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Devin Sherrell, Ground Transportation Manager and
Andrew Martz, Assistant Airport Director for Communications & Development**

October 23 - 26 Raleigh Conference Theme

"Airport Ground Transportation Preps for ACTION"

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- *What an Effective 5-Year Plan Should Look Like*
- *Ground Transportation & the EV Challenge*
- *Developing a Public/Private Airport/Ground Transportation Partnership*
- *Solving Labor Issues in Ground Transportation*
- *Airport Virtual Queue Taxi Systems.*

As always, Monday and Tuesday afternoon discussion breakouts will tackle the nuts and bolts of implementing these issues and more, specifically within our delegate provider companies and airports. Learn firsthand about in-progress and newly-implemented approaches to these issues and more that face our ground transportation providers and airport land-side managers daily.

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Good News from Dick Asche, Bremerton-Kitsap Airporter

Click on the image below to view information on the autogas savings report from Bremerton-Kitsap Airporter. Thanks for the info, Dick...

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Bremerton-Kitsap Airporter
Autogas Savings Report
Through July 31, 2022

Fuel Savings Last 3 months	\$83,842
Fuel Savings Last 12 months	\$209,816
Total Savings to Date	\$614,008

Summary Cost Savings Analysis	
Gasoline Average Price Last 3 months	\$5.24
Autogas Average Price Last 3 months	\$2.24
Average Savings per gallon Last 3 months (1)	\$2.74
Autogas Gallons used Last 3 months	33,970
Fuel Savings Last 3 months	\$83,842 52%
Total Fuel Savings to Date	\$614,008 49%

Environmental Savings Analysis (to date)	
Co2 Emission Reduction Overall (in pounds)	807,911
Gasoline Gallons Displaced Overall	324,477

The following pages show the detailed savings by month.

(1) Includes adjustment for 15% lower efficiency difference between gasoline and autogas, and includes alternative fuel tax credits.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION NEWS

[\\$230M in Projects at Bradley International Airport Anticipate Passenger Growth](#)

AviationPros.com - Sept. 18, 2022

In anticipation of future air travel growth, Bradley International Airport is embarking on two major projects that will cost nearly \$230 million aimed at transforming the airport's terminal and making room for more airlines, passengers and amenities.

The state's largest commercial airport will construct a system that will transport checked baggage along a mile-long network of conveyor belts to a new building near the Sheraton hotel for security screening. The \$185 million project will remove baggage screening from the terminal lobby, freeing up space for at least 16 new airline ticket counters.

Bradley checks about 2 million bags a year, not counting carry-ons.

A companion, \$42 million project will include additions to the east and west sides of the terminal. New sets of escalators and elevators will connect the concourse and baggage claim, also creating new lounge areas for people waiting for travelers arriving at the airport.

The idea is to relieve the congestion on the one central stairwell that now serves all passengers. The central stairwell will eventually be eliminated, opening up more space for travelers standing in line at the nearby passenger screening checkpoint. At heavy travel periods, the line often spills out into the lobby.

Kevin Dillon, executive director of the [Connecticut Airport Authority](#), which oversees Bradley's operations, said the projects will help absorb expected airline and passenger growth in the coming years, putting off the need to build a second terminal.

At Bradley, the projects are expected to be finished in the next two to three years.

Construction will begin this fall and kicks off just months after Bradley cut the ribbon on its new, \$210 million ground transportation center. The transportation center consolidated all rental car companies in one place and added more parking — all connected to the terminal.

Dillon said annual air passenger counts appear to be on pace to recover to pre-pandemic levels by 2023, and, despite uncertainty, he is optimistic about future growth. This year, Bradley has seen the expansion of routes, particularly with low-cost carrier Breeze Airways. Breeze also is making Bradley an operations hub.

With the new system, luggage will be sent to screening via the conveyor system at the ticket counter. Passengers won't have to take the separate step of bringing them to the screening machines in the lobby.

[Supporting Innovation and Smart Vehicle Initiatives](#)

Government Technology- Sept. 21, 2022

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) presents significant opportunities for departments of transportation, public transit agencies, railways, airports and other government organizations that focus on transportation. Besides monies for overdue bridge and road repairs, the act provides for investments in broadband connectivity, cybersecurity, electric vehicle charging, high-speed passenger rail, port and airport infrastructure improvements, and more.

While many organizations will use funding to support or expand "shovel ready" projects that were already in planning stages before the infrastructure bill was introduced, others will seize the moment to kick-start projects that may not have been possible without a one-time infusion of money.

To plan, budget, design, manage and report on these massive projects, organizations will need secure, state-of-the-art laptops, workstations, printers and other devices. The right technology choices will help back-office workers, project managers and others operate more securely and efficiently in a world that is increasingly technology driven and automated. Besides addressing immediate needs for device modernization, the right technology choices will create a strong foundation for supporting innovation and smart vehicle initiatives coming down the road.

“We’re beginning an evolution toward a major paradigm shift in transportation,” said Brian Kelley, chief technology officer for the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission, in a [recent *Government Technology* webinar](#). “We last saw a shift of this magnitude back at the early part of the 20th century when the horse and buggy disappeared from the streets of the United States and was replaced by the gasoline engine and the automobile. Today we’re fast moving toward autonomous, connected and electric vehicles.”

To support this paradigm shift and the massive projects it will require, transportation organizations will need to address these challenges:

- Increased need for compute power
- Expanding threat surface and increase in ransomware and other attacks
- Outdated devices
- Changing workforce demographics

The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission exemplifies the forward-looking organizations that are working on future transportation technology. The commission is actively working on connected and electric vehicles, toll modernization, smart mobility projects and more. Kelley is currently leading a solar energy development project on the Ohio Turnpike, where his team will build solar fields that power EV charging stations. The team is also working with a research center at Utah State University to explore in-road wireless charging. “We’re looking at what the future will look like, and then beginning to prepare for that future and the future needs of transportation and our customers on the road,” Kelley said. Whether preparing roadways, transit systems, ports, waterways or airports for the future, organizations will need to ensure their workers have the right devices to support the massive transportation and infrastructure projects funded by the IJA and other sources. When project and procurement teams evaluate devices, the following features and capabilities should be part of any decision matrix:

- Endpoint device security
- Compute power
- Durability
- Ease of maintenance and management
- Financial sustainability
- Environmental sustainability
- Mobile and desktop workstations for on-premises and remote work
- Printers

The following approach will set organizations up for success as they embark on or update a device program.

- **Define the scope** of deliverables for the new technology and devices. What does this technology need to do? What are “nice to haves” with the new technology?
- **Determine the budget** and identify other departments that would benefit from the same or similar technology. Sharing costs or consolidating buying power to negotiate better prices and terms with vendors may widen the pool of money to work with.
- **Demo the proposed technology.** Identify two to three devices that meet the organization’s requirements. Most companies are willing to provide demos and loaner devices. Take advantage of this opportunity to try out and compare devices.
- **Run a user experience pilot group** that includes all stakeholders who are impacted by the final deliverables. Including all stakeholders throughout the entire device identification and selection process ensures the organization has balanced input that reflects the day-to-day needs of both IT and actual end users.
- **Regroup with all stakeholders** and discuss at a high level what devices make the most sense for all parties. This process inherently creates a sense of ownership all around as people recognize they have been a part of the selection process. “In my experience, the people side of things is just as important as the technology being introduced. IT can go out and buy the Ferrari of systems that has all the bells and whistles, but if it’s so complex that a typical end user can’t use it ... failed launch. Money could have been saved by getting the Cadillac solution that is much more user friendly and effective in solving

problems or creating efficiencies,” said Omar Sandoval, director of government programs for CDG and former director of information technology for the Naperville Park District in Illinois.

IJJA funding provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to address some of the most urgent transportation challenges of our time. Receiving funding from IJJA grants or any other source comes with a responsibility to taxpayers to invest funding wisely. Doing so requires careful planning, regular assessment and ongoing refinement. Having the right devices for the myriad tasks involved in planning, predicting, assessing and reporting will help prepare transportation organizations for success now and in the future.

[At The Airport Of The Future, Your Travel Experience Will Bring Less Stress And More Beauty](#)

Forbes - Sept. 21, 2022

As you enter the airport, you glance up at a large screen. Rather than displaying dozens of arrivals and departures, the monitor greets you by name and tells you where and how far to walk to catch your flight. At the exact same time, that screen is doing the same thing for scores of other travelers around you.

That’s the scene today in an area of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, which offers a [glimpse of what’s to come](#): a facial recognition-based system. The personalized displays are part of a new generation of technologies rapidly being deployed in airports around the world as cities make up for delayed investments and compete for travelers. The race is set to transform the air-travel experience, turning an often-stressful endeavor into an oasis of convenience and even delight.

“There’s a large movement to make these airports a place people want to go,” says Darin Friedmann, Vice President and Head of Transportation Systems for Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America, a leader in automated people movers at airports. “Airports are spending money on art, architecture and technology to make passengers’ experience easy and enjoyable.”

The travel recovery and outlook have jump-started renovation and expansion plans that were mothballed in 2020. In the U.S., the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is helping fuel the trend with [\\$25 billion in funding](#) for airport improvements over five years. Even increased inflation is accelerating the investments. “There’s a concern that the longer you wait, the more expensive things will get,” says Friedmann. “We’re seeing more airport renovation projects over the next year than we’ve ever seen.”

The airport of the future will be striking, even beautiful. Increasingly, cities are focused on creating a favorable impression on people traveling through, the better to compete for business investment, workers and tourists.

Meanwhile, airport architects are seeking new ways to connect passengers’ experience to the local environment and ethos. Many are inspired by Singapore’s Changi airport, a revolutionary airport design that features an indoor rainforest surrounding the world’s largest indoor waterfall. “Every airport wants the ‘wow’ factor – something people will remember after passing through,” says Friedmann. “And they want that experience to reflect the values of the airport or the city.”

The underlying purpose of an airport remains moving people from one place to another. But making the process less utilitarian can relieve the stress travelers feel about issues beyond their control, from weather-related delays to tight connections. New people movers aim to transform what is often a harried experience into an enjoyable one, in part by providing a calm and helpful sensory experience.

Detroit’s personalized monitors are just one of many innovations designed to lubricate the flow of travelers through key airport chokepoints. Already, biometrics can help speed passengers through security. Before long, automation and AI will route baggage more efficiently and reduce human error, while apps using geolocation will push out the information travelers need in real time: *Exit the train at the next station; take the escalator to the next level; walk to the right for seven minutes to reach your gate.* The airport of the future, a destination offering less stress, moments of beauty and all-around smarter travel, is arriving now.

[Orlando International Airport's CEO Shares How Its New Terminal Will Affect Travelers](#)

Travel + Leisure - Sept. 13, 2022

There's something of an airport renaissance going on in the United States. From coast to coast, [airports are debuting much-needed, new-and-improved terminals](#).

On Monday, Sept. 19, Orlando International Airport (MCO) will become the next airport to debut a shiny new structure: the \$2.8 billion Terminal C, or south terminal.

The 1.8 million-square-foot space will add 15 gates to the airport, increasing its capacity by an estimated 12 million passengers per year. (The airport became the world's [seventh busiest](#) in 2021 with 40.4 million passengers, up from the 27th busiest in 2020 and 31st busiest in 2019.)

But the new terminal isn't just adding capacity to the airport, it's fundamentally changing the airport experience for travelers passing through it. For starters, this is a high-tech, low-touch terminal.

"At Terminal C, technology drives functionality," Kevin Thibault, CEO of Orlando International Airport, tells *Travel + Leisure*. He points to some of the more obvious tech that passengers will notice immediately — biometric facial recognition systems at each gate and experiential multimedia installations throughout the terminal, for example.

There are also Bluetooth navigational beacons that show travelers where they are within the airport in real-time, helping with step-by-step directions to get to any point within the airport. And there are 1,471 wireless chargers spread throughout the waiting areas at the gates.

"Other technology, like our radio frequency identification [RFID] for baggage that tracks luggage in real-time, is behind the scenes, working hard for our passengers 24/7 to ensure a new standard for travel with fewer lost bags, a more efficient security process, and an overall more enjoyable passenger experience," Thibault says.

The RFID baggage system means that airport staff will know where every checked bag is at all times, reducing the potential for losing luggage. It'll also speed up the whole process, with an average transportation time of five minutes from check-in to gate and from gate to baggage claim.

The layout of the terminal is radically different from most domestic airports, too. Designed by Fentress Architects and engineering firm HNTB, Terminal C has flipped the standard airport set-up where departures are on the top floor and arrivals are on the bottom floor. As passengers exit their aircraft and move toward the baggage claim and ground transportation, they're greeted by bright sunlight streaming in through skylights.

The terminal will also serve as a crucial transportation hub connecting the greater Orlando area with South Florida; it will be home to [a future stop of the high-speed Brightline train](#), due to open in 2023. The train will connect Orlando with West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, and Miami, with a western extension to Tampa in the works, too. "This connectivity is a game-changer for our state, our economy, and for tourism," Thibault says.

[COBUS HYDRA Presents First Hydrogen-Driven Airport Bus](#)

AviationPros.com - Sept. 13, 2022

COBUS Industries GmbH at GSE Expo Europe is digitally presenting its brand-new fuel-cell bus COBUS HYDRA, the first hydrogen-driven airport bus. With its short refilling time and extended range, this fuel cell-powered airport bus offers an overall sustainable and state-of-the-art solution.

Fueled by hydrogen, the new apron bus is named after the star constellation of the powerful water-snake Hydra derived from Greek mythology. The digital presentation of the bus will highlight the convincing features -- a refilling time of less than 9 minutes and an extended range of up to 400 kilometers.

The newest member of the company's innovative product portfolio is completely developed in-house and based on the proven e.COBUS 3000 as well as on a hydrogen-driven bus of the COBUS factory and shareholder CaetanoBUS. Customers will also get the possibility to convert their existing fleet into sustainable, hydrogen-powered buses providing low noise and low emissions. As

fuel cells are an efficient conversion technology and as hydrogen is a clean energy carrier, the COBUS HYDRA will support the EU's strategy for transforming its airports to meet environmental challenges to become fully carbon-free.

[21st Century Recruitment And Retention Strategies Required to Tackle New Post Pandemic Labor Landscape](#)

American Journal of Transportation - Sept. 21, 2022

A recent U.S. Airforwarders Association member survey indicates the global labor shortage is putting pressure on operations and their ability to meet ongoing customer demand. At the same time, although cargo shipments declined in recent months due to adverse international events, predictions of increasing volumes amid industry optimism leave forwarders concerned about service and capacity during the next anticipated shipment surge.

Last month, the airline industry experienced unprecedented flight cancellations and delays due to a shortage of pilots and support workers. Airport ground handling companies also report significant challenges in recruiting qualified workers to provide freight support services for their airline customers at the major gateways.

US trucking volumes are beginning to stabilize, but forwarder concerns remain despite more truck access. The pandemic is most often cited as the main cause for the supply chain woes, but other reasons for concern remain. For example, driver shortages make it increasingly tricky for forwarders to depend on an abundant capacity supply in the months ahead. The truck driver shortfall hit 80,000 drivers in 2021 and will grow to over 160,000 by 2030.

US Bureau of Labor Statistics figures indicate that workers in the United States who left their jobs voluntarily rose by 152,000 to a record high of 4.5 million this past spring.

Freight transportation providers are dealing with the effects of the labor shortage daily. For instance, a lack of dockworkers causes ships to get unloaded more slowly at ports of entry. In addition, the need for drayage drivers in the trucking industry has resulted in shipping containers sitting at ports for longer than pre-COVID. The long-haul truck driver shortage creates capacity concerns, making moving inventory from the docks to distribution centers challenging. Warehouses and distribution centers are starved of workers who cannot operate at full capacity, resulting in inventory shortages and manufacturing delays.

The pandemic taught us many harsh lessons, especially in worker recruitment, employee satisfaction, and labor retention, and forced us to think creatively to solve supply chain labor issues. For example, to address the pilot shortage that continues to cause flight cancellations, governments should increase the mandatory retirement age for airline pilots from 65 to 67. Recent advancements in health and medical science are increasing human longevity. If pilots within this age group can demonstrate an adequate mental acuity and physical fitness level, extending the retirement age is an effective way to keep good pilots in the workforce longer.

We also need to help the trucking industry recruit more workers by addressing lifestyle issues that continue to reduce the number of drivers on the road. This improvement begins by promoting more health awareness for drivers through fitness and medical programs focused on driver longevity.

Finally, maritime dockworkers and airport ground handling employees have been an indispensable asset in keeping our supply chains operational, despite dire circumstances due to the pandemic. As the U.S. West Coast maritime labor negotiations continue, forwarders hope the new agreement will encourage more worker recruitment at those facilities and realize that for our nation to remain competitive, the docks and airports must have adequate staffing to operate efficiently.

Making crucial changes in recruiting and retaining supply chain workers is a worthwhile goal for the freight industry and essential to achieving global competitiveness.

[Cancun Airport Transportation Companies Are Preparing for the Holiday Season](#)

Newsire.com - Sept. 12, 2022

CANCÚN, Mexico - There was an increase in tourists coming from inside and outside Mexico at the beginning of the year. This is favorable data for ground transportation, which faced several tests during the height of the pandemic in 2019, 2020, and early 2021 in major cities such as Cancun, Tulum, and Playa del Carmen.

Less than three-quarters of this year, local agencies have closed their doors, and others have made giant strides in their operations in and out of Cancun.

There are about 25 million people who set foot on Cancun's lands to spend the December, Easter, and Summer vacations. Due to this, transportation companies are taking measures to avoid delays in arrivals from the airport to hotels and vice versa due to the reconstruction of Luis D. Colosio Avenue, one of the main roads to the airport.

Fortunately, agencies have taken measures now to avoid any mishaps.

Due to the heavy influx of tourists in the city, [transportation agencies](#) have also improved their service and efficiency by 30% compared to previous years.

More and more carriers are adding value to their reservations, such as disinfection kits, water or beverages along the way, snacks, courtesy stops, and even discounts on tours of relevance in the city.

Unlike buses and public transportation services, private transportation offers passenger insurance and direct attention to the agency 24 hours a day. Therefore, the above can significantly benefit the user's experience within the city and its surroundings.

[EVmo Announces the Opening of a New Rental Facility Near LAX Airport](#)

MarketScreener.com - *Sept. 19, 2022*

LOS ANGELES -- **EVmo, Inc.** (OTC: **YAYO**), a leading provider of rental vehicles to the rideshare and delivery gig economy industry, today announced the opening of a new RideShare Rental facility in Manhattan Beach, CA, on the outskirts of the Los Angeles International Airport and close to the dispatch centers for two of the major ride-hailing companies. The new location, which was previously a rental car facility for a national chain, is now the largest of the company's rental locations and can support the rental and maintenance needs of the company's rapidly growing rental fleet. In addition, the new location offers drivers easy access to public transportation, expanded parking, and proximity to multiple major transportation hubs.

"We are excited to open this new facility as it represents another milestone in the company's growth," commented Stephen Sanchez, CEO of EVmo. "In the past year, we have doubled our fleet of rental cars, expanded our geographic reach, and significantly improved our operating efficiency. This facility will help continue this growth but equally important is that it will enhance our customers' experience and make it easy for them to 'Rent, Drive, Earn™'."

EVmo is a leading provider of technology-enabled rental vehicles to drivers in the rapidly growing rideshare and gig-delivery economies. By bridging the gap between people who want to drive for rideshare and gig-delivery companies but don't have access to a suitable vehicle, EVmo empowers drivers of all economic backgrounds to run their own businesses in the gig economy. EVmo's professionally managed and maintained fleet of more than 1,000 vehicles (and growing) in multiple cities, can be rented for flexible terms to meet customers' needs. EVmo's convenient and easy-to-use online and app booking platform makes it easy to Rent, Drive, Earn™.

[Airport parking prices in NYC area lowered as summer travel ends: See the new rates](#)

Staten Island Advance - *Sept. 16, 2022*

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- After significantly raising drive-up airport parking rates during the summer travel season, the Port Authority has lowered its prices, though they remain well-above what they once were.

However, those who plan ahead can lock in discounted rates in line with what travelers were previously accustomed to paying prior to the summer increase.

In mid-July, the Port Authority [hiked drive-up airport parking prices](#) at John F. Kennedy, LaGuardia and Newark airports due to increased parking demand during the summer travel season.

Now that summer is coming to close, the Port Authority has revised those daily maximum drive-up rates, decreasing them slightly, but keeping them significantly higher than they were before the summer increases.

Prior the the July increases, the maximum daily drive-up parking rates were as follows:

- JFK: \$20 to \$42, depending on the lot
- EWR: \$21 to \$44, depending on the lot
- LGA Terminal A/B: \$39; LGA Terminal C: \$45; Pre-Paid Economy Lot now available at \$35

As of July 15, the maximum daily drive-up parking rates increased to:

- JFK: \$70 – \$75, depending on the lot; or \$29 for economy lot
- EWR: \$60 – \$70, depending on the lot; or \$29 for P6 economy lot
- LGA Terminal A/B: \$65; LGA Terminal C: \$75

Now, as of Sept. 16, the revised maximum daily drive-up parking rates are:

- JFK: \$60 – \$70, depending on the lot; or \$29 for economy lot
- EWR: \$40 – \$65, depending on the lot; or \$29 for P6 economy lot
- LGA: Terminal A: \$55; Terminal B: \$60; Terminal C: \$70

However, travelers who pre-book their parking up to one day in advance will be charged the original rates, rewarding those who plan ahead with discounted prices, saving travelers as much as \$40.

“The airport websites enable pre-booking up to 24 hours in advance, and also provide travelers with real-time information on how full airport parking garages are at any point in time. Links to pre-book can be found here: [JFK](#), [LGA](#), and [EWR](#),” according to the Port Authority.

AIRPORT NEWS

[MSP flies highest in J.D. Power ranking of nation's largest airports](#)

Star Tribune Sept. 21, 2022

MSP ranks highest in the "mega airport" category with a score of 800. It was closely followed by San Francisco International Airport at 796. Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport and John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York both at 791. "Minneapolis has been on an upward trend for several years," says J.D. Power.

MSP ranked second to Detroit in the survey in 2019, the last year when airport traffic was at a comparable level. "We've made tremendous progress in the last few years on the major project to modernize the Terminal 1 arrival and departure lobbies," Ryks said.

J.D. Power survey finds Delta is the dominant carrier at MSP. Delta is building a Sky Club on Concourse G; it will open next spring. Airports Council International conference wrapped up Tuesday at the Minneapolis Convention Center, with an appearance by Delta Air Lines Chief Executive Ed Bastian.

Tampa (Fla.) International Airport ranks highest among large airports with a score of 846. John Wayne Airport in Orange County, Calif., (826) ranks second, and Dallas Love Field (825) ranks third. Indianapolis International Airport (842) is the highest among medium airports.

RDU Airport reopens Economy 4 parking

CBS News 17 - Sept. 21, 2022

MORRISVILLE, N.C. (WNCN) — The Raleigh-Durham International Airport reopened its Economy 4 parking lot on Wednesday to expand parking options for travelers.

The lot is located on International Drive between Lumley Road and John Brantley Boulevard. Passengers can book spots online starting Sept. 27.

The rate for Economy 4 parking is \$11 per day and \$1 per hour for the first four hours.

Shuttle buses run from the parking lot to terminals approximately every 10 minutes. Guests can use the TransLoc mobile app to see where buses are located and for an estimated time of arrival.

Economy 4 was closed in 2020 due to declining passenger traffic. But, it was reopened amid increasing demand for airport parking, particularly during peak travel days during the week.

RDU recommends booking parking at least 24 hours before your scheduled flight. Customers can reserve parking online at [rd�.com](https://www.rdu.com).

Express is now the only public parking facility that remains closed.

ABM Wins Prestigious Innovative Facility of the Year Award at 2022 NPA Innovation Awards

AviationPros.com - Sept. 21, 2022

ABM, a leading provider of integrated facility services, parking and transportation management solutions, and electric vehicle (EV) charger installations, announced it was honored with the *Innovative Facility of the Year* during the 2022 National Parking Association (NPA) Innovation Awards for its landmark integrated smart parking and eMobility solution for Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) economy parking facility at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The honor was presented during the NPA Annual Convention & Expo in Austin, Texas.

“The NPA Innovation Awards recognize companies and individuals who demonstrate the highest professionalism and parking best practices while using leadership and state-of-the-art technology to improve safety, sustainability, and bottom-line results,” said NPA president Christine Banning, IOM, CAE. “ABM’s smart parking solution at the LAX economy parking garage stood out for its innovation, leadership and ability to enhance the parking experience.”

“We believe our collaboration with LAWA set a new standard, and we are thrilled to now receive the parking industry’s highest honor,” said Scott Hutchison, senior vice president, Operations, ABM. “Our work with LAWA is a great example of how the right technology solution can provide an unparalleled parking experience, while optimizing operational efficiencies and maximizing revenue potential. With our LAX economy parking facility implementation and the subsequent introduction of our ABMVantage smart parking platform, ABM is now firmly positioned at the forefront of revolutionizing the parking industry.”

As one of the largest parking service providers in the country, ABM supports over 2,000 client locations at some of the country’s most iconic commercial buildings, airports, universities, and stadiums with on- and off-street parking facilities. ABM parks over 1 million vehicles and transports over 4.5 million passengers via shuttles every day while collecting more than \$1.5 billion in parking revenue annually for its clients.

LAWA opened one of the most advanced economy parking facilities in the country at LAX. Open to the public in October 2021, the new \$294.1 million facility is a four-level, 1.7-million-square-foot structure with approximately 4,300 parking stalls and direct transportation to the terminals.

The heart of the new facility is its innovative smart parking integration platform. ABM was the primary partner for the system implementation, and the one source for the implementation and operation of all landside parking operations at LAX. The system is a first-of-its-kind integration platform that brings together the disparate components of the airport parking infrastructure — such as Parking Access and Revenue Control Systems (PARCS), Parking Guidance Systems (PGS), reservations, license plate recognition (LPR), EV charging, and valet management — and transforms them into a harmonized solution sharing data in both directions and resulting in enhanced functionality.

Through this solution by ABM, all the LAX parking facilities systems are working together for the first time, enabling each system's data to be fed into a single dashboard and operations portal, providing a real-time, complete picture of the parking facility that is accessible to all stakeholders that need it. These data-driven insights inform dynamic pricing, set peak and off-peak rates, and enable real-time price adjustments.

ABM also led one of the largest EV charger installations in the United States installing 1,200 charging stations at LAX.

[Tucson International Airport to raise parking rates](#)

KOLD News 13 -Sept. 21, 2022

TUCSON, Ariz. - Parking rates at the Tucson International Airport are set to increase on later this year.

To meet rising operating costs and continue making improvements to the airport, officials recently announced, rates will increase by up to two dollars on Nov. 1.

The new rates are said to be in response to a 20% increase in operating expenses since 2017.

Both hourly and daily rate changes will be limited to no more than a two-dollar increase per day to all Tucson Airport Authority parking lots, including the daily and hourly lots in front of the terminal, the adjacent garage and the economy lots, which are serviced by shuttles that run to and from the terminal.

Rates at the garage, daily and hourly lots will increase by two dollars per day. The economy covered lot's rates will increase by \$1.50 per day and the economy lot will increase by 50 cents per day.

Hourly rates are also changing from two dollars per hour to three dollars.

Airport officials say the parking rates will remain comparable with off-site options surrounding the airport and are favorable to other airports in the region.

[DFW Airport wants to put the brakes on peer-to-peer car rentals using parking spaces](#)

WFAA.com - Sept. 20, 2022

FORT WORTH, Texas — Fort Worth city council members are being asked to change the towing rules at [DFW International Airport](#). The request comes from airport officials because of parking spots being used by people renting out their personal vehicles.

The Fort Worth council reopened their work session after hearing from the airport during a closed session Tuesday afternoon. Legal Counsel for DFW Airport briefed council members in Fort Worth about their concerns with parking spaces being used for peer-to-peer car rentals.

Right now, fleet owners renting their cars through apps like TURO, a national company, are basically doing business on airport grounds for free.

Reyne Telles, chief communications officer for the City of Fort Worth, has been in connection with DFW communications personnel about their concerns. Telles also shared that council members in Dallas are being presented with the same concerns.

"For the city of Fort Worth's part, the proposed council action would actually give the airport the green light to begin towing cars owned by through what's called peer-to-peer app," said Reyne

Telles, "Often those vehicles are utilizing facilities that are intended for customer use and avoid paying fees and taxes."

Both Fort Worth and Dallas council members would have to agree to amend the airport towing rules. Some Fort Worth council members are concerned about how changing the rules would impact individual car owners trying to make extra money.

City leaders in Fort Worth could cast a final vote on this issue at their next full council meeting. Anyone who has concerns with the amendment can sign up for public comment. Fort Worth council members welcome feedback on the issue.

DFW Airport officials sent WFAA the following statement Wednesday:

"The DFW International Airport Board approved a resolution requesting a change to the Airport's Code of Rules and Regulations concerning the towing of illegally parked cars. It will allow cars being rented illegally at DFW Airport to be towed from DFW's facilities. It is part of an enforcement effort by DFW to prevent the illegal use of parking facilities for rental car deliveries and the evasion of both airport fees and state and local rental car taxes. The Code change now heads to the Dallas and Fort Worth City Councils for final approval."

[Ticketless Car Parking At Marlborough Airport](#)

Scoop Independent News - Sept. 21, 2022

Marlborough Airport has introduced a new license plate recognition system so people parking at the airport no longer need to use paper tickets to pay as they leave.

Marlborough Airport Operations and Safety Manager, Steve Holtum says the old ticket-based system was expensive and prone to error with people often losing or damaging their tickets.

"The new license plate system, introduced on Tuesday 20 September, is a lot more user-friendly and provides a better experience for people parking at the airport," he said.

"As people enter the carpark the new system will read the vehicle license plate and the gate will open. At the completion of their stay, prior to leaving the carpark, drivers simply enter their license plate number into one of the parking machines and pay for their stay using cash or card. When leaving the carpark, the exit gate will recognize payment has been made and the barrier will lift automatically."

"If customers forget to pay at one of the machines there is also an option to pay at the exit gate using paywave or credit card however no receipt will be issued," he said.

Mr Holtum said while parking fees remain the same the new system also allows for 15 minutes free parking in the main carpark and part-day charging which will result in savings for some people.

[Parking at Newark airport is now cheaper after summer surcharge goes away](#)

NJ.com - Sept. 21, 2022

In a year that has [hit consumers with price increase after price increase](#), a strange thing happened at Newark Liberty International Airport on Friday: the drive-up rate to park your car went down.

No, don't pinch yourself. It's not a dream.

"The drive-up rates decreased," said Cheryl Ann Albiez, a Port Authority spokesperson.

After being raised earlier this summer, the drive-up parking rates at Newark dropped from the old rate of between \$60 and \$70, depending on the lot, to a new rate of between \$40 and \$65. The drive-up rate stayed at \$29 for parking at the further "economy lot."

Parking rates at all three metro area airports — Newark, LaGuardia and JFK — went down on Friday after the Authority rolled back a summer period surcharge. That charge started on July 15

due to a surge in travelers driving to the airports in private vehicles, straining the “on-airport” parking facilities, the Authority stated.

Officials promised to look at parking rates after the summer travel season ended.

To manage parking over the summer, Port Authority officials offered a break to travelers who pre-booked parking 48 hours in advance [on the airports' websites](#). They were charged the old rate, avoiding the surcharge.

Drivers who pre-book will continue to receive a discounted price of \$21 to \$44 at Newark airport, depending on the lot.

Passenger volume in the Authority's airports is close to pre-COVID 2019 traffic levels. In July 2022, the Port Authority's airports handled a total of 12.2 million passengers, which was 93% of pre-pandemic July 2019 volumes.

Airport passenger volumes increased 6% from June 2022, when the airport served 11.5 million passengers, the Authority reported in August.