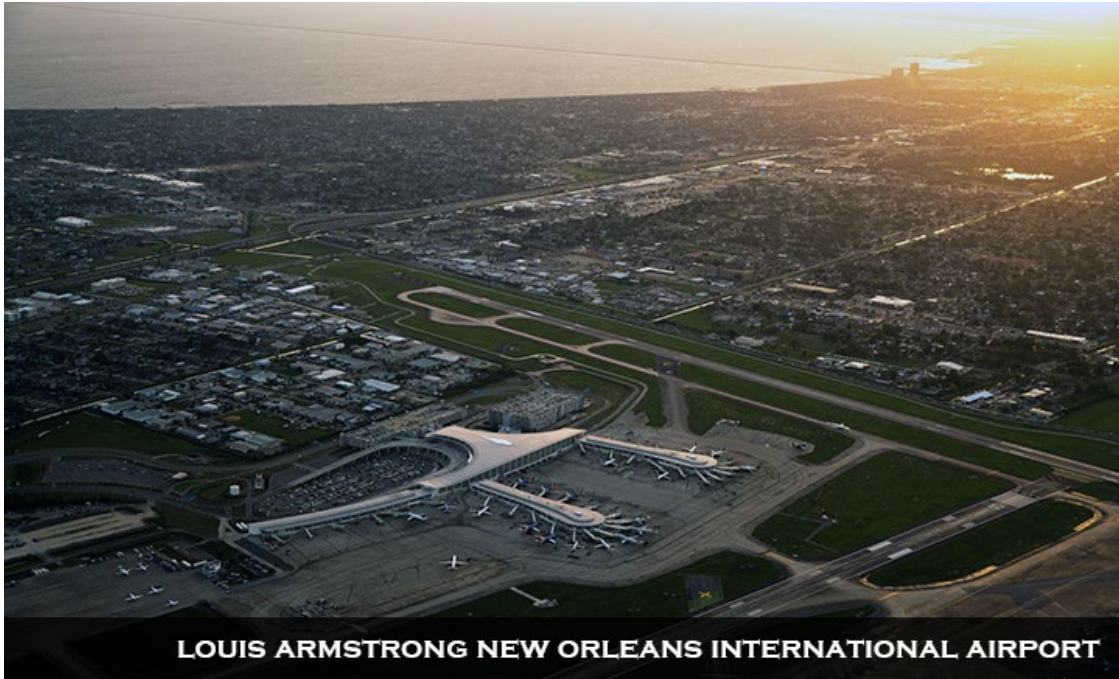


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GROUND TRANSPORTATION NEWS

[Airport Rail: Making Access Easier](#)

The Epoch Times - Apr. 25, 2023

Over the years since I first started traveling, a few perennially knotty problems have become easier to solve.

– Plastic—at least the right plastic—has made it easy to obtain cash and avoid exchange gouges virtually anywhere in the world. I've covered this topic extensively.

– The near-universal use of mobile phones has made it possible to call home or get online about anywhere without paying a long-distance gouge rate. I'm not sure that I know enough to write about the latest wrinkles, but I may try.

– Improved rail services—today's topic—have made it much easier to get to/from airports in cities you don't know.

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[Nowhere to Go But Up](#)

Santa Fe Reporter - Apr. 26, 2023

No one, it seems, is above getting stranded at the Santa Fe Regional Airport.

"I almost got stuck out there," says city Public Works Director Regina Wheeler.

The official who oversees the airport as well as the city's public transportation network tells SFR she booked an Uber before flying back into Santa Fe on a recent trip, but discovered the ride had been canceled when she landed.

So, she had to catch a ride with another traveler.

With few options for passengers flying into Santa Fe to make their way to destinations around town, city officials say a black market of sorts has even opened up, with unlicensed taxis operating from the airport.

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[Will airport shuttle, parking fee hike take off?](#)

Jackson Hole News & Guide - Apr. 26, 2023

Bob McLaurin is no stranger to an earful.

The former town manager is a member of the Jackson Hole Airport Board, having just stepped down as its president. He knows that people are looking for a cheap, reliable way to get to and from their flights.

“When people aren’t yelling at me about airport noise, or being stuck on the de-icing pad, I hear about transit to the airport,” McLaurin said at an April 14 airport board ground transportation committee meeting. “It’s one of our highest priorities.”

It’s also a priority the board is trying to make good on this summer, aiming to test a shuttle from town to the airport during the hottest, busiest months of the year. Officials are considering the shuttle in conjunction with another change: increased parking fees during holidays and other peak times.

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[State cracking down on illegal car rentals at airport](#)

The Maui News - Apr. 27, 2023

Since early March, the state Department of Transportation has been working “hand in hand” with the Maui Police Department to crack down on peer-to-peer rental car businesses operating without permits at Kahului Airport.

The issue has grown more visible in part because of recent car thefts. State DOT spokesman Jai Cunningham said that in the past three months, there have been 28 car thefts at the airport, and “many of those thefts have been peer-to-peer parking rental cars that have noticeable lock boxes on them, or unlocked doors with keys left inside.”

He added that police and the airport security team are trying to increase awareness that it is illegal to conduct commercial business at the airport without a permit and are trying to cut down on the peer-to-peer parking at the airport, which takes up parking spaces from others.

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[Airport parking set to be much more expensive this summer](#)

NLTimes.nl - Apr. 22, 2023

Vacationers will have to reckon with higher parking fees at airports again this year. Indeed, during the upcoming May and summer vacations, the cost of parking on weekends and weekdays has risen sharply compared to last year. That’s according to the website Vliegveldinfo.nl, which compared parking fees at the 16 airports most commonly used by Dutch and Belgians as departure airports.

Parking for a week or eight days at an airport now costs an average of 75 euros. That’s 10 euros, or 15.5 percent, more than in 2022. The cost of a weekend or three-day parking spot has also increased significantly. A weekend parking space at an official airport parking lot now costs an average of 50 euros. That’s a 17 percent increase compared to 2022.

Furthermore, costs have risen at 11 of the 16 airports surveyed. Striking is the sharp price increase for one-week parking at the busy Brussels Airport, Charleroi Airport, Düsseldorf Airport, Eindhoven Airport, and Cologne Bonn Airport. At these airports, parking fees increased by 31 percent to 55 percent.

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[Brightline Unveils Orlando International Airport Station](#)

Railway Age - Apr. 20, 2023

Brightline, the Florida-based private-sector passenger railroad, on April 20 unveiled its completed new station at Orlando International Airport and revealed future plans, including some indications about schedules and fares. The present service runs between Miami and West Palm Beach, and the current plan calls for the upcoming extension to the station at Central Florida’s biggest airport to open for service this summer.

Brightline currently runs between three South Florida stations: Miami Central Station in downtown Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach, offering what amounts to a luxury “commuter” service between the three stops. The long-term goal has been Orlando International Airport, and the unveiling of the station there demonstrates that the railroad is moving rapidly toward starting service. Brightline has also been talking about expanding westward to Tampa, with service to a location providing access the Disney properties.

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[Pittsburgh Airport To Use FAA Funds For Electric Shuttle Buses](#)

Routes - Apr. 26, 2023

Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT) will use \$1.4 million in grant money from the FAA to buy two electric bus shuttles and also build a rapid charging station for electric cars that passengers park at the airport.

The battery-electric buses will join the bus shuttle fleet that moves passengers between parking lots and one of the airport’s two passenger terminals. The rapid charging station will open with the PIT’s new 700,000-ft.² passenger terminal slated to open in 2025. Part of that project is a \$163 million parking garage that will span 1.14 million ft.² and feature five levels with 4,200 parking spaces.

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[No, you can’t park curbside at KCI anymore. That’s part of having a big-boy airport | Opinion](#)

The Kansas City Star - Apr. 25, 2023

Deep breaths, people. Of course humans need to vent their frustrations; this is why God invented Twitter, and the opinion page.

But to all of those upset that pickup at Kansas City International Airport isn’t what it used to be, well, part of getting a big-boy airport is having to behave at pickup as if you were at any other airport in any other grown-up city in the world.

So no, you can’t just drive up and sit there, which in airport lingo is known as standing. Curbside parking was never OK, and now is no longer possible.

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[Travelers used to catch helicopter taxis between Chicago airports](#)

Engadget - Apr. 24, 2023

We’ve all been there: sitting in the back of a cab as it crawls through downtown traffic, the clock on the dash mocking you with its inexorable march towards a missed final boarding call and non-refundable ticket fees. Racing to make your flight is an experience nearly as old as commercial aviation itself — and one which has seen repeated solutions attempted throughout the years. Today, companies like [Uber and Hyundai](#) or [United Airlines and Archer](#) are working to get [fleets of eVTOL aircraft to serve as short-hop air taxis](#), ferrying travelers from city centers to airports while avoiding [the mess and hassle of ground-based traffic](#). In the ‘60s, companies like Chicago Helicopter Airways (CHA) just used a bunch of repurposed US Navy helicopters whose rotors almost never catastrophically failed. Almost.

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[Has Kansas City finally learned its lesson for KCI airport traffic tangles?](#)

The Kansas City Star - Apr. 26, 2023

When it comes to picking up people at the new airport terminal, it appears that Kansas Citians have finally figured it out.

Yes, hurray, drivers looking to pick up passengers outside the new arrival gates at Kansas City International Airport seem to have finally learned where the cellphone lot is. (Best place to sit and wait prior to an arrival).

Nope, at least as of now — on the eve of the opening day of the NFL Draft at Union Station — the long, terrible, frustrating line that people have been complaining about since the new terminal opened in February was nowhere to be seen.

“We keep ‘em moving,” said Clyde Kemp, 64, a KCI traffic officer who, on Tuesday afternoon, waved one driver after another away from parking outside the arrival gates.

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AIRPORT NEWS

[BNA opening new parking garage, adding 1,800 covered parking spaces](#)

[WSMV.com](#) - Apr. 26, 2023

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (WSMV) - The Nashville International Airport is set to open a new parking garage this week.

BNA reports a new six-level parking garage will be unveiled on Thursday, April 27 that will add 1,800 additional covered parking spaces.

This parking garage comes in response to the “exponential growth” the airport has been experiencing, according to a BNA media release.

The parking garage will also be connected directly to the on-site Hilton hotel, which is slated to open later on in 2023.

“Customer experience representatives from BNA® will be on-site in Garage B to assist travelers with wayfinding. For more information, please visit [BNA's website](#).

[Port Authority marks milestone at Newark airport solar project](#)

[NJBIZ.com](#) - Apr. 26, 2023

The [Port Authority of New York and New Jersey](#) announced this week that Newark Liberty International Airport's 5-megawatt solar project at the Terminal A parking garage has generated 1 gigawatt hour of power after just two months of operation.

The installation at the [newly built Terminal A](#) parking garage is the single largest solar rooftop project at any airport in the country.

Gov. Phil Murphy says that with the announcement, Newark Liberty continues to bolster its standing as a world-class transportation hub that is not only modern and welcoming but equipped to confront the challenges of our [worsening climate crisis](#).

“Indeed, as we continue to pursue a 100% clean-energy economy and a greener New Jersey, every institution and agency has a crucial role to play,” said Murphy in a press release. “While advancing PANYNJ's critical efforts to prioritize sustainability, the unveiling of this project testifies to the significant progress we can – and will – achieve toward making our state greener and more resilient for generations to come.”

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[Good Question: Why is the airport in northern Kentucky called ‘Cincinnati Airport?’](#)

WKYT.com - Apr. 24, 2023

LEXINGTON, Ky. - This summer, AAA expects airports to be even busier than last year. If you're flying out of northern Kentucky, you might have a question similar to one of our viewers.

For today's Good Question, John asks, **why is the airport, (CVG), in northern Kentucky called “Cincinnati Airport?” Do they get any revenue off the airport?**

The Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport is a public airport operated by the Kenton County Airport Board. Their revenue goes back into operating costs, but both Kentucky and Ohio do benefit from the airport.

An economic impact report from the airport said in 2018 Kentucky received almost \$21 million in income tax, Ohio almost \$9 million. Revenue from sales tax flips, with Ohio at almost \$22 million and Kentucky right at \$6 million.

As for the name, CVG refers to the closest city at the time of the opening, Covington. It was originally used by the Army Air Corps, but in 1946 it was turned over to local government and was eventually given the name it carries today.

If you have a Good Question you'd like us to try to answer, send it to goodquestion@wkyt.com.

[How airports help travelers with disabilities](#)

Axios Columbus - Apr. 26, 2023

Both of Columbus' airports feature a program supporting those with hidden disabilities to navigate the flying experience.

Why it matters: One in seven people live with a disability such as autism, anxiety or dementia that could make flying particularly challenging, [per the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower project](#).

- Project advocates urge airports to better accommodate these passengers to avoid misunderstandings and [potentially ensuing disasters](#).

How it works: Airport information booths offer sunflower-themed lanyards and wristbands as discreet signs a traveler needs extra time or assistance while flying.

- Fuller "[Journey Care Kits](#)," which include face masks, travel checklists and bag tags, are available by emailing CustomerService@ColumbusAirports.com two months before flying.

The big picture: The Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Network includes many airports across the world, including others in Ohio like Cincinnati and Akron-Canton.

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