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GROUND TRANSPORTATION NEWS

[Turo, Asheville airport mend car-sharing service dispute. Here's the resulting agreement.](#)
Asheville Citizen Times - Jan. 31, 2023

ASHEVILLE - Though it hasn't been resolved in the courts, a short-lived tiff between the Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority and a peer-to-peer vehicle sharing company has come to an end.

Turo, a kind of "Airbnb for cars," and the Asheville Airport told the Citizen Times that they have come to an amicable agreement over how the app and website-based company can operate in conjunction with airport facilities.

The Airport authority in December filed a lawsuit in Buncombe County Superior Court claiming that Turo and people who use it to "host" cars — putting them up for rent on the company's app and website — were not following airport policy by allowing transactions on the property.

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[There's a new way to get from midtown Manhattan to JFK](#)
The Points Guy - Jan. 25, 2023

Savvy, budget-minded travelers know that one of the cheapest ways to travel to New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) is via the Long Island Rail Road from Penn Station. However, for those who live or work on Manhattan's East Side, commuting to Penn Station and then to JFK can be a hassle.

Luckily, that trek will soon disappear for some: The Metropolitan Transit Authority plans to launch LIRR service from the new Grand Central Madison station, located below Grand Central Terminal, to Jamaica, Queens, on Jan. 25. The Jamaica stop is approximately 15 minutes away from JFK via the AirTrain.

This new service will be in addition to the existing trains from Penn Station.

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[BP Pulse hopes Gigahubs will enhance EV charging experiences](#)

The Buzz EV News - Jan. 30, 2023

Public charging can be a fantastic and necessary commodity for EV owners, but oftentimes, there's a problem with the way charging infrastructure is installed. Maybe it was deployed in an area that doesn't make much sense, or the charging software is malfunctioning. Maybe it isn't well-lit. Maybe there isn't any security in the area for the EV driver. Plus, the driver is there for a while – wouldn't it be great if there was a snack or, even better, a restroom?

[BP Pulse](#) has noticed this too, saying "there has got to be a better way!" As a result, the company is planning to amp the EV charging experience up to 11 via new "Gigahubs" – a series of large electric vehicle fast-charging hubs that will be built near airports and other high-demand locations, to serve ride-hail and taxi fleets around the country. The first one is being deployed near LAX, and BP Pulse plans to have it up and running in time for the 2028 Olympic games.

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[The Gig Is Up: Colorado Lawmakers Introduce Bill Regulating Rideshare Companies](#)

Westword - Jan. 31, 2023

Like pretty much everything else, the price of using rideshare and delivery apps such as Uber, Lyft and DoorDash has gone up in recent years, much to the dismay of those who use them.

And those who take people and products from point A to point B want everyone to know that the increase in price isn't the driver's fault. For the most part, they make less than they used to. Some have even joined the effort to promote legislation that would show the customer and the driver exactly how little of the cost of each ride goes to the person making the trip happen.

Senator Robert Rodriguez and representatives Jennifer Bacon and Stephanie Vigil, the latter of whom is a gig driver herself, are now sponsoring a [Gig Work Transparency Bill](#) that would show those costs in full.

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[Taxi Driver Shortage Interrupting Service at YYT](#)

VOCM Local News Now - Feb. 1, 2023

The passenger journey through St. John's international Airport is occasionally interrupted or slowed because there are no taxis available.

Lisa Bragg, director of business development and marketing at YYT, says those situations do happen but are infrequent occurrences.

The airport contracts out taxi service to City Wide with a rate grid which differs from the regular schedule.

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[Uber and Lyft used to be much cheaper than taxis. Now cabs are leveling the playing field.](#)

Crain's Chicago Business - Jan. 27, 2023

Sabrina Roberts has been refraining from using "Uber" as a verb. "I've pretty much switched over to Curb completely," she says.

The 27-year-old learning design specialist has moved from using ride-hailing services to taxis more often, but she's still getting around with an app: Curb, used by taxi drivers all over the city.

Part of her reason for the change was price. Recently Roberts has noticed a shift: The cost of taxis on Curb are now often lower than prices she's seen on Uber or Lyft. For Chicagoans leaving events or facing rush-hour traffic, ride-hail companies are no longer the bargain options they used to be.

Once tech startup darlings, Uber and Lyft both went public in 2019 and are now obligated to show shareholders they can make a profit. But recent price hikes undermine the major selling point of these apps: affordability. The shift could position traditional taxis, which were once easily undercut by ride-hail apps' subsidized rates, for a comeback, especially as Curb bridges the tech gap.

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[First autonomous vehicles started working on the territory of Tallinn Airport](#) **Travel Daily News** - Jan. 27, 2023

As of January 24th, Tallinn Airport has officially begun utilizing autonomous vehicles supplied by Auve Tech OÜ for the transportation of Magnetic MRO employees and small package deliveries. This marks the introduction of cutting-edge technology in the airport's ground transportation operations.

According to Riivo Tuvike, Chairman of the Board of AS Tallinna Lennujaam, the decision by Auve Tech to conduct testing of their autonomous vehicles on the airport's property is purposeful – the movement here requires complying with several rules and procedures. *“This allows us to create an unprecedented experience on how to use autonomous vehicles for airport needs in the future, such as transporting passengers,”* said Tuvike. Furthermore, Tuvike emphasized that Tallinn Airport has always placed a strong emphasis on innovation and the integration of advanced technology.

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[How To Get To, From & Around Denver Airport](#) **Simple Flying** - Jan. 26, 2023

Whether you're arriving in Denver for the first time or looking for some help on the best ways to get to the airport for your trip, our guide has everything you need to know.

While many people prefer to drive to the airport for their flight, you don't have to have a vehicle to get to and from DEN. There are plenty of options for driving and parking, but you could also consider the cheaper and more environmentally friendly options of buses and trains.

[Denver Airport](#) has multiple parking lots on site, with parking fees ranging from \$168 a day for the closest to just \$8 a day for a further away car park with a free shuttle. The cheapest option is the 61st and Pena pre-pay car park, located off-airport on the A Line. The fee is \$7 a day, but you need to factor in your \$10.50 A Line fare too - for longer stays, it works out, but for shorter stays, the shuttle car park is a better option.

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[Germany prepares for nationwide highly automated parking](#) **Traffic Technology International** - Jan. 25, 2023

Following the [approval late last year](#) of the use of highly automated parking in the P6 garage at Germany's Stuttgart Airport, parking operator APCOA and technical partner Bosch are to make spaces available for the use of the system at 15 further garages across the country.

From Hamburg to Munich, work to expand the infrastructure-based, automated, and driverless SAE Level 4 parking system is set to start in 2023. As a first step, Bosch and APCOA are planning to make up to four parking spaces per parking garage ready for automated valet parking.

Automated valet parking is the wave of the future: The driver simply parks the vehicle in a handover zone near the entrance of a parking garage, and uses an app to start the highly automated and driverless parking service. The basis for this is Bosch stereo cameras, which not only identify vacant parking spaces but also monitor the driving aisle and its surroundings, and reliably detect obstacles

or people in the aisle. If an unexpected obstacle is detected, the vehicle brakes and safely comes to a complete stop.

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[Premier Taxis: Getting to and from London Airports Seamlessly](#)

Wales 247 - Feb. 1, 2023

Visiting London for the first or tenth time is an exciting experience to be sure. As you may already know, London is a busy metropolis and getting around this fine city is no easy feat, especially if you're in a rush. This is especially true when it comes to going to or going somewhere from one of London's major airports.

That's why you should consider Premier Taxis as they offer some of the best [airport transfers London](#) has to offer. That being said, you can book [Premier Taxis to Gatwick](#), for example, an experienced driver who is very familiar with London's streets will get you there on time.

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[Autonomous buses: Staffless vehicles to be tested for airport car park shuttles](#)

The Scotsman - Jan. 31, 2023

The [UK Government](#) announced on Wednesday that future deployments as part of the Connected and Autonomous Vehicles Forth (CavForth) project would involve "smaller vehicles which could operate with no staff on board".

However, [Stagecoach](#), which will operate the service, later clarified that the service was likely to always need staff on board and the staffless vehicle trial was expected to be aimed at shuttle services such as in airport car parks.

The initial "captained" 14-mile CavForth route, using electric single decker buses with a driver on board, is to be extended by five miles from the Ferrytoll park and ride site north of the Forth Road Bridge to Dunfermline.

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[Cleveland proposes extra car rental fees for airport customers](#)

Cleveland 19 News - Jan. 25, 2023

CLEVELAND, Ohio (WOIO) - Mayor Justin Bibb's administration has proposed new charges for customers renting cars at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

The legislation was introduced at this week's city council meeting.

"It's a little bit premature for us to do a deep dive on it," said council president Blain Griffin. "As always we want to make sure the impact it would have on our customers."

When reached by email, a city spokesperson directed 19 News to airport officials; the airport spokesperson also said it was too early to discuss specifics.

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[Hertz And Avis/Budget Are Renting Teslas And Other EVs But Charging Up Before Return Is A Mess](#)

Forbes - Jan. 25, 2023

Major car rental companies are now starting to rent electric cars. EV drivers and those wishing to try an EV are interested, but at present policies about how to charge the car (or not) before returning

it are all over the map, as are the prices. There is a bit of a mismatch between typical rental car thinking and EVs that needs sorting out, at least at a few of the big players.

Web sites and reports reveal:

- Avis/Budget is OK if you return the car 70% full, but it's \$35 if not, and \$70 if it's below 10%.
- Enterprise does not charge fees. They rent the Leaf and Volt (a hybrid.)
- Alamo also does not charge fees.
- Europcar states vehicles are provided "full" and do not need to be recharged

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[How to get the best deal on a rental car](#)

Auralcrave - Jan. 26, 2023

No one can resist a good deal when planning their next travel destination. But getting a good deal takes much more work and knowledge than simply visiting a dealer. Upselling is a common trick rental companies use to get more from you, and you may spend more than you had budgeted. So you need to take advantage of discounts and offers such as the [Enterprise car rental senior discount](#) to get the best value for your money. Whether it's a staycation or an adventure to unknown parts of the world, here are a few car rental tips that will help you find a great rental deal.

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[Avis Budget launches first large-scale EV charging at an airport](#)

Electronics 360 - Jan. 27, 2023

Rental car giant Avis Budget Group is collaborating with EverCharge to deploy what is claimed to be the first large-scale electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at an airport.

The stations will power Avis and Budget's fleet of EVs and plug-in hybrid EVs that are available to rent at George Bush International Airport in Houston, Texas.

Following the rollout of the Houston airport infrastructure, Avis Budget Group and EverCharge plan to extend the partnership to additional airport locations this year.

Rental car companies are quickly jumping on board the EV transition as they are following automotive OEMs that are in the process of the largest transition in automotive history. In September 2022, Hertz signed an agreement to [buy 175,000 EVs](#) from General Motors over the next five years. A move that would widen Hertz's electric fleet simultaneously as GM accelerates its own move to electrification.

This was after Hertz already agreed to buy [65,000 Polestar](#) EVs and add [50,000 Tesla](#) EVs to its U.S. fleet in the past two years.

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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.

AIRPORT NEWS

[PHL Unsung Heroes: Parkway Corporation Assistant Vice President Charles Newkirk](#)

PHL Newsroom - Jan. 27, 2023

Parkway Corporation Assistant Vice President Charles Newkirk recently received the “Unsung Heroes” award from Philadelphia International Airport’s (PHL) Employee Recognition Program. This award honors employees who work behind the scenes and are not typically recognized for their work. Although they do not work directly with guests, their effectiveness significantly impacts the airport and guest experience.

Newkirk directs ground transportation at PHL, specifically the traffic on the South Commercial Road, which includes taxis, commercial buses, ground transportation information, personal vehicles, shared ride drivers, employee parking, and commercial vehicles. Newkirk has been at Parkway for 40 years, serving 30 of those years at PHL. Since 1993, when he first arrived at PHL, he’s witnessed the growth of the airport, including the construction of Terminal A-West and Terminal F.

Newkirk initially began as a parking lot attendant and has held various other positions within Parkway before his current position. Throughout his career, Newkirk has attained a Certified Parking Facility Manager Certification from the National Parking Association. He’s also a member of the [Airport] Ground Transportation Association and the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE).

Editor Note: The Airport Ground Transportation Association name was corrected in the last paragraph posted above.

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[Raleigh airport introduces new biometric eye-scanners to speed up security](#)

Wavy.com- Jan. 31, 2023

RALEIGH, N.C. — Security remains one of the most time-intensive and unpredictable parts of air travel, but [a new futuristic system](#) now in use at Raleigh-Durham International Airport may help to speed up the process.

On Wednesday, [RDU airport introduced CLEAR biometric security lanes](#).

If you travel much by air, you may have already spotted CLEAR’s white terminals near the security lines in more than 40 U.S. cities. Raleigh marks the brand’s 50th airport.

The idea is simple. When you step up to one of these terminals, it can scan your eyes or fingers to verify your identity, eliminating the need to take out your driver’s license. A CLEAR ambassador then leads travelers through the lane and directly to physical security.

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[O'Hare remains the second busiest airport in nation, gains ground from 2021](#)

Daily Herald - Jan. 27, 2023

O'Hare International Airport beat its Atlanta rival in terms of growth rate for flights in 2022, the Federal Aviation Administration reported Friday.

But Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport still shellacked Chicago for the third year in a row as the nation's busiest airfield.

The FAA counted 711,561 operations at O'Hare in 2022, trailing Hartsfield-Jackson's 724,145. That's a difference of 12,584, about 34 daily flights.

At the same time, O'Hare continues to climb out of its COVID-19 blues with a 4% spurt in flights last year compared to 684,201 arrivals and departures in 2021.

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[Upgrades Coming to Sacramento International Airport. Here's What will Change](#)

Aviation Pros - Feb. 1, 2023

Sacramento International Airport is poised for a \$1.3 billion renovation.

The plan, which will be formally announced at a news conference on Wednesday morning, will include:

- six to eight new gates in Terminal B
- a covered pedestrian walkway near the shuttle that carries people from the land-side of the terminal to the air-side, officially known as the Automated People Mover
- an additional parking garage
- a new consolidated car rental center
- and a new ground transportation center.

Airport officials confirmed these upgrades on Tuesday, in advance of the news conference.

The seven-year plan, called SMForward, is built on a 20-year master plan developed in 2020. The plan has been delayed until now due to the fact that the COVID-19 pandemic decreased passenger demand for several years.

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[Paid airport parking could be needed if Breeze Airways is big hit](#)

VeroNews.com - Jan. 28, 2023

Breeze Airways' first commercial flight into Vero Beach next Thursday night is a sellout – and more are expected.

“Breeze representatives have repeatedly told me that ticket sales for flights into and out of Vero Beach have been more robust than they expected,” Vero Beach Airport Director Todd Scher said last week. “They're not only happy with the early response, but they're also excited about their future here.”

The low-fare carrier announced in October it would begin offering passenger jet service – connecting Vero Beach to Hartford, Conn., Westchester County, N.Y., and Norfolk, Va. – starting on Feb. 2, and airline officials said they would add flights and routes if Breeze's initial service is successful.

That success, however, could prompt airport officials to consider charging Vero Beach passengers service fees and installing a paid-parking system to generate revenue to cover the costs of future expansion of and improvements to the city-owned facility.

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[LAX transformation more than halfway done, last phase underway](#)

Daily Breeze - Jan. 28, 2023

The Los Angeles International Airport's long-term modernization is more than halfway finished, airport officials said in an update this week, with some projects completed in the past few years and others under construction and upcoming.

The second and final phase of the \$15 billion capital improvement project recently began, said Justin Erbacci, CEO of Los Angeles World Airports during a Thursday, Jan. 27 virtual forum on its progress, and construction will go through 2030.

Since the project started in 2017, LAX has added a public parking structure, a \$216 million airport police facility, redesigned Terminal 3, built Terminal 1.5 between Terminals 1 and 2, and created Terminal 4.5 and 5.5 entranceways that include escalators and elevators, and will connect to the upcoming automated train, among other improvements.

Erbacci said Thursday that the entire revamp is 70% complete.

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[Port of Port Angeles increasing security after airport break-ins](#)

Sequim Gazette - Feb. 1, 2023

A number of thefts and vehicle break-ins at Fairchild International Airport and the Industrial Park has the Port of Port Angeles set to make some adjustments in security.

“We have had several thefts of items from the long-term parking at the airport, and we have also had some theft of items from the airport industrial park,” said Paul Jarkiewicz, director of operations for the port, during the organization’s Jan. 10 meeting.

There have been at least six incidents of theft over the last two months, Jarkiewicz said, including vehicle break-ins, gas siphoning and most recently the theft of an equipment trailer owned by one of the tenants at the port.

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[Parking fees are going up at Sarasota Bradenton airport. Here’s why](#)

Bradenton Herald - Jan. 30, 2023

The Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority on Monday raised parking fees at Sarasota Bradenton International Airport and selected a planning firm to study the feasibility of building a parking garage.

In 2022, SRQ served a record 3.8 million passengers, breaking the previous record by nearly 700,000.

By adding new parking facilities, as well as temporary parking, the airport authority has increased total availability from 2,439 parking spaces to 4,428 spaces.

The increase in demand for vehicle parking at the airport impeded access to the short-term parking lot for the convenient pickup and drop-off of passengers at the airport, Piccolo said.

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[Reservations for CLT airport daily parking now required under temporary change](#)

The Charlotte Observer - Jan. 31, 2023

Anyone looking to park in the “Daily Decks” at Charlotte Douglas International Airport will need a reservation for the coming weeks.

Daily parking decks are “reservation only from mid-January through February,” the airport said in a statement to The Charlotte Observer, “as the airport continues to modernize its parking facilities.”

“Drive-up parking options are available at CLT’s other parking facilities,” the statement said.

The airport has rolled back the rule that reservations must be made at least three hours in advance for daily parking decks amid the temporary policy change, meaning “drivers can book onsite within seconds of parking.”

"The three-hour minimum lead time for online booking, however, still applies to CLT's other parking lots/decks," the airport's statement said.

To encourage more use of long-term parking, the airport authority approved parking fee increases starting Feb. 1.

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[Tennessee Republicans push for control of Nashville airport, sports venues](#)

The Tennessean - Feb. 1, 2023

Tennessee Republicans filed bills Tuesday to exert their control over the governing boards for Nashville's airport, Nissan Stadium, Bridgestone Arena and other Music City landmarks.

The new bills would remake the boards and give state lawmakers and the governor the power to appoint the majority of the members.

The legislation comes as the battle between Democratic-led Nashville and legislative Republicans continues to heat up and as the city's politics experience a major shakeup. Nashville Mayor John Cooper this week announced he would not run for reelection, setting the stage for a wide open August mayoral election.

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[Are Airport Parking Lots Safe? 5 Tips and Things to Know](#)

Utah Pulse - Jan. 30, 2023

Do you travel a lot, either for work or for fun? You probably rely on airport parking, either short- or long-term, quite a bit.

However, how can you guarantee the safety of your vehicle while it is being parked at the airport? Airport parking is undoubtedly inexpensive and practical. Travelers who park at airports may be concerned about anything, be it theft of car parts or other exterior damages.

The following advice can help you keep your automobile safe while parking at an airport.

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[Airports ramping up investment in technology – new IT report](#)

Airport World - Jan. 31, 2023

Faced with increased disruptions, baggage mountains, and staff shortages, airports and airlines are ramping up their investment in technology to digitalise their operations and speed up the passenger journey by offering more self-service options, according to SITA.

SITA's 2022 Air Transport IT Insights report, published today, reveals that with the post-pandemic recovery CIOs want to ensure operations are as agile and resilient as they are efficient, with IT solutions seen as central to their success.

This, it says, has spurred an acceleration of digitalisation, with airlines and airports looking to key technology solutions to fortify their operations against disruption while automating the passenger experience.

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[Does dropping an AirTag in your luggage actually help? 'It takes two to get your item back'](#)

USA Today - Jan. 26, 2023

Harry Campbell swears by putting tracking devices in his luggage.

"Over the past few months (I've) been traveling a bit more, and I guess I have more things of value that I want to protect," the 36-year-old who runs the [Rideshare Guy blog](#) told USA TODAY. "Everyone knows travel is a hassle, luggage can get lost," and he feels that anyone who doesn't use the latest tech to track their luggage bears some responsibility if their bags go missing.

Campbell is hardly alone.

The past twelve months have been rough for travelers. Long lines in Europe, mass cancellations at Southwest, and an hourslong shutdown of a crucial national safety system are just some of the headaches flyers have encountered recently.

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