignore his taxi cab in favor of the rideshare app services on the other side of the garage.

As the taxi industry has [faced near extinction](#) in the past decade due to rideshares like Uber and Lyft, the airport has become a last stand for taxi drivers in the Puget Sound region. And even at the airport, with its daily flow of passengers, business isn't what it once was.

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## [Your train just pulled into a South Florida station. Can you get a free ride from there?](#)

**Miami Herald** - Feb. 10, 2023

You've taken a train to the airport station, and there you are holding your bags.

What now? Don't worry: You won't be stranded.

Trains that run through South Florida — Tri-Rail, Brightline, Metrorail — offer shuttle bus and ride-share services that can help you get to your destination beyond the rail station.

Brightline — the fast-going yellow trains with stops in West Palm Beach, Boca Raton, Fort Lauderdale, Aventura and downtown Miami — just partnered with Uber. Passengers can now book a car ride when they buy their train tickets online.

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## [Amsterdam-based Transferz fuels up with €6.5 million for its ground transportation marketplace](#)

**EU-Startups** - Feb. 15, 2023

On a mission to give travellers and travel brands more sustainable and reliable transport solutions, [Transferz](#) has just secured €6.5 million. The Dutch startup is now planning to jet-set its international expansion plans.

Getting to and from the airport is often way more complex than it needs to be. Whilst travel marketplaces and brands have numerous solutions to book flights, accommodation and rental cars, reserving and booking (private) ground transport is another story.

On a B2B basis, existing private transport solutions (such as ride-hailing apps like Uber, Bolt and Lyft), don't really cater to the market. Existing solutions don't offer booking on a seamless basis, face limitations, and have trouble guaranteeing quality.

Amsterdam-based Transferz wants to change this. The startup works with travel businesses to get more peace of mind through the travel supply chain and it's just secured €6.5 million from a consortium of individual business angels and family offices.

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[Augusta Regional Airport first in Georgia to offer new car-sharing app](#)

**WRDW.com** - Feb. 14, 2023

AUGUSTA, Ga. - More car rental options are coming to travelers at Augusta Regional Airport.

They are the first airport in Georgia to approve a contract with Turo.

Turo is a car-sharing company that works through an app, similar to Uber or Lyft. The app allows people to post their cars for travelers to rent while they're in town.

They can either exchange the car curbside or the owner can leave it for the passenger in the parking lot. Leaders with the airport say they decided to bring the company here to make transportation to and from the airport and around town easier for travelers.

Tyler Good, the airport operations manager, says "I know a lot of airports throughout the country have been having rental car shortages and so we just have been looking at other options for our passengers, so they're not stranded at the airport there are more options for them to get a car and get to their destination."

They say they're hopeful it will encourage more people to fly out of Augusta Regional Airport Turo is expecting to launch here on Mar. 15, just in time for tournament week.

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[SF airport encourages rides during parking crunch](#)

**Keloland Media Group** - Feb. 14, 2023

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. - The Sioux Falls Regional Airport is seeing an uptick in traffic.

Last month, the airport saw a 25 percent increase in cars parking in the lots compared to January of 2022.

February is also trending upward.

Audrey Brown and her family arrived at the Sioux Falls airport early so they'd have time to find a parking spot.

"It looks full, it really does. Long and short term parking are pretty full," Traveler Audrey Brown said.

Brown says they got lucky and found a spot pretty quickly, but other travelers may not be so fortunate.

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[Airport entering into agreement with "peer-to-peer" car rental co.](#)

**Cody Enterprise** - Feb. 15, 2023

A car rental company that has been operating illegally out of the Yellowstone Regional Airport's parking lot for over a year may soon enter into a formal agreement with the airport.

Turo is a "peer-to-peer" rental company that allows private vehicle owners to rent their personal vehicles to visitors, airport director Aaron Buck said during an airport board meeting Feb. 8.

Turo cars are usually left in the airport parking lot, where travelers pick them up and use them to drive to their destination.

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## [Honolulu's New Airport Rental Center Has Lots Of Electric Cars But Only One Charging Station](#)

**Honolulu Civil Beat** - Feb. 13, 2023

In announcing the opening of a new, \$377 million [rental car facility](#) at Honolulu's airport in December 2021, the state Transportation Department heralded the convenience it would offer air passengers and its "environmentally friendly construction practices" and "energy efficient fixtures."

But one modern green transportation convenience was conspicuously absent from the five-story structure, which is massive enough to house 10 rental car company offices and their fleets. The department didn't include a single charging station for electric vehicles in the finished product, or even a single charger-ready parking stall.

To sustainability advocates, it was an enormous oversight and missed opportunity.

"How could we shoot ourselves in both feet?" asked Jeff Mikulina, a longtime sustainability expert considered [an architect of Hawaii's renewable energy policy](#).

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## [Dubai air taxi flying experience revealed](#)

**Kahleej Times** - Feb. 12, 2023

Fasten your seat belts and get ready to fly and experience the breathtaking wonders of Dubai like never before as air taxis set to [soar the skies in three years](#). UAE residents are all set to get awed by the stunning beauty of the Arabian desert, glitzy buildings and glamorous sights as they soar through the skies of the emirate on an air taxi.

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, has given his [seal of approval for the designs](#) of the air taxi stations. These marvels of modern engineering was debuted just a day before the prestigious World Government Summit (WGS).

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## [Private jet services to address India's transportation woes](#)

**India New England News** - Feb. 15, 2023

New Delhi— Urbanization is on the rise throughout the nation, which has raised traffic congestion and pollution levels, which has a negative influence on citizens' health and, ultimately, the nation's economic growth. Additionally, alternative means of transportation for greater connectivity are imperative with the inherent conditions that they are widely available.

To change the face of personal aviation by introducing innovative alternate transportation avenues. BLADE India recently came up with time-sharing private jet services, wherein one can buy the fly timing of the private jet and travel to their favorite destination whenever they wish to.

In an interview with Amit Dutta, Managing Director, Blade India, we find out the brand's history and how it plans to overcome transportation issues.

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## [Everything You Need to Know About Silver Line Extension](#)

**Northern Virginia Magazine** - Feb. 14, 2023

Metro's Silver Line Extension is finally here — patient commuters were rewarded on November 15, when the rail systems' highly anticipated initiative opened at last. Fairfax and Loudoun counties each gained three new Metrorail stations, and now Dulles International Airport is accessible by rail, thanks to the \$3 billion project.

"I am over the moon!" says Herndon Mayor Sheila Olem. "It's going to be really helpful — we were the only international airport that did not have rail."

In addition to the shiny new Dulles Airport stop, the expansion brings five stations to serve the growing tech corridor of Northern Virginia. It also adds 11.4 miles of track to the Metrorail system, and expands regional rail service about 28 miles west of Washington, DC, into Loudoun County.

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### [10 Tips & Places For Free Parking In New York City](#)

**The Travel** - Feb. 14, 2023

If you are new to New York City as a visitor or tourist with your vehicle, you are in for a big surprise. There is almost a cut-throat competition to find the perfect free parking in the city. Some garages and parking spaces can charge up to several hundred Dollars, and the New Yorkers who know about this issue pre-book their parking spot by paying a minimal [amount in parking fees](#).

This doesn't mean 'Free Parking' is a myth. You can gain its perks by just concentrating in the right direction. Read on to learn the best 10 Tips and Places for free [parking around New York City](#).

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### [Blade and BETA Complete First Electric Air Taxi Flight in NYC Area](#)

**Bloomberg** - Feb. 14, 2023

Well-heeled NYC commuters looking to dodge traffic and reach their destination in style may soon have another option: taking to the sky in an electric air taxi.

That's the hope of air-transport firm Blade Air Mobility Inc. and Beta Technologies, an electric aerospace company, after the successful completion of a historic test flight of Beta's ALIA-250 EVA electric vertical take-off and landing, or eVTOL, aircraft at the Westchester County Airport in White Plains, New York Tuesday — the first of its kind in the area.

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### [After the ride-hailing revolution, the taxi industry is reinventing itself](#)

**Boston Globe** - Feb. 10, 2023

ARLINGTON — Before dawn on a recent Tuesday, Mike Garvey swung his taxi onto Bates Road to pick up his first passenger of the day. His left hand gripped the wheel as a ponytailed man walked out with a briefcase.

"Early flight?" Garvey asked.

"Yeah," he answered. "California."

Garvey, 62, and a longtime cabbie, has come to expect conversations like these at 4 a.m., when customers begin to filter through his Toyota Camry for a day of rides to Logan Airport or Fenway or Wakefield. He did not always start his shifts so early, nor work such long days. But when the taxi industry fell into disrepair, Garvey's eight-hour shifts turned into 12. Passengers switched to Uber. Cab stands where he could pick up rides mostly disappeared.

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### [Could Vertical Taxis Leave Hotels Up in the Air? - PhocusWire](#)

**Hotel News Resource** - Feb. 14, 2023

Over centuries some of the world's biggest and most influential cities sprang up around ports: London, New York, San Francisco. More recently whole economies began to spring up around

airports. Tourism followed the same path, with a port and then an airport a prerequisite to receiving visitors.

Could all of this be about to change with the advent of eVTOL (electric vertical takeoff and landing) taxis? How we travel and explore the world is about to change forever. Hoteliers need to take note or risk being left, rather ironically, up in the air.

Why do small, vertical takeoff flying vehicles make such a difference? Because airports require massive amounts of space and regulation and cost to build, and they need to be relatively close to the main city to make any sense. And if you want to travel long distances, you don't have any option but to use your local airport as the starting point.

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### ['WORRYING TIMES': London taxi reps concerned as Heathrow looks at potential commercial rank model](#)

**TaxiPoint** - Feb. 13, 2023

London taxi representatives have suggested there could be more 'worrying times' for cabbies working on the Heathrow rank as the airport looks to monetise.

According to the Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association (LTDA) airport officials are looking at new ways to make commercial profit from taxis ranking at the busy European destination.

In June 2022 the airport recorded the highest number of taxi movements through the feeder park since 2010, thanks partly to the number of flight cancellations and high levels of disruption at the airport.

Last Spring London's black cabs were forced to begin paying a £5 fee to drop off at all Heathrow Airport terminals to help cover the costs suffered by Heathrow Airport Limited (HAL) during the pandemic.

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## AIRPORT NEWS

### [The 10 most expensive airport construction projects in 2022](#)

**Airport Technology** - Feb. 13, 2023

In total, 71 airport construction projects broke ground over the last year, according to the GlobalData construction project database.

[These projects](#) have a combined value of almost \$50bn.

This number is, surprisingly, roughly half of the 159 projects that cost a total of £110bn [in 2021](#). Through 2022, 68% of all projects are based on terminals, either expansions or new developments, totalling over \$42bn investment combined.

Of the 10 most expensive airport projects that entered the execution phase in 2022, five are located in Asia, including the most expensive project out of these 10, proving the rapid growth of aviation in the region.

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### [US airport expansions and renovations in 2023 will be robust](#)

**Airport World** - Feb. 10, 2023

Recent changes to federal funding programmes in the United States are dramatically widening the scope of airport expansion plans throughout the country, writes Mary Scott Nabers.

In the fall of 2022, the FAA announced the availability of \$1 billion during 2023 for airport expansion projects, and over the next several weeks, it will release its list of awardees for this year's funding cycle.

While the funding is earmarked for airport infrastructure projects, the types of projects that qualify are diverse.

If a project is selected, the funding will cover up to 80% of the cost for medium and large hub airports. For the remainder of eligible airports – such as small hub, non-hub, and non-primary airports – funding can cover up to 95% of a project's cost.

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### [Kansas City International Airport Unveils New Terminal](#) **Business Traveler** - Feb. 8, 2023

Kansas City International Airport's new one-million-square-foot terminal is scheduled to go into service on Tuesday, February 28. The opening is just in time for the city to host the 2023 NFL Draft and Midwest Regional March Madness matchups.

Construction on the \$1.5 billion project—city leaders say it is the most expensive infrastructure project in Kansas City's history—began in March 2019. The single terminal building replaces the three original horseshoe-shaped structures, which date back to the airport's opening in 1972.

The new terminal houses 39 gates with glass passenger boarding bridges and the capacity to expand to 50 gates in the future. An adjacent covered parking garage offers 6,100 spaces, plus dedicated curb spaces for taxis, ride-sharing platforms, and shuttles. In addition, the terminal will be the first in the US with wireless electric bus charging, expanding the airport's environmental efforts.

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### [Solar panels will double as shaded parking at El Paso International Airport](#) **KVIA.com** - Feb. 14, 2023

EL PASO, Texas (KVIA) -- Solar panels will double as shaded parking on the short term parking lot at the El Paso International Airport with federal funding.

When complete, the \$1.7 million project will generate 1.5 megawatts of renewable energy for the airport, which will offset the 2.1 megawatts used every year by the airport.

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### [San Antonio Airport slated for a \\$2.5 billion upgrade by 2028, including new terminal](#) **Texas Public Radio** - Feb. 8, 2023

The San Antonio International Airport is due for an overhaul, city officials said this week, as it plans billions of dollars in upgrades and a new terminal, set to open by the second quarter of 2028.

The city council on Wednesday viewed artist renderings presented by Jesus Saenz, the city's director of airports.

Mayor Ron Nirenberg announced himself pleased with the presentation because it answered "yes" to the old question of whether the airport could remain where it is and still serve the city's future needs.

"I thought that if we could build the airport that San Antonio deserves that we would have one of the elite airports in the United States," he said.



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**[‘We’ve outgrown this airport’: Is solution to Sea-Tac’s struggles with long lines on the way?](#)**

**KIRO 7 News** - Feb. 13, 2023

SEATAC, Wash. — Travel troubles have been plaguing Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA), and it’s not just because of winter weather.

Capacity problems are causing very long TSA lines and it’s leading people to spill into the parking garage more often than ever.

“I think we’ve outgrown this airport,” said Herbert Edwards, a long-time traveler through SEA.

“Yes, I feel like this one is too crowded,” said Pankaj Patil, another traveler.

Lance Lyttle is the managing director at SEA and knows the airport has a problem.

“If you come to the airport any time during peak, especially during the summer, you’ll see lines going outside the building,” Lyttle said.

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**[Tampa International Airport to increase parking rates](#)**

**WFLA.com** - Feb. 8, 2023

TAMPA, Fla. - The Tampa International Airport announced Tuesday that it will be raising parking rates.

The maximum daily rate for economy parking will go up by \$2 on April 4, totaling \$14 for 24 hours of parking. Officials said hourly rates will not be affected.

The airport said the increase comes as “historic inflation” has affected the airport and the Tampa Bay area at a higher rate than in many other large airport markets.

The Hillsborough County Aviation Authority Board of Directors also approved a future parking rate adjustment for when current projects are completed. The timing has not been finalized yet but it is scheduled to go into effect during the fourth quarter of 2024.

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**[Cleveland Hopkins looks to add rental car fee to fund future capital improvements](#)**

**News 5 Cleveland** - Feb. 8, 2023

CLEVELAND — Cleveland Hopkins International Airport is looking to assess a new fee on travelers who rent cars at the airport in order to fund the construction of a new rental car terminal on the airport campus.

If approved, the so-called customer facilities charge would likely be paid by non-Cleveland residents, which accounted for 96% of the rental car volume last year, according to city data.

Although airport officials are still determining the exact rate, Dennis Kramer, the interim director of port control, told members of Cleveland City Council’s Transportation and Mobility Committee that they are anticipating the fee to be in the ballpark of \$4 to \$8 per rental day. The rate would be determined by the city’s Board of Control.

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*Note: This next article is just for laughs for some airport-themed belated Valentine's Day humor:*

**[This sexist 1950s article offers a pro tip on how to snag a husband at the airport](#)**

**C Boarding Group** - Feb. 8, 2023

A Facebook post describing multiple ways for a woman to “snag” a husband from the 1950s has gone viral for all the wrong reasons. It also offers several travel-related tips on the subject including a very unique one that involves an airport shuttle. Is this the game changer your love life needs?

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**[Stressed out by South Florida's airports? Here's how to save time and avoid long waits](#)**

**South Florida Sun Sentinel** - Feb. 15, 2023

FORT LAUDERDALE — As we pack our suitcases, thrilled to get out of town, a feeling of dread also surfaces: First we have to make our way through South Florida's airports.

For some, the process— arrival in the terminal, drop-off of suitcases and security checks — is hassle-free and even a pleasure. Others feel anxiety, stress and heart palpitations as they ponder finding a place to park, long lines and potentially lost luggage.

These challenges are compounded during the crowded winter tourist season at our airports, Palm Beach International, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International and Miami International. Besides getting off to explore our beaches, many passengers are about to board a cruise or changing planes on their way to worldwide destinations. Miami now is officially home to [Florida's busiest airport](#), with 13.3 million more passengers last year than in 2021.

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**[Disabled veteran seeks clarity on Wichita airport's free parking access](#)**

**KWCH.com** - Feb. 11, 2023

WICHITA, Kan. - A viewer reached out to 12 News with problems he reported having with free disabled veteran parking at Wichita's Eisenhower National Airport. Friday, 12 News spoke with the U.S. Army veteran encountering problems, as well as the airport to clear up any misunderstanding.

The parking garage at Eisenhower National Airport costs most of the public to use, but for disabled veterans, parking is supposed to be free. There are specific rules that outline what's required to qualify for that service. One local veteran said, however, the rules changed every time he tried to park.

U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Greg Willingham retired in 2014. Now a disabled veteran, he's entitled to the free parking in the airport's parking garage. After learning of the free service, he said he was grateful. But he encountered frustration with changing rules.

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**[Park at your own risk: A look at the security of Portland airport parking lots](#)**

**KPTV.com** - Feb. 13, 2023

PORTLAND, Ore. - In a city that has been plagued with rampant property crime, Portland's international airport has not been spared.

Just last year, according to the Port of Portland, airport customers reported more than 100 cars and trucks stolen from airport parking lots.

In September 2022, Vince Rosauer parked his car in PDX's long-term parking garage ahead of his business trip to Arizona. While traveling, he got a call from his neighbor who told him his home had been broken into. At first, Rosauer thought he had been randomly targeted, but after his flight back to Portland, he began to piece together what happened.

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**[2 Tampa Airport Parking Price Increases Coming](#)**

**Wild941.com** - Feb. 14, 2023

It's Valentines Day and most of us love our airport in [Tampa](#). Compared to other big cities, getting in and out at Tampa International Airport is a breeze. If you Uber to the airport, this won't bug you much. But if you park when you fly, you're about to see a couple price increases for parking.

First the good news – hourly rates are staying the same, according to the Tampa Bay Times. But they say overnight parking in the economy lot is about to become less economical. The price for 24 hours of parking will jump from \$12 to \$14 starting April 4, 2023. Parking just went up from \$10 to \$12 a year or so ago. And that's not it. ANOTHER price hike to \$18 a day is coming once some construction projects are finished next year, according to the article.

One way to get around the price hikes is to book your parking in advance online. That will save you a couple bucks a day. You can book up to a year in advance.

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