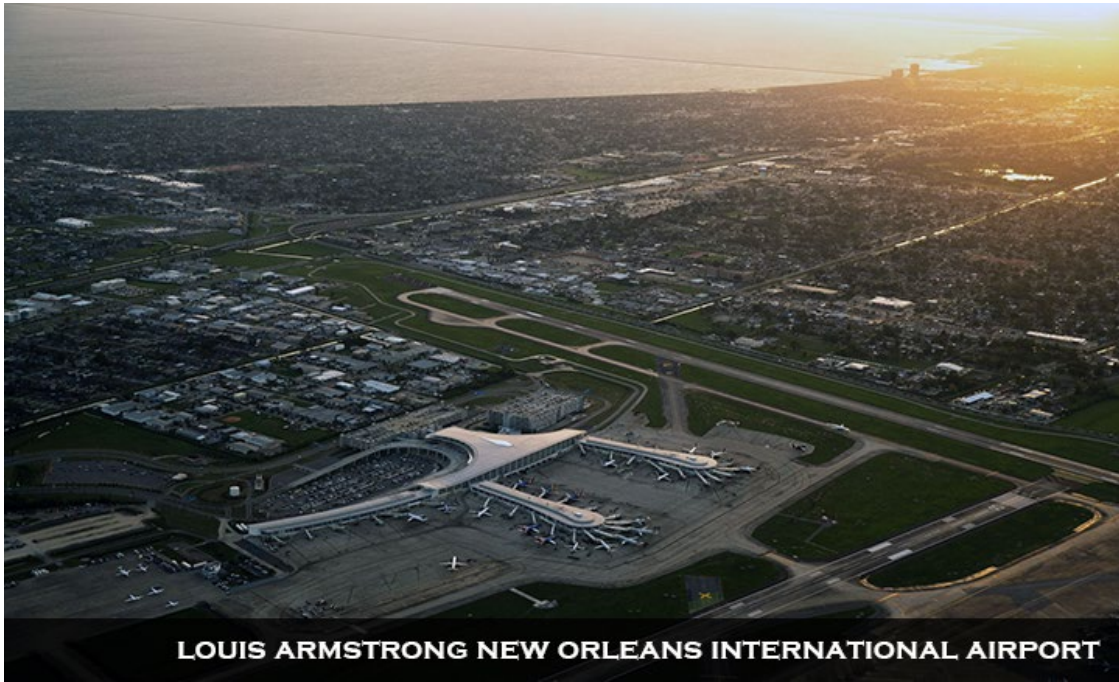


AGTA News from the Airport Curb - 4/13/23



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Two weeks left until the Spring 2023 AGTA Conference 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?***

Access the updated program via the link below.

[Updated Agenda](#)

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We have over 100 delegates registered for the conference.

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We have grown to 24 airports that will have representatives at our conference. The current list is below.

Airports Registered for the Spring 2023 Conference:

Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport
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Kelowna International Airport

Maryland Aviation Administration
Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority
Nashville International Airport
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GROUND TRANSPORTATION NEWS

[No driver? No problem. Robotaxis eye San Francisco expansion](#)

My San Antonio - Apr. 4, 2023

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Two trailblazing ride-hailing services are heading toward uncharted territory as they seek regulatory approval to transport passengers around the clock throughout one of the most densely populated U.S. cities in vehicles that will have no one sitting in the driver's seat.

If Cruise, a subsidiary of General Motors, and Waymo, a spinoff from Google, reach their goal before year's end, San Francisco would become the first U.S. city with two totally driverless services

competing against Uber, Lyft and traditional taxis — all of which depend on people to control the automobiles.

But Cruise and Waymo still must navigate around potential roadblocks, including complaints about their vehicles making unexpected, traffic-clogging stops that threaten to inconvenience other travelers and imperil public safety.

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[SmartRyde, Inc., the Operator of a Pre-booked Airport Transfer Marketplace “SmartRyde,” Introduces “Demand Partner API”](#)

Business Wire - Apr. 9, 2023

TOKYO--SmartRyde, Inc. (Head Office: Tokyo, Representative Director: Sota Kimura; hereinafter “SmartRyde”), which operates “SmartRyde,” a pre-booked airport transfer marketplace, announces that it has published a new product “Demand Partner API.” Online travel agencies (OTAs) and airline companies connected to this API will be able to access the airport transfer network and offer their customers airport transfer services when taking hotel reservations and flight bookings, which is expected to increase their profits.

SmartRyde has raised approximately JPY 450M through the third-party allocation of shares led by NVC No.1 Limited Liability Partnership (a fund jointly managed by NVenture Capital Limited and NEC Capital Solutions Limited) and together with SMBC Venture Capital, Yamaguchi Capital, Hiroshima Venture Capital, Shigagin Regional Revitalization SD Fund, and Iyogin Capital, and additionally by obtaining the subordinated loan from Japan Finance Corporation.

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[Vertiport concept for eVTOL taxis unveiled for Dubai airport](#)

Flight Global - Apr. 11, 2023

Preliminary proposals have been unveiled for a vertiport adjacent to Dubai’s main international airport, which would handle future air taxi services.

The terminal concept has been put forward by vertiport technology specialist Skyports Infrastructure and architecture firm Foster & Partners.

Skyports Infrastructure and the Dubai road and transport authority are considering four initial locations for vertiports in the area.

The sites are part of an envisaged network for eVTOL aircraft connecting the emirate’s most popular areas, offering high-speed and zero-emission transport from 2026, integrating with such strategic locations as metro and airport hubs.

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[How to Choose Airport Shuttle Service in Frederick, MD](#)

Patch.com - Mar. 27, 2023

Choosing the exemplary [airport shuttle service in Frederick, MD](#), can make all the difference in ensuring a stress-free and enjoyable travel experience. With so many options available, figuring out where to start can take time. Here are some tips to help you choose the best airport shuttle service.

The first step in choosing an airport shuttle service is determining your needs. Consider the number of people in your group, the amount of luggage you have, and your travel schedule. This will help you choose the right type of vehicle and ensure that the service you select can accommodate your needs.

Once you've determined your needs, it's time to research and compare different airport shuttle services in Frederick, MD. Look for services with a good reputation and positive reviews from previous customers. Compare prices and services offered to find the best value for your money.

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[EDITORIAL: Airport transit solution needed ASAP](#)

Jackson Hole News & Guide - Apr. 5, 2023

Just as surely as April showers bring May flowers, spring break swells parking lots to the verge of capacity at the Jackson Hole Airport. It's a perennial problem in spring — and throughout the year — with residents from Jackson and neighboring commuter communities wondering once again why there are no public transit options.

So we make another call for public bus service to Wyoming's busiest airport.

It's been over four years since a short-lived and ultimately inconsistent \$20 per person Ride2Fly airport shuttle service ceased operations. And it's been decades that residents have been requesting a public transit solution for getting people to and from the airport inside Grand Teton National Park.

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[Driver claims Uber misclassified him and others as independent contractors](#)

Human Resources Director Magazine - Apr. 6, 2023

A complaint filed under the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (PAGA) alleged that Uber wrongly and willfully classified employees as independent contractors, which led to violations of California Wage Order 9-2001 and other provisions of California's Labor Code.

The plaintiff in the case of *Gregg v. Uber Technologies, Inc. et al.* wanted to become a driver for Uber Technologies, Inc. and RasierCA, LLC. He signed up to use Uber's smartphone application, accepted the technology services agreement, and did not opt out of the agreement's arbitration provision.

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[Reserve your spot at The Parking Spot](#)

Fox61.com - Apr. 11, 2023

HARTFORD, Conn. — Airports will be busy this month and next with Spring Break travel and The Parking Spot has these tips for travelers on this edition of Live. Work. Play.

Planning in advance will make the journey more enjoyable. Traveling is stressful and with friends or family can be challenging at times. If you are flying to your destination make sure you plan to reserve everything from your airline tickets, hotel arrangements, and activities plenty of time in advance. This includes taking care of your parking needs with The Parking Spot.

For families traveling with kids this Spring Break, consider these tips.

Make the trip fun, exciting, and educational. Encourage kids to keep a travel diary, create scavenger hunts and play games. Make sure to plan some fun excursions on your trip that bring some new familiarity for your child, such as visiting a local park or playground. For any trip, it's necessary to be flexible. Traveling with kids can be unpredictable. Having the kids' favorite games, snacks, and drinks can help make the trip go smoothly.

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AIRPORT NEWS

[New shuttles coming to Tampa International Airport](#)

WFLA.com - Apr. 11, 2023

TAMPA, Fla. — The red and blue cars that carry travelers to and from Airsides A and C will soon be replaced.

Tampa International Airport said the shuttles have been in operation since the 1990s and are due to be replaced.

“These vehicles, which are built to operate continuously, have run for more than one million miles and served us well over the years,” said Matthew Deloatche, TPA Senior Project Director for Planning & Development. “Now it’s time to refresh this integral part of the TPA experience for all our passengers.”

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[\\$30 Billion Of Improvements: A Look At Los Angeles International Airport's Upgrade Plans](#) **Simple Flying** - Apr. 9, 2023

When Los Angeles was awarded the 2028 Olympics in 2017, then mayor of LA, Eric Garcetti, knew that billions of dollars needed to be spent to get the country's second most populous city ready. Besides the venues needed for the events, of considerable concern was getting [Los Angeles International Airport \(LAX\)](#) overhauled so that it could handle an influx of visitors from around the world.

Currently, passengers rate LAX as one of the country's worst airports. The complaints are:

- Long waits
- Difficulty in getting between [terminals](#)
- A lack of places to eat
- Airport Parking
- A need for good public transportation to and from downtown.
- Traffic congestion around the airport

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[Will San Jose ever connect its two transit hubs?](#) **San Jose Spotlight** - Apr. 12, 2023

In the year 2030, a woman walks from her apartment in downtown San Jose to Diridon Station, where she zips toward San Jose Mineta International Airport and arrives within five minutes for her flight.

This is the future imagined by proponents of the [airport connector](#), a direct shuttle service between San Jose’s main train station and airport that would move automated electric cars over a guideway separated from city roads and freeways. The San Jose City Council will consider approving an initial study of the project on April 18 from Plenary Americas and Glydways.

Plenary, a North American public infrastructure developer, will team up with Glydways, a South San Francisco-based startup that designs and builds autonomous transit systems.

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[Hawaii Airport Parking Lots Suffer From Overcrowding, Thefts](#) **Aviation Pros** - Apr. 10, 2023

The situation has been aggravated by the growing popularity of peer-to-peer car-sharing, with local "hosts " parking their vehicles at airport lots for pickup by arriving passengers—even though it is illegal to do so.

KAHULUI—The parking crunch at Hawaii's busiest airports might ease under a measure nearing final consideration at the Legislature authorizing the state Department of Transportation to regulate Turo rentals and other "shared cars " that take up limited parking spaces at state airports.

The state House passed Senate Bill 1502 on Thursday after amending the proposal, which also authorizes the counties to regulate the parking of shared cars on highways under their jurisdiction and amends the required insurance coverage for vehicles used for peer-to-peer car-sharing to quadruple the minimum liability coverage for death, bodily injury and property damage per accident.

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[Gone in 90 Seconds: How thieves are stealing wheels from vehicles parked at IAH airport garage](#)

Click2Houston.com - Apr. 7, 2023

Houston – KPRC 2 News identified several cases in recent years where people return from vacation to find their vehicles left on blocks or gone from Bush International Airport parking garages.

It happened to Stephen Janes new pickup truck this week at IAH's terminal C garage.

Another viewer wrote to KPRC 2's Rilwan Balogun about [finding their GMC Yukon left on blocks days prior in the C garage.](#)

And Joe Hempel told us about his vehicle stolen from the same garage in December 2022.

"We paid for pre-parking. We're parking in the garage. We're parking next to the security area. It will happen and that's not what happened," said Hempel. "You're supposed to be leaving your car in a safe space. You pay the extra money for peace of mind."

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[Seattle's New \\$1 Billion Airport Terminal Needs a New \\$78 Million Upgrade](#)

Travel Pulse - Apr. 10, 2023

The Seattle-Tacoma International Airport invested nearly \$1 billion in a new terminal so that it can handle more long haul flights. But it was set for more than 20 long haul plains and it can only handle 16, [because of a design flaw.](#)

Now the port of Seattle says it will take \$78 million more to fix. Apparently, there is a shortfall of available gates than what was originally designed.

The new facility has been opened for more than a year, but when Seattle-Tacoma started coming up short in what was expected to be an increase in long haul flights, they took a second look. What they found was that there are a handful of wide-body planes that don't fit into the gates.

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[Singapore Changi Airport Restarts City Bus Tours For Connecting Passengers](#)

Routes Online - Apr. 11, 2023

Transfer and transit passengers at Singapore Changi Airport (SIN) with time to spare between flights will again be able to take a "Free Singapore Tour" bus trip to see sites in the island city.

The program, suspended because of the COVID-19 pandemic, is being restarted with plans to grow the tour options going forward. The program is a joint effort between Changi Airport Group, Singapore Airlines and the Singapore Tourism Board.

Passengers embark on a 2.5-hr. bus tour to see a particular part of Singapore at no cost, and then return to the airport to catch their next flight. To take a tour, a passenger must have a layover of at

least 5.5 hr., but less than 24 hr. Tours can be booked prior to a passenger's airline trip via SIN's website.

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[Air travel recovery demand sees airports invest more in technology](#)

International Airport Review - Apr. 12, 2023

In findings published by Airport Council International (ACI) World and SITA in Airport IT Insights Survey, results have shown that airports are investing significantly more revenue in technology. This is to digitalise operations and enable a streamlined passenger journey via self-service options.

ACI World and SITA have collaborated for the past 19 years on the [Airport IT Insights Survey](#), the most extensive study of IT trends within the global airport industry. The report reveals that with the quicker than expected recovery of air travel demand, Chief Information Officers (CIOs) are eager to leverage IT solutions to fortify their operations against disruption while automating the passenger experience.

The industry's IT spend is projected to continue its steady year-on-year growth trend since 2020 to support this push for digitalisation, with 93% of airports expecting their IT spend to stay the same or increase in 2023 compared to 2022. Last year's airport IT spending rose to an estimated US\$6.8 billion.

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[A look 'behind the scenes' of airport security in Arizona](#)

AZFamily.com - Apr. 5, 2023

PHOENIX -- When you think about airport security, you probably think of ID checks, X-ray machines, and carefully measured liquids. But there's a lot more to it, and it happens in a building that's not even at the airport.

It's TSA's Phoenix Coordination Center, and On Your Side got a behind-the-scenes look at its operations. "This is the brain of operations in Arizona for all of the airports," said Patricia Mancha, a spokesperson for TSA. "They coordinate with all of the nine airports throughout Arizona."

There is a constant flow of information in and out of the office. "We are here 24/7, 365. We operate three shifts, eight-hour days, holidays, and weekends. We're always here," said Anthony Calcagno, a program analyst at TSA. "If there are passenger injuries or if there are prohibited items, or if our explosives teams or K-9 teams are reporting to any situations, at all, we can get on these camera systems and watch immediately what's happening in real-time."

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[TSA PreCheck vs. Clear vs. Global Entry: Which Is the Best Deal?](#)

Yahoo! Finance - Apr. 12, 2023

Many people find flying to be a [stressful experience](#). Overcrowded airports, cancellations and lost luggage are just some reasons for that stress. However, there is yet another reason: airport security. Lines are often long and airports make you shuffle your belongings. All this often happens when you are already in a hurry.

TSA PreCheck, Clear and Global Entry are three services that can help. They give you an upgraded experience and make flying seamless. However, their differences are significant enough that the best choice for every flyer is not always the same one. [We'll compare the rates and features of each and how to decide between them.](#)

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[What the Tech? airport charging stations](#)

KWCH.com - Apr. 12, 2023

WICHITA, Kan. - The FBI has issued a warning to travelers that public phone charging stations may not be safe to use. The Bureau warns that bad actors have figured out a way to use those charging stations to steal information from connected phones as well as how to install malware onto the phones.

While the FBI did not give specifics or say there have been reported incidents, it does say it's possible. There's even a name for this action: "Juice Jacking".

It's certainly possible but fortunately, Apple has safety measures in place to warn iPhone and iPad users that the information on the device is at risk.

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