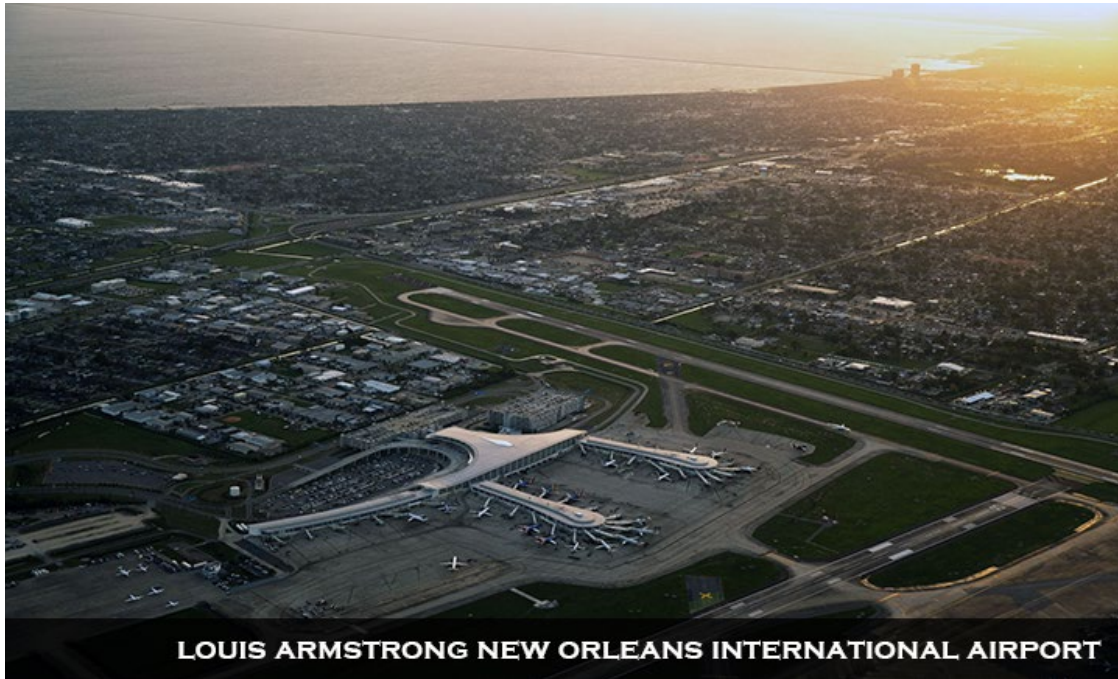




## AGTA News from the Airport Curb



### Will you be in New Orleans?

We're meeting April 30 - May 3, 2023 in New Orleans, Louisiana at the Crowne Plaza New Orleans French Quarter. The theme for this year's conference is ***A Return to New Orleans: New Build, Re-Build, or Are You Planning for the Future?***

This AGTA conference in New Orleans will feature general sessions and breakout workshops taking a look at the potential best efforts to implement an airport's plan for the future, whether maintaining the best of the status quo, identifying and implementing vast changes in the future, or scrapping wholesale "what is" for "what could be". These sessions will examine the details in today's Airport Ground Transportation Plans and suggest how airports, parking, and providers can work together to develop the best plan for each unique airport.

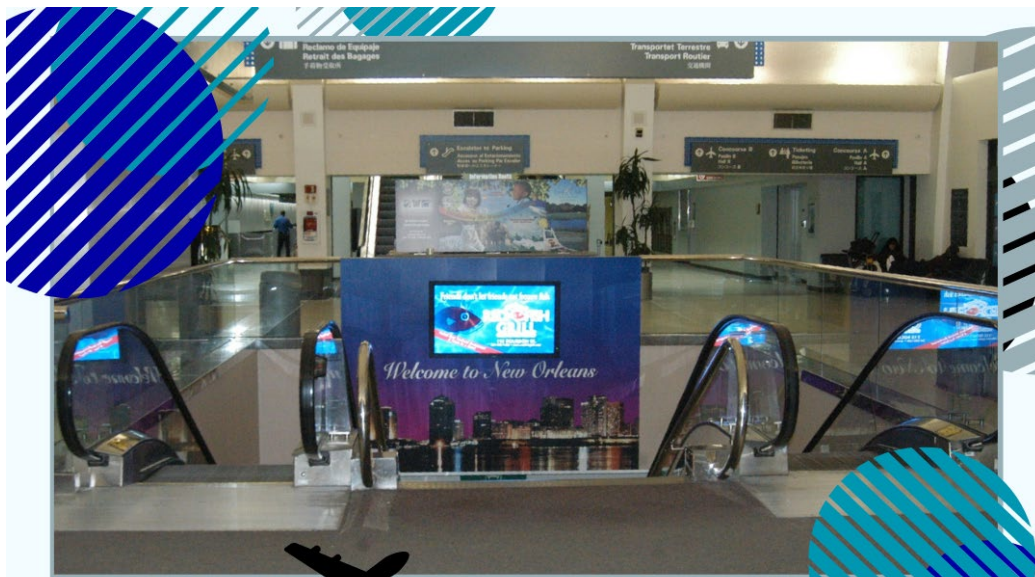
[Preliminary Agenda](#)

***Note: We recommend reserving your hotel room as soon as possible to secure the \$189 conference rate. Hotels are filling up fast with the Jazz Festival event occurring the same week in New Orleans. Use the link below to reserve your room.***

[Meeting Registration](#)

[Hotel Reservation](#)

**There are only 5 more weeks to save \$100! Register for the meeting before April 7 to save \$100 on registration! Use the link below to go to our registration page. Registration is available for both members and non-members.**



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## GROUND TRANSPORTATION NEWS

### [US Airports Investing Millions In Electric Buses](#)

**Simple Flying** - Feb. 23, 2023

United States airports are investing in electric buses to help passengers make connections from airport terminals to rental cars and parking lots. Electric buses – whether they be trolleys or battery electric – emit less air pollution, are quieter and less odorous.

Battery electric buses are becoming a popular amenity for airports to offer. According to electric bus manufacturer Proterra CEO Ryan Pople in a statement,

"Airports are an ideal use case for electric vehicle technology because of their predictable circulator routes and potential for shared charging infrastructure with other service vehicles in the fleet."

Indeed, most medium and large airports use buses to transfer passengers and their luggage between airport terminals and parking lots. Other airport vehicles like animal patrol can also easily be electrified.

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### [O'Hare Airport to Relocate Terminal 5 Rideshare Pick-ups Starting Monday](#)

**NBC Chicago** - Feb. 27, 2023

Anyone who plans to fly into Terminal 5 at O'Hare International Airport anytime soon and take a rideshare will need to head to a new pick-up location.

Starting Monday, airline passengers who arrive into Terminal 5 will need to transfer to Terminal 2 to access rideshare pick-ups, the airport previously announced.

Passengers who wish to find a ride with Uber or Lyft will need to transfer to the Terminal 2 departures area using the Airport Transit System, which takes approximately five minutes and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The airport said the change reflects an effort from Chicago aviation officials to condense rideshare pick-ups to one location.

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### [Tulsa Airport moves rideshare pickups to Arrivals area](#)

**KRMG.com** - Feb. 28, 2023

Starting tomorrow, Tulsa International Airport will have what they hope will be a more convenient place for people to meet their Uber and Lyft rides.

The rideshare-pickup area will now be in the center of the Arrivals roadway, right outside the baggage claim area.

It will be about halfway between Concourse A and Concourse B, slightly behind the taxi-pickup area.

It's been located down on the Departures roadway, which meant that arriving travelers have had to go down the escalator or elevator to find it.

After getting feedback from both rideshare riders and drivers, airport officials determined the location on the upper level would be more efficient.

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### [Port Authority to Host Second Platooning Demonstration of Autonomous Vehicles at JFK Airport](#)

**Port Authority NY NJ** - Feb. 28, 2023

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and Ohmio, a leading New Zealand-based autonomous mobility company, today announced that in June, John F. Kennedy International Airport will host the country's first three-vehicle platooning demonstration at a U.S. airport. The agency also hosted a demonstration of two eight-passenger electric autonomous shuttles in a platoon at the airport in October 2022 to simulate how such technology could serve passengers in the future.

The Ohmio demonstration will focus on using eight-passenger driverless shuttles in a three-vehicle platoon on a closed road segment at the JFK Long Term Parking Lot, where they will travel very closely together without any physical connection. The Port Authority is looking to advance use of autonomous technology in public transit to improve customer service and reliability and to increase capacity, such as piloting [autonomous buses](#) in the Lincoln Tunnel's Exclusive Bus Lane to increase service to the Midtown Bus Terminal during peak travel periods.

Autonomous vehicles, or AVs, are an important emerging technology to allow vehicles to operate safely and efficiently without a driver, and successful demonstrations of AV platooning may prove particularly useful in airport environments to transport passengers in a single movement for short connections such as access to a nearby commuter rail station, an airport rental car facility, or from an AirTrain station to the furthest ends of long-term parking lots.

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### [DART president says Dallas might not get most of \\$111 million promised by transit agency](#)

**The Dallas Morning News** - Mar. 1, 2023

DART President and CEO Nadine Lee says Dallas has cost the transit agency more than \$80 million with delays and requested changes to a light rail construction project and the money could come out of [\\$111 million in excess sales tax revenue the city is due to receive](#).

Lee told City Council members on Tuesday of an estimated \$50 million in delays related to the planned Silver Line rail project and more than \$30 million in requested improvements beyond what the transit agency believes is required for the project.

She said the city's contract with DART related to the project called for submitted plans to the city to be reviewed and approved within 10 days, but in some cases it's taken as long as nine months. She estimated the issues were costing Dallas \$150,000 a day of its share of [\\$234 million DART officials announced last year it would give to the 13 cities it serves](#) for public transportation-related projects.

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### [Vertical Flight Society Hosts Second Annual Hydrogen Symposium](#)

**Hydrogen Central** - Mar. 1, 2023

Vertical flight society hosts second annual hydrogen symposium.

The Vertical Flight Society (VFS), the world's leading non-profit organization working to advance vertical flight, is holding its 2nd Annual H2-Aero Symposium on March 28-30, 2023, in Long Beach, California. This year's event includes the SAE International airport fueling standards meeting, both of which are open for all conference attendees. Details can be found at [www.vtol.org/h2symposium](http://www.vtol.org/h2symposium).

Mike Hirschberg, VFS Executive Director, said: "Last year's event was the first conference in North America on hydrogen for aviation, with pioneering presentations from the government, aviation industry and hydrogen industry."

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### [Ohio State awarded \\$15 million for autonomous transportation research](#)

**Ohio State University** - Mar. 1, 2023

The U.S. Department of Transportation has chosen a research consortium led by The Ohio State University to address cybersecurity risks in various modes of transportation.

Ohio State will receive \$10 million in federal funding and \$5 million in cost-share over the next five years to establish a Tier 1 University Transportation Center (UTC). U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced up to \$435 million in grant awards for [34 UTCs](#) that will help the next generation of transportation professionals make roads, bridges, rail, shipping and airspace safer, more innovative and more efficient.

"We are proud to support University Transportation Centers across the country that are developing cutting-edge technologies to improve our transportation systems for years to come," Buttigieg said. "With this investment, we'll be able to support a new generation of leaders as they continue to pursue research that will usher in safer, cleaner and more accessible ways to get people where they need to go."

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### [Union drive: Uber, Lyft drivers rally for right to unionize](#)

**Boston Herald** - Mar. 1, 2023

Kyle DeLegge has spent his weekends for the past five years working as a part-time Uber driver, often bringing riders to Logan Airport and other Boston destinations.

While on the job, which serves as a side hustle, DeLegge said he has seen his working conditions deteriorate and pay lessen.

"They keep chopping away," he said, "You put a lot of time in. It is exhausting because you're paying attention to the road, you want a great ride for the rider."

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### [Eagle County airport adds new ride-share service](#)

**Vail Daily** - Mar. 1, 2023

People using the Eagle County Regional Airport will have another transportation option next ski season.

The Eagle County Board of Commissioners this week approved a contract with Turo, a ride-sharing service in which owners rent out their vehicles to clients. The agreement calls for Turo owners to pay 6% of their gross income to the airport.

Eagle County Aviation Director David Reid in an email wrote that Turo will be required to self-report its operations at the airport. The same requirement is imposed on Lyft and Uber.

Those ride-sharing services tried for several years to provide service to the airport, but an agreement wasn't in place until the 2021-22 winter flight season.

Reid wrote that before the agreement with those services, drivers were prevented from picking up passengers but could drop off riders.

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### [Uber/Taxi hit or miss](#)

**The Suburban** - Mar. 1, 2023

"My taxi was once worth more than \$200k, says Soueid, a cabbie with more than 20 years experience en route to the airport Saturday morning. "Now it's worth nothing."

He had harsh words for the Quebec government, which was supposed to settle the issue of ridesharing regulation, but in the process left what he calls "Still wild west. You don't know what you get and if they come, and they don't know the city." Indeed, he says, "I have to be able to tell tourists about the city, where this is where that is. Take an Uber to the airport ask him if he knows which door to let you out. See if they help with bags."

Perhaps most of all, the issue of reliability distinguishes newer ride services and traditional cabs. "You call I come. You arrange the night before we're here. Uber isn't that reliable."

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### [Some rental car facilities could charge a convenience fee](#)

**WGN Radio 720** - Feb. 27, 2023

[Johnny Jet](#), travel influencer, joins Bob Sirott to talk about President Biden's transportation in Poland, spring break travel deals, and rental car convenience fees. He also shares details about today's airport delays, security hacks, and travel predictions for upcoming holidays.

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### [Cancun Taxi Drivers Forced To Attend Training On Dealing With Passengers After Rise In Complaints](#)

**Cancun Sun** - Feb. 27, 2023

The behavior of some Cancun taxi drivers over the last month or so has been anything but professional, with some even going so far as to harass potential customers. In February alone, 60 or more taxi drivers were sanctioned for exactly this reason and for violating the "Zero Tolerance" rule of the Andres Quintana Roo Taxi Drivers Union.

As a result of their actions, these Cancun taxi drivers are being forced to [attend training](#) on dealing with passengers due to the rise in complaints being reported.

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### [When to Consider Booking With Turo Over a Traditional Rental Car](#)

**Nerd Wallet** - Mar. 1, 2023

Turo is a peer-to-peer car sharing platform that allows car owners to rent out their own cars to regular people. Consider it a sort of [Airbnb for cars](#).

Given [high rental car prices](#) and often limited rental car availability, [alternative rental car services](#) like Turo can be a lifesaver. After all, skyrocketing rental car prices became one of the biggest pandemic-era travel stories as they hit record highs in July 2021.

The story of rental cars experiencing [massive price increases](#) since the pandemic continues. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, January 2023 car rental prices were up 36% versus January 2020, the last comparable month before COVID lockdowns in the U.S.

Peer-to-peer car sharing platforms, meanwhile, have continued to grow in popularity. The global car sharing market surpassed \$2 billion in value in 2020 and is expected to grow 20% annually from 2021 to 2027, according to July 2021 data from market researcher Global Market Insights.

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### [Hertz installs electric vehicle charging stations at TPA Rental Car Center](#) **Tampa International Airport - Feb. 28, 2023**

If you're looking to give a brand-new electric vehicle a spin, you'll get a charge out of the options now available at Tampa International Airport.

Car rental company Hertz is investing heavily in its EV offerings, recently installing 42 Level 2 Tesla Wall Connector charging stations in its space at TPA's Consolidated Rental Car Center.

The charging infrastructure supports an expansive fleet of EVs at Hertz, giving TPA guests access to several EV makes and models. Customers at TPA's Hertz location can now rent Tesla's Model 3 and Model Y; the Polestar 2; Chevrolet's Bolt EV and EUV; and Hyundai's Kona.

Hertz plans to add more makes and models this year as part of its efforts to make a full quarter of its fleet electric by the end of 2024.

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### [New electric vehicle chargers coming to Harrisburg International Airport](#) **ABC27.com - Feb. 28, 2023**

HARRISBURG, Pa. (WHTM) – Six DC fast chargers will be added at Harrisburg International Airport for rental cars.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection announced the funding Tuesday as part of a \$1.5 million Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant.

As part of the funding, Aero Corp. will receive \$300,000 for the chargers, which will be used for Aero's fleet of rental electric vehicles.

The chargers will also be available to other car rental companies.

"The Shapiro Administration is committed to growing the Commonwealth's economy while protecting Pennsylvanians' constitutional right to clean air and pure water," said DEP Acting Secretary Rich Negrin. "A growing number of organizations and businesses in Pennsylvania want to lower their transportation emissions. Today's announcement demonstrates a shared commitment between the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and our local communities and businesses to improve air quality, address climate change, and increase the use of renewable energy across the Commonwealth."

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### [Sixt Expands in Pittsburgh and Toronto](#) **Auto Rental News - Mar. 1, 2023**

Sixt USA officially announced the opening of two new U.S. locations on Feb. 28. The rental operator has opened locations at Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT) and at Canada's Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ), further [extending the company's presence across North America](#).

These openings follow a series of [several new locations in the U.S. last year](#), including [Vail's Eagle County Regional Airport](#) (EGE), Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT), and Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI), with a new branch opening in Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) later this spring.

"As travel continues to pick up and consumers seek out new destinations, we are thrilled to continue expanding Sixt's presence and offer our premium rental experience to travelers across North America," said Tom Kennedy, chief executive officer at Sixt USA in a statement. "The opening of Pittsburgh complements our branch network along the heavily traveled Northeast Coast corridor."

About 12 years after Sixt expanded its business to the U.S., the country is now the largest individual market for the brand with 100 rental stations in 22 states and about 1,200 employees. It now serves 39 airports, and increased turnover in the U.S. by about 60% in the first nine months of 2022.

## AIRPORT NEWS

### [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Airport Terminals Program](#)

**Federal Aviation Administration** - Feb. 27, 2023

Through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, \$5 billion has been granted to provide competitive grants for airport terminal development projects that address the aging infrastructure of the nation's airports. These grants will fund safe, sustainable and accessible airport terminals, on-airport rail access projects and airport-owned airport traffic control towers. Projects may also include multimodal development.

For FY23, another \$1 billion has been made available. Here's how its helping your community.

The second billion will fund projects at 99 airports across the country. These projects improve the passenger experience at airports in communities of all sizes. These improvements aim to make it faster and easier to check bags, get through security, and find your gate, all while creating jobs and supporting local economies.

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### [Long Island MacArthur Airport Announces \\$26M in Terminal Projects and Completion of the Ground Transportation Center](#)

**Metropolitan Airport News** - Feb. 25, 2023

[Long Island MacArthur Airport](#) officially dedicated its \$8.4 million, 12,000 SF Ground Transportation Center (GTC) following the completion of a Terminal Walkway, the final component of the project. Additionally, the airport announced \$26 million in improvements to the Main Terminal Building and Mechanical Engineering and Plumbing (MEP) upgrades. While separate grants fund this construction work, the projects will take place simultaneously for efficiency and to keep operations running smoothly for customers. The project is expected to take approximately one year to complete.

The construction improvements now underway will further improve the level of service for customers and will update and refresh old systems.

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### [Dallas Love Field preps for spring break travel with parking and amenities](#)

**Dallas Culture Map** - Mar. 1, 2023

March is here which means a lot of things but for the purposes of this story, it means it's time to start thinking about Spring Break and Dallas Love Field is all over it.



The airport expects an average of more than 30,000 travelers per day during the weeks of Spring Break, which in 2023 occur between March 6–10 and March 13–17, depending on local school district.

They're offering tips to preparing for upcoming travel. Roll out the bulleted list!

- Arrive early. Plan ahead and arrive at the airport at least two hours early to allow enough time for parking, checking luggage, and security.
- Prepare for TSA Screening. Adhere to TSA guidelines to avoid onsite delays. For a full listing of requirements, visit the TSA website.
- Gather your documents. Keep all important documentation including government-issued identification, boarding passes, and vaccination cards (when applicable) readily available.
- Properly pack firearms. Wait, what. When traveling with a firearm, it must be unloaded and placed in a secure container within checked baggage and declared at check-in. Firearms are never allowed in carry-on luggage.

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**[Media Advisory: Nashville International Airport® Anticipates Increased Passenger Numbers for Upcoming Spring Break Season](#)**

**FlyNashville.com - Feb. 27, 2023**

**WHAT:** As BNA prepares for one of its busiest travel seasons of the year and the airport continues its trajectory of exponential growth, travelers are urged to follow the below tips from BNA for a seamless travel journey:

- **Arrive Early – We're a New BNA:** We recommend passengers arrive two hours early. It allows extra time to navigate areas at the airport, especially ones that passengers might not be familiar with. Remember: with the recent opening of the Grand Lobby, all passengers will flow through one central checkpoint in the middle of the airport.
- **Check Your Flight Status:** Prior to arriving at BNA, please check the status of your flight with your airline.
- **Understand Parking Options at BNA:** With increased passenger volume, please check our parking availability before arriving at the airport – [Park at BNA](#).
- **Stay Connected:** Follow us on our social media for real-time updates.

**WHERE:** Nashville International Airport

**WHEN:** March 5 – 31, 2023 (Busiest period projected to be March 12 – March 19)

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**[Tweed Airport Parking Expansion OK'd](#)**

**New Haven Independent - Feb. 24, 2023**

Tweed New Haven Airport is growing 34 more parking spaces to better accommodate the flood of cars consistently competing for spots on site — as environmentalists and neighbors continue to fight expansion of the regional airport located along a wetlands-filled Morris Cove property.

Tweed received unanimous approval during the latest meeting of the City Plan Commission Wednesday night to convert a pre-existing slice of pavement currently used for storage space at its 155 Burr St. location into spaces for at least 30 additional cars. The commission voted 5–0 on three different matters pertaining to that request: a coastal area review, an inland wetlands review and a general site plan review.

Across two separate City Plan Commission meetings, airport representatives argued that using the existing lot — which otherwise remains used for storage of larger equipment like forklifts and aircraft parts — for parking would mean a net benefit to the area, such as the new implementation of erosion control measures to improve water quality in the area.

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**[New concourse, more baggage carousels among recommendations for Eugene airport](#)**  
**The Register-Guard - Mar. 1, 2023**

A facilities and infrastructure consulting firm has recommended up to \$272 million in upgrades at Eugene Airport including a new concourse, improvements to Concourse A to allow for bigger planes, and additional space for ticketing and gate seating.

Eugene's airport terminal reached full capacity in September 2021, said Airport Director Cathryn Stephens, and the city needs to plan to meet current and future demand.

"Frankly, you don't really ever want to get to a point where your facility is at full capacity without having a plan forward," Stephens said. "That's where we're at now, is getting going on that plan forward."

RS&H presented a study in February that's the "foundation of moving forward," said Frank Gratton, the firm's director of aviation architecture design.

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**[New KCI terminal brings changes to airport parking](#)**  
**Fox4KC.com - Feb. 23, 2023**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — When Kansas City International Airport's new \$1.5 billion terminal [opens at the end of the month](#), parking will change slightly.

In addition to the new terminal, crews built a new parking garage. It's just across the street from the new terminal, making it easier to park and get to your flight.

But the changes don't stop there. Economy parking will see some updates, as well.

If you want to estimate your parking fee before your trip, enter the length of your trip [on KCI's website](#).

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**[Cedar Rapids airport approves funding for terminal improvement plan, parking fees to increase](#)**  
**KCRG.com - Feb. 27, 2023**

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa - The Cedar Rapids Airport Commission approved an increase to parking fees, and \$4.6 million in funding for the fourth phase of its terminal modernization project for the Eastern Iowa Airport during a meeting on Monday.

The project includes expanding the terminal concourse, with some demolition, geothermal work and adding doors and windows.

Work is expected to begin next week, pending approval from the FAA.

The airport commission said parking fees will increase by a dollar to \$9 for the long term parking, up two dollars to \$16 for short term parking, and up two dollars to \$18 for full service valet.

The commission said the increase is due to inflation and will help cover the cost of improvements. The increase is expected to take effect April 1.

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**[LAX is getting so many upgrades; it's almost an entirely different airport](#)**  
**Spectrum News 1 - Mar. 1, 2023**

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles International Airport is often derided for congestion and delays, which makes sense given its status as the fifth busiest airport in the world.

But the changes that are currently taking shape as part of a \$30 billion capital improvement program have the potential to transform LAX into an enjoyable, even desirable experience. Following are status updates on the many upgrades being made in the lead-up to the Olympics and beyond.

#### Automated People Mover

What is it: An electric, automated train designed to shuttle people between the LAX terminals and three stops outside the airport — long-term parking, a rental car facility and a Metro C Line stop. The elevated track is 2.25 miles. Trips are expected to take about ten minutes.

Current status: LAX is electrifying the rails and will begin testing the new train cars this summer.

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#### [Cleveland airport parking charge exposed](#)

**Fox8.com**- Feb. 22, 2023

CLEVELAND (WJW) — The [FOX 8 I-Team](#) found drivers getting charged up to three times more than advertised for valet parking at [Cleveland Hopkins International Airport](#).

So, we investigated. We looked into this after a local woman dropped off her 90-year-old mother for a flight and left outraged.

Jamie Cetor turned to the I-Team after she discovered the price at her car door outside the airport didn't match the airport website.

"So, it made me mad they were just getting \$30 for dropping someone off," she said.

On the website, we noticed, valet parking as low as \$9 for a half-hour or less. But, again, outside the airport, the price was \$30 for everyone.

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#### [Birmingham Airport introduces ticketless parking in car parks](#)

**Cotswold Journal** - Mar. 1, 2023

Ever thought having a car parking ticket to look after at an airport adds more pressure and stress as you try not to misplace it?

You're in luck as Birmingham Airport is changing the way it operates its car parks.

The airport has announced that those who wish to use the car parks will no longer need to use tickets.

Instead, [the airport](#) will soon have ANPR cameras in place which will scan vehicles' registration plates and automatically raise the barrier with no ticket needed.

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