



AGTA News from the Airport Curb



AGTA New Members Update

Are you curious what companies and airports joined AGTA as new members for 2023 to date? The list is below:

- **Ace Taxi Services**, Cleveland, OH - [Click here for website](#)
Ace Taxi is a 24/7 taxicab service, operating on "call and demand" principle throughout Cleveland and the surrounding communities.
- **Creative Bus Services**, Indianapolis, IN - [Click here for website](#)
Creative Bus Sales offers dedicated sales, parts, and service departments to help you in all stages of bus ownership.
- **Houston Intercontinental Airport**, Houston, TX
- **Sarasota Bradenton International Airport**, Sarasota, FL
- **TEZ Technology**, Plano, TX - [Click here for website](#)
TEZ connects drivers and lot owners, becoming the go-to technology solution for ticketless parking and valet.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION NEWS

[New From Lyft: Preorder Your Ride When You Land!](#)

Thrifty Traveler - May 15, 2023

We've all been there: Making our way through the airport after landing, wondering whether to hit "request" for a rideshare right away or wait until the pickup area – wherever that is. Lyft is rolling out a new feature that could help eliminate the guesswork.

The rideshare company recently announced it is rolling out a new feature that lets travelers preorder a ride as soon as their flight lands. Available at just a few major U.S. airports to start, the app will track your location after requesting a ride, eventually matching you with a driver as you get close to the pickup area. That means you don't need to rush to the pickup zone nor worry about how long it might take to grab your luggage from the baggage claim.

You won't find the option to order your Lyft ride everywhere just yet. At launch, this new preorder feature is only available at three airports:

- Los Angeles (LAX)
- Chicago-O'Hare (ORD)
- Chicago-Midway (MDW)

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['I don't need to dethrone a king': New Lyft CEO says the company can succeed without annihilating Uber](#)

CNBC - May 12, 2023

[Lyft](#) CEO David Risher told [CNBC's Jim Cramer](#) on Friday he doesn't need to annihilate the competition — namely ride-share behemoth, [Uber](#)— to successfully turn around the [struggling company](#).

"I don't need to dethrone a king," Risher said, insisting the current market warrants two players because customers and drivers like to have options. "Five years from now, I hope people are no longer asking about Uber and Lyft," Risher continued, "I hope what they're saying is, 'Look what an amazing experience Lyft has created that'll help us get out and live our lives.'"

Risher assumed the role of Lyft CEO just under a month ago, [taking the reins](#) from one of the company's co-founders, Logan Green. Risher made his name as an [Amazon](#) retail executive, joining the company in 1997 as its 37th employee, he told Cramer; he left in 2002.

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[Abilene Regional Airport and Turo car rental service come to an agreement](#)

Nexstar Media - May 11, 2023

ABILENE, Texas ([KTAB/KRBC](#)) – Turo is a peer-to-peer rental car service that has been facing disagreements with various airports. While some have taken legal action, Abilene Regional Airport has come to a conclusion for Turo to operate on airport grounds.

Many airports were upset due to Turo operating on airport grounds without letting them know, causing controversy for the rental service. Transportation Services Director Don Green said contributing factors can be due to the airport wanting to be informed of what's happening on the grounds and have a share of the revenue for providing infrastructure.

The airport and Turo have agreed for the company to pay 10% of commissions that occur at the airport, which is the base rate charged to other car rental services as well. However, there will not be a minimum annual guarantee that the airport has with other services. Turo will also be

responsible for paying local and state taxes for transactions and sending a report monthly showing every transaction on airport grounds.

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[Airport urges passengers to arrange ground transport pre-flight](#)

North Arkansas Democrat Gazette - May 17, 2023

Limited public transport options and a dwindling number of taxi and rideshare drivers has prompted officials at Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport to urge passengers to pre-arrange travel from the airport, especially late at night.

The rapid development of the rideshare industry [has meant](#) declining fortunes for taxi companies, as consumers increasingly began getting rides via apps on their smartphones instead of by hailing cabs. Many taxi companies have shifted a focus away from individual fares to services like medical transports.

The taxi and rideshare industries both suffered immensely from the covid-19 pandemic, with so many people staying at home. Air travel dropped off sharply but recently rebounded to 2019 levels.

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[Norfolk airport looking to add rental car options, increase business in local area](#)

News Channel Nebraska - May 8, 2023

NORFOLK, Neb. -- The Norfolk Regional Airport is ramping up its efforts to attract more businesses to the area.

Bill Jepsen, marketing coordinator at the airport, believes they can help Norfolk increase business.

"We're trying to bring more businesses into Norfolk," he said. "Time is money, they (business owners) don't want to go someplace and drive a couple hours."

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, Enterprise Rent-A-Car had a presence in Norfolk, but like many small businesses, it closed due to travel restrictions in 2020.

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[Police crack down on taxis after complaints](#)

Jackson Hole News & Guide - May 17, 2023

The Jackson Police Department is cracking down on taxi companies shirking town rules.

Six citations have been issued to five drivers since January, according to Lt. Russ Ruschill of the Jackson Police Department. The citations don't include the name of the taxi company, only the name of the violator.

"We focused heavily on taxi enforcement in March," Police Chief Michelle Weber said. "We were doing compliance checks and inspections. There's a checklist of things taxi drivers are required to have."

For one thing, fares have to be posted in the vehicle so that the price of a cab ride is disclosed up front to the passenger. Officers doing random inspections at the airport found that taxis were not displaying fares and therefore were out of compliance.

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[**CWA Rideshare Workers Strike for Safety and Better Working Conditions**](#)
Communications Workers of America - May 11, 2023

Over 250 rideshare and taxi drivers went on strike at the Denver International Airport last Thursday to raise wages, stop unfair terminations, and create safer conditions for drivers. The strike was organized by Colorado Independent Drivers United (CIDU), CWA Local 7777, and was led by a strike committee composed of 18 drivers. The strikers effectively shut down the holding lot at the airport, where drivers are required to wait for trip requests. Community allies, including elected officials and candidates for elected office, religious leaders, and leaders in the Black community joined the strikers. The Denver strike was part of a national day of action by Uber and Lyft drivers coordinated by PowerSwitch Action that included other driver actions in New York, Chicago, Seattle, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

Two days before the strike, the Colorado Senate Finance Committee voted down the CIDU-sponsored "Gig Work Transparency" legislation. The bill would have required gig companies to disclose the amount they take from fares to drivers and passengers, as well as set up a grievance system in which drivers who were unjustly terminated would have a path back to reinstatement.

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[**Ultra-Low Nox Comes Standard With ROUSH CleanTech Propane Autogas Engines**](#)
School Transportation News - May 17, 2023

LIVONIA, Mich. — ROUSH CleanTech has received California Air Resources Board certification for 2023 model year propane engines at 0.02 grams per brake horsepower-hour. Previously available as an added-cost option, the ultra-low nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions package is now standard on every propane engine sold by ROUSH CleanTech.

The engines emit 90% less NOx emissions than allowed under 2023 regulations, and are 60% cleaner than California's 2024 low-NOx standard, without compromising performance or efficiency.

"Customers can rest easy knowing that ROUSH CleanTech propane engines provide ultra-low NOx emissions with no added cost today. And, we are well on our way to meeting California and EPA's emissions standards for 2027 and beyond," said Todd Mouw, executive vice president at ROUSH CleanTech.

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[**Corpus Christi International Airport considers offering car-sharing company, Turo, to passengers**](#)
Kris 6 News - May 17, 2023

[Corpus Christi International Airport](#) is looking to partner with car-sharing company Turo to bring more car rental options to passengers.

[Turo](#) is a peer-to-peer car-sharing app that allows private car owners to offer their vehicles to guests on an online mobile platform.

Some would consider this the [Airbnb](#) option for cars.

Through Turo, customers can book whatever car they want by filtering locations, prices, vehicle models and years. Turo has been argued to be slightly inexpensive compared to car rental companies like Hertz or Enterprise. More so during the pandemic as car rental prices hit record highs.

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[Hertz Apologizes After U.S. Citizen From Puerto Rico Is Denied Car Rental](#)

The New York Times - May 15, 2023

Hertz, the rental car chain, has apologized after an employee refused to give a Puerto Rican man his prepaid reserved car at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport because he presented a driver's license issued on the island instead of a passport.

The man, Humberto Marchand, recorded and [described part of the incident at the Hertz counter](#) in Kenner, La., and shared it [on Twitter](#) on May 10. It was widely viewed as others told similar stories of how Americans often fail to realize that people born in Puerto Rico, a U.S. commonwealth, are American citizens.

Mr. Marchand began [recording](#) while the interaction with the Hertz employee was already underway, and apparently after she had requested his passport instead of permitting him to use his driver's license, issued in Puerto Rico.

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[Why Is It Cheaper To Rent A Car From The Airport? Detailed Guide](#)

Speedway Media - May 16, 2023

Why is it cheaper to rent a car from the airport? While renting a car from the airport is generally more expensive due to added fees and taxes, there are exceptions where it could be significantly cheaper.

This may come as a surprise to some, as airport rental locations are notorious for adding on extra fees and taxes.

Yes, times are changing, and the rental sector is also growing and with completion. And guess what! It's you, the consumer that laughs last.

For instance, if you happen to be in Bozeman, Montana, you can try out car rental at Bozeman airport by [Explore Rentals](#) where they have options that are way cheaper and affordable. So why is it cheaper to rent a car from the airport? Continue reading to find out.

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[Major bus changes at O'Hare will impact riders this summer](#)

Q985online.com - May 15, 2023

Attention all regional travelers using the Rockford to O'Hare bus service: a change is coming your way. Summer travelers will notice a significant alteration to the departure location for the O'Hare-bound buses.

While you can still be dropped off conveniently at your O'Hare terminal, the departure point for the buses will be moved.

The relocation of the regional bus services is part of the airport's ongoing efforts to improve transportation options for travelers. The Multi-Modal Facility (MMF) will now serve as the new hub for regional bus services at O'Hare.

This facility is conveniently located and will ensure a seamless connection for passengers traveling to and from areas in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin.

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[Driverless staff bus starts running at airport](#)

News RTHK - May 12, 2023

The Airport Authority said a driverless shuttle bus started running on Friday, carrying staff to work across the airport's restricted area.

The bus can carry 14 passengers at a time and operates 12 hours a day.

Steven Yiu, executive director of airport operations, said only one such bus is in use at the moment, but more will be introduced in future.

"It is part of our smart airport initiative. The objective is not only saving manpower, [but also] increasing the efficiency and safety," he said.

"We plan to increase the [number of] autonomous vehicles to five to ten in the near future."

Yiu added that the authority is planning to use driverless vehicles to carry air passengers to and from the airport, SKYCITY and Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge border facilities by next year.

The airport has used autonomous driving technology since 2019, with patrol cars and tractors that deliver luggage and cargo.

[Deploying Electric Buses At Airports Is Easy With This Tool](#)

Clean Technica - May 8, 2023

As the U.S. aviation industry generates [2% of the nation's carbon dioxide emissions](#) and consumes 10% of transportation energy, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) is leading the way to find pathways to sustainability, including through sustainable aviation fuels, electrification, and new transportation options for moving small groups in dense city centers.

NREL researchers recently developed [a simulation-based optimization](#) modeling framework to help Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) transportation operators design effective electric bus deployment strategies. The model analyzed real-world conditions and simulated the existing DFW system to determine optimal battery capacity, charging power, and number of charging stations while minimizing capital cost and emissions.

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[Driverless cars are causing more and more traffic issues in San Francisco](#)

Neowin - May 15, 2023

Driverless cars were once touted as the saviour of transportation, but the reality is that the current automated vehicle technology efforts are causing real problems for the city of San Francisco.

An [NBC News report on YouTube](#) talks about how driverless cars from GM's Cruise and Google's Waymo, which got permission [to offer cab services in San Francisco in 2022](#), are now responsible for three 911 calls a day in the city. The report says the cars can get confused and stop entirely if they encounter construction or red lights from emergency vehicles, leading to traffic jams.

It's a particular problem for the city's fire department and first responders. One fire chief says she sees at least one incident a day with driverless vehicles. Other reports filed by the department include autonomous vehicles driving toward active fire scenes and running over hoses. One report claims firefighters had to break one of these cars' windows in order to stop it. The fire chief interviewed stated she doesn't believe these cars are "ready for prime time."

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[Do Hotels Provide Airport Shuttle Service?](#)

Upon Arriving - May 11, 2023

Are you planning a trip and wondering about the most convenient way to get from the airport to your hotel?

Many hotels offer airport shuttle services that can save you cash money but they do come with some drawbacks.

In this blog post, we'll explore the world of hotel airport shuttle service and provide you with all the information you need to make the most of this convenient transportation option.

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[GMC Sierra Has Its Wheels Liberated In Airport Parking](#)

Yahoo! Life - May 12, 2023

Ah, airport parking, one of the prime [hunting grounds for car thieves](#). We'd love to say we're surprised to see this GMC Sierra had its wheels stolen at George Bush International Airport in Houston, but we're actually only surprised the thieves didn't just take the whole truck. Usually they do that and then help themselves to the wheels, seats, bumpers, and whatever else they want to sell on Facebook Marketplace.

The theft, which was originally reported by KPRC out of Houston, is a bit of a mystery. Apparently at the time police had no idea who it belonged to, although that's usually easy enough to figure out, so we don't get how that could be.

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[Gig work value is too great to rush a US overhaul](#)

Reuters - May 11, 2023

WASHINGTON - American freelancers could be in for a summer surprise. The Department of Labor under President Joe Biden has pitched [a rule](#) that would classify many gig workers as traditional employees, and Biden's pick for the next secretary of labor backs such a policy. The proposal could secure benefits for freelancers. Yet those perks come at a price to them and the economy in general. As these gigs grow, a rushed rethink could do needless harm to millions of workers.

Julie Su, the president's choice for labor secretary, has a [history](#) of redefining gig work. During her time as California's labor commissioner, Su supported legislation that deemed many gig workers, including delivery and rideshare drivers, employees. If she is approved by the Senate, she could advance Biden's proposal for a nationwide overhaul.

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[Top Tips For Airport Parking Ahead Of Your Summer Travels](#)

Simple Flying - May 15, 2023

While many passengers prefer to travel to and from airports by public transport, this isn't always a possibility. For those who choose to drive, this often comes at a cost, with [generally high prices of airport parking](#) being one of the industry's worst-kept secrets. However, thanks to commentary from cheapairportparking.org CEO Vitaly Vinogradov, we have compiled some tips ahead of the summer rush.

As is the case with your [flights](#) themselves, it is generally advisable to book your [airport](#) parking in advance. While this doesn't necessarily have to be done as soon as your flights are booked, it is still worth getting it sorted out well before your departure. This is particularly important in the busy summer season, when certain car parks may sell out.

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AIRPORT NEWS

[**Parking expansion adds 1,100 spaces to Terminal 1 at Harry Reid International Airport**](#)
KTNV.com - May 15, 2023

LAS VEGAS (KTNV) — A new economy parking lot will soon be open to the public at Las Vegas' Harry Reid International Airport, a spokesperson announced on Monday.

The new lot is expected to open the morning of Wednesday, May 17, "just in time for the summer travel season," airport spokesman Joe Rajchel stated in a news release.

It will include 1,100 public parking spaces. That's in addition to 600 covered, long-term spots that were added to the T1 parking garage at the end of March, Rajchel noted, making a total 1,700 parking spaces added over the past few months.

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[**Helsinki Airport makes available nearly 350 electric cars charging stations in parking areas**](#)
International Airport Review - May 18, 2023

[Helsinki Airport](#) have made nearly 350 charging stations for electric cars available in their parking areas, to keep up with rising demand.

"There are charging stations in each of our parking halls, so our customers can leave their electric car to charge in their preferred parking hall for the duration of the trip. The number of charging stations is the highest in the P2 parking hall, where the entire third floor is reserved for electric cars being charged," says Finavia's Jukka Isomäki, Head of Parking and Landside Traffic at Helsinki Airport.

[Finavia](#) has opened the P1 Premium/P2 parking hall next to the terminal, which has about 250 charging stations in total. In P1 Premium, the charging stations are located at the front and the back of the Premium floor.

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[**IT innovation: Looking to the future**](#)
Airport World - May 17, 2023

Elena Avila, head of the airport and airline operations business unit at Amadeus, talks to Airport World about some of the IT challenges, and potential solutions, facing airports today.

What would you say to those that argue that such is the rapid advancement of IT systems that any new technology is almost out of date within months of being installed?

I'd agree that this situation has been holding the industry back over recent years but that's mainly due to the way technology has been managed at airports. Installing software on-site means it needs to be manually upgraded, it's hard to bring it together with new innovations that emerge and it all costs more than it should.

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[**PANYNJ transforming New York's airport system with "smart technology, innovation and collaboration"**](#)
Future Travel Experience - May 2023

The New York airport system is in the midst of an exciting transformation on every level, with technology, innovation and collaboration at the forefront. In this interview, Elizabeth Paul, Manager, Aviation Technology and Innovation, The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey (PANYNJ), explains the evolving strategy and how the passenger experience is being elevated at LaGuardia Terminal B, Newark's new Terminal A, and the final phase of the JFK Airport transformation.

Elizabeth Paul, Manager, Aviation Technology and Innovation, The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey: “The evolution of our approach focuses on digital-driven outcomes that are agnostic to the range of technologies across the terminals.”

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[Toronto Pearson implementing digital innovations to deliver “a more customer-centric and reliable experience”](#)

Future Travel Experience - May 2023

Greater Toronto Airports Authority is enhancing the passenger experience at Toronto Pearson International Airport with a suite of digital innovations.

“Last summer was challenging for passengers, and we have responded with a full suite of process improvements and practices with our partners to deliver a more customer-centric and reliable experience,” said Deborah Flint, President and CEO, Greater Toronto Airports Authority. “Our new approaches include more resources, transparency, and resiliency planning; as we are excited to welcome passengers for a robust summer travel in our improved airport environment.”

The airport has fast-tracked its modernisation plans by investing in innovative technologies that are already helping passengers navigate the airport more easily and more quickly.

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