

AGTA News from the Airport Curb for the week of 2/10/22.



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AGTA Resumes In-Person Meetings - May 8 - 11 in San Diego

The AGTA Spring 2022 Conference is scheduled for **May 8 -11, 2022** in San Diego at the San Diego Mission Valley Hilton Hotel. You can expect to see sessions on how airports and ground operators are recovering from the recent difficult years and what new services, technologies, and innovations we might see in the near future. Airports and ground transportation providers are gearing back up with new safety, alternative fuels, and consumer-oriented ideas and operations. This San Diego conference will provide a chance to get in on the ground floor of airports today, and to learn firsthand about current successes, as well as what to avoid, given your colleagues' experiences.

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Zoom Meeting Information:

Next Meeting: February 16, 3:00 Eastern
Airport parking lot thefts and vandalism -- What we can do about it

Join us on Wednesday, February 16 at 3:00 Eastern as guest airport officials and industry security providers address this increasing issue for airports and parking concessionaires. Presenters will discuss the ways both on- and off-airport parking and car rental companies can and should provide security for parked autos. Mark your calendar now and join us for this informative discussion about a growing problem at many of our airports.

[2/16/22 Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting Passcode: 755945

GROUND TRANSPORTATION NEWS

[Clean Energy and Enbridge Partner to Make CNG Available to UPS Canada Fleet Vehicles in Ontario](#)

Valdosta Daily Times - Feb. 9, 2022

UPS Canada fleet vehicles will fuel with CNG -- a lower carbon alternative to gasoline -- provided by Clean Energy and Enbridge.

UPS Canada has converted 25 package delivery vans to operate on CNG – a lower carbon alternative to gasoline. The Clean Energy-operated CNG fueling station, located near the UPS facility in London, will provide an anticipated 2,000,000 litres (525,000 gasoline gallon equivalent) of CNG in a multi-year agreement. Fueling the trucks with CNG will reduce 700 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions—the equivalent of planting 11,667 trees, removing 152 cars from the road, and recycling 281 tons of landfill waste.

“We are excited by the growing use of CNG in Ontario that will significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions and result in a positive environmental impact to reduce local air pollutants,” said Chad Lindholm, senior vice president, Clean Energy. “UPS has led the way in sustainable transportation for many years and we’re pleased to partner with them to expand their clean natural gas fleet in Canada. We’re pleased that UPS continues the migration of its package cars to CNG in Canada and applaud their sustainability efforts.”

“The use of compressed natural gas (CNG) is a cleaner fuel choice that can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions,” said Todd Smith, Ontario Minister of Energy. “Congratulations to Enbridge Gas, Clean Energy and UPS Canada on this exciting initiative that is helping to advance Ontario’s transition towards a lower-carbon future.”

Clean Energy Fuels Corp. is the country’s largest provider of the cleanest fuel for the transportation market. Our mission is to decarbonize transportation through the development and delivery of renewable natural gas (RNG), a sustainable fuel derived from organic waste. Clean Energy allows thousands of vehicles, from airport shuttles to city buses to waste and heavy-duty trucks, to reduce their amount of climate-harming greenhouse gas. We operate a vast network of fueling stations across the U.S. and Canada.

[Colorado Springs Airport raising parking fees](#)

The Gazette - Feb. 9, 2022

The Colorado Springs Airport will hike its parking fees March 1, the first increase since 2019 and just the second time the fees have gone up since 1998, officials announced Tuesday.

The daily maximum charge for short-term parking will increase from \$9 to \$12 and the maximum for long-term parking will rise from \$7 to \$8. The short-term lot charges \$1 for each 30-minute time period, while the long-term lot charges \$1 for each 60-minute period, which is not changing. The charge for a lost ticket will increase from \$9 to \$12. Oversized vehicles pay twice the charge for either short- or long-term parking.

"While we are sensitive to increased costs for our travelers, these price adjustments will allow for capital improvements to the parking system and maintenance costs for the parking lots," Greg Phillips, Colorado Springs director of aviation, said in a news release.

[Uber beats on revenue, says core business is bouncing back after omicron surge](#)

CNBC.com -Feb. 9, 2022

Uber reported fourth-quarter earnings after the bell on Wednesday. The company beat analyst estimates on revenue for the quarter and said it's starting to bounce back from headwinds caused by the omicron coronavirus surge.

The company's stock was up more than 6% in after-hours trading.

The company reported a net income of \$892 million, which includes a \$1.4 billion net benefit, pretax, related to its equity investments. Uber's EPS of 44 cents includes that big investment gain. Excluding it, Uber posted a loss of 26 cents per share, adjusted, according to Refinitiv, beating Wall Street expectations of a 35 cent loss per share.

Its adjusted EBITDA, or earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, was \$86 million. That's up \$540 million from the same quarter a year ago.

The company's delivery segment, which includes its Uber Eats business, has continued to hold up as food delivery becomes a part of regular life. In an update to shareholders, the company said that its number of delivery merchants grew to more than 825,000. Delivery revenue of \$2.42 billion outperformed the \$2.28 billion generated by its core ride-hailing business. Freight revenue was up 245% year-over-year to \$1.08 billion.

During the company's earnings call, Khosrowshahi added the company has maintained a strong driver supply even with the pandemic surge, which has led to shorter wait times and fewer surge pricing instances.

Another marker of pandemic recovery, airport gross bookings represented 13% of Uber's mobility gross bookings. That marks a 24% increase over the third quarter and nearly 200% from the same period a year ago.

[Lyft rides hit pandemic high, but stock falls on cautious forecast](#)

Market Watch - Feb. 9, 2022

Lyft Inc. said Tuesday that it met its goal of full-year positive Ebitda and that its fourth quarter was "solid," but its outlook for the current quarter and possibly beyond weighed on its stock in after-hours trading.

Chief Financial Officer Elaine Paul, who joined the company last month, said on her first earnings call that although Lyft's ride volume reached a pandemic high during the fourth quarter, she expects first-quarter volume to fall slightly because of the omicron variant's effects on demand.

Paul did add that she's cautiously optimistic about the company's full-year outlook, something Chief Executive Logan Green also mentioned on the call.

Lyft said total active drivers in the fourth quarter increased 34% year over year, and that new-driver activations rose 50%.

Lyft's revenue per rider was \$51.79, above the \$46.50 per rider analysts had expected. That was partly due to ride frequency and longer trips, Paul said on the call. In a further indication of a recovery, she said airport rides are now 9% of ride volume, just shy of 9.4% of volume in the pre-pandemic fourth quarter of 2019.

Lyft expects first-quarter revenue in the range of \$800 million to \$850 million, a decline from the previous quarter. The company expects adjusted Ebitda of between \$5 million and \$15 million, compared with \$75 million in the fourth quarter. Analysts had forecast earnings of 7 cents a share on revenue of \$980.3 million.

Shares of Lyft have fallen 4.35% so far this year, while the S&P 500 Index SPX, -0.51% has decreased 5.25%.

[Costs for California's high-speed rail project climb another \\$5 billion](#)

The Sun - Feb. 9, 2022

Another \$5 billion has been added to the cost of California's ambitious but long delayed high-speed rail line, according to estimates released Tuesday that show it could take \$105 billion to finish the route from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

The increases are partly due to commitments aimed at minimizing community disruption, such as distancing the train from the Cesar E. Chavez National Monument in the Central Valley and tunneling tracks near the Burbank airport, project officials said.

Republican Assemblyman Jim Patterson of Fresno, a longtime critic of the project whose district it will run through, was unimpressed by the business plan's hopes for receiving more federal money to build a double track.

As the project waits for more funding from the Biden administration, the rail authority is also fighting for money from the state. Last year, the Legislature did not agree to Gov. Gavin Newsom's budget request to release \$4.2 billion that's left in the voter-approved bond fund for the project. Democratic leaders in the state Assembly have been hesitant to release the money due to skepticism about the project's overall approach and lack of sustained funding.

Beyond the bond money and federal dollars, the rail project is funded by revenue from California's cap-and-trade program, which requires polluters to buy permits to emit carbon.

[Colorado Based Airbnb for Vehicle Storage is Expanding Nationwide](#)

PR Newswire- Feb. 9, 2022

STOW IT, a Colorado-based startup that has become the leading vehicle storage provider in Denver, has now raised funding to expand nationwide! STOW IT helps businesses and individuals rent garages, barns, land, and parking lots for vehicle storage. Over 400 properties in the Denver, CO area are making over \$1,000 per year using STOW IT Services.

Storage Options:

STOW IT works with all different types of property owners including individuals and companies that have extra space for vehicle storage.

- Long Term Airport parking
 - - STOW IT has partnered with airport parking facilities all over the United States to provide the best monthly rates for airport parking at over 20+ airports around the U.S.

- Commercial Storage
 - - Storage facilities
 - Parking Garages
 - Semi-Trailer Yards
 - Parking lots

- Individually owned spaces
 - - Barns
 - Garages
 - Open land
 - Driveways

STOW IT is changing the way vehicle storage is done. Whether you are looking for storage or want to make money off your unused space, check out STOW IT become part of the change in the vehicle storage industry!

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[Sunshine Flyer offers another way to get from airport to Disney World](#)
Spectrum News 13 - Feb. 8, 2022

There's Mears Connect, operated by Mears, the same company that operated Disney's Magical Express service.

And then there's Sunshine Flyer, which officially began service this month. It's a partnership between Transportation Management Services (TMS), Academy Bus Lines and Empire Coach Line. TMS alone has 25-years' experience providing transportation for large events such as the FIFA World Cup and the NBA Finals.

Sunshine Flyer is offering a themed travel experience. The buses are designed after 1920s rail transportation, such as locomotives or passenger cars. And no two buses will have the same design. The theme extends to the drivers and staff, who are dressed as conductors and engineers.

On board the bus, there are USB chargers and a restroom. The TVs above the seats play silent black-and-white cartoons and trivia.

The buses also are wheelchair/ECV accessible, with a lift at the back of the bus.

Sunshine Flyer has about 12 wrapped buses in its fleet, with more being added in the coming weeks. By June, the company hopes to have about 35-40 buses.

The company is using technology to make routes are operating as efficiently as possible.

“We have a dynamic routing system that doesn’t just pick up and drop off at all the routes in a circle, that’s inefficient,” Glibkowski said.

According to its website, passengers will not have to wait “more than 20 minutes to board the bus” once they enter the Sunshine Flyer staging area.

“The ride to the resorts is scheduled so the last stop will not take more than 65 minutes,” the website says.

As far as pricing goes, it’s \$17 for adults for a one-way ticket and \$34 for round trip. For children ages 3 to 9, the cost is \$12.50 for one-way and \$25 for round trip.

[Top Traveling Tips You Should Apply to Ensure Cheap Transportation on Holiday](#)

Warrinton Worldwide - Feb. 7, 2022

If you are traveling far, your best bet is to take a plane as they don’t have to deal with traffic jams or other hold-ups on the road. They also do not require much ground transportation since airports are usually well outside of the city—this means you can travel light and save money on checked baggage.

If you are traveling abroad, expect to pay a hefty fee for transfers. The best way around this is to make your ground transportation arrangements in advance. For example, booking airport transfers to Bratislava airport from other surrounding cities, like Vienna, Prague, or Budapest, is the best solution cost-wise. Planning out the logistics of your travel beforehand, like hiring a private taxi, will save you money and peace of mind when it comes time to board that plane!

If you plan on taking day trips or exploring the outskirts of your destination city, it might be best to invest in a car rental. This way, you have the freedom to explore on your own schedule without having to rely on public transportation or taxis.

However, it’s best to rent only when necessary – or better yet, learn about whether renting a car is even necessary for your vacation at all. It’s often more cost-effective to stay downtown where everything is nearby and easily accessible. If you do decide you want to rent a car on your trip, be sure to compare rates online before making any decisions. Also, book early and use a coupon code if available.

[Airport’s parking lot project answer to vehicle overflow](#)

MRT.com - Feb. 7, 2022

There are more parking options at Midland International Airport, and it is paying off for the city of Midland.

Extra lots and an extra 800 parking spots are helping boost revenue. In fact, the city reported raising nearly \$1.39 million in net parking revenue through the first three months of the fiscal year. And even as impressive, there is room for more, according to Justine Ruff, director of Airports for the city.

The parking lot expansion was part of an improvement project that included two new lots with lighting, the rehabilitation of pavement in existing lots, the restriping of lots, new equipment, a new computer system and more. Now, as a person drives around the airport, they can see signs showing how much parking is available in each lot.

The cost of the project was \$15 million. All that money came from the Airport fund, which doesn’t include local taxpayer money but money from revenue collected at the Airport, including parking.

Some federal CARES fund money also went toward the project. City officials have said no general fund revenue is spent at the airport and airport revenue doesn't go to the general fund.

The same will be true when \$7 million is spent for improvements inside and around the terminal. Ruff reminded readers that the terminal opened in 1999, and 23 years and 1 million users a year can create the need to make updates. She said the project includes rehabbing bathrooms, new carpet and roof work. The \$22.7 million in CARES Funding that went to Midland International Airport during the pandemic will help foot the bill.

[Taxi and Limousine Services Market to Witness Revolutionary Growth by 2027 | Uber, Easy Taxi, Blue Bird Group](#)

Digital Journal -Feb. 7, 2022

Advance Market Analytics published a new research publication on "Global Taxi and Limousine Services Market Insights, to 2027" with 232 pages and enriched with self-explained Tables and charts in presentable format. In the Study you will find new evolving Trends, Drivers, Restraints, Opportunities generated by targeting market associated stakeholders. The growth of the Taxi and Limousine Services market was mainly driven by the increasing R&D spending across the world.

[Logan Express Service From Peabody Returns From New Location](#)

Patch.com - Feb. 7, 2022

The Logan Express is coming back to the North Shore after nearly a two-year absence.

Airport bus service from the Peabody terminal on Route 1 South was suspended in the early weeks of the coronavirus pandemic because of low ridership. Nearly 23 months later, service will resume Sunday with the Northshore Mall as its new terminal location.

The new location at 91 Essex Center Drive will have an hourly bus service from Peabody each day from 3:15 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. Service will leave from Logan Airport each day hourly beginning at 4:15 a.m. through 1:15 a.m.

The Logan Express will return to the region with discount tickets through June with advanced tickets purchased electronically here \$9 each way.

[Parking at Orlando International Airport this week? Here are some changes to shuttle services](#)

Orlando Sentinel -Feb. 7, 2022

If you plan to visit the Orlando International Airport on Monday, take note of a few changes that will begin regarding the shuttle service that transports travelers between the airport's economy parking lots.

The North Park Place lot will only have drop-off and pick-up shuttle services on the A-side of the North Terminal. And the South Park Place lot will only have drop-off and pick-up services on the B-side.

At the airport's main building, shuttles back to the North Park Place lot will pick up passengers only in spots A16 and A17 from the first level commercial lanes on the A-side. And shuttles back to the South Park Place lot will pick up passengers only in spots B16 and B17 from the first-level commercial lanes on the B-side.

Airport officials said travelers flying with the following airlines should consider parking in the North Park Place lot: Aer Lingus, AeroMexico, Air Transat, Alaska Airlines, Avelo, Avianca, Azul, Copa, Emirates, Frontier, Hawaiian, JetBlue, LATAM, National, Southwest, Sunwing and Virgin Atlantic.

And travelers flying with the following airlines should consider parking in the South Park Place lot: Air Canada/Rouge, American, Bahamasair, British Airways, Caribbean, Delta, Edelweiss, Gol, Icelandair, Lufthansa, Silver Airways, Spirit, Sun Country, United, Viva, Volaris and West Jet.

Therefore, if a traveler's airline lands in the airport's B terminal, they will need to ride the shuttle from the first level Aside to get back to their vehicle on the North Park Place lot; and vice versa.

Officials said the changes are temporary as the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority waits for additional transportation staff.

[Is Charging Your EV At The Airport Really That Much Of A Pain In The...?](#)

TFLcar.com -Feb. 4, 2022

I had a press event to attend in warm and sunny Florida, and opted to try ParkDIA — a facility near Denver's airport — to charge my vehicle while I was gone. There are several parking options at Denver International Airport, from their pricey on-site parking to less expensive services like ParkDIA farther from the terminal.

ParkDIA is a bit under 5 miles from the terminal, but offers a reliable shuttle service that stops near every parking section. If needed, the driver will even write up a ticket reminding you where you parked. It takes between 5-15 minutes to get to the airport after pickup, depending on when you get there.

So, is charging a pain at ParkDIA?

On this trip, I noticed several charging stations near the front of its covered parking section. It had a few open stations, and it appeared to have all twelve plugs working. But, as some nay-sayers may immediately point out, there's a catch. The charging is actually free, and part of the covered parking, *if* there's a station available.

The process to reserve parking at ParkDIA is fairly straightforward, and you can get through the reservation process in about 5 minutes. However, I noticed that there was nothing in the registration process that mentioned the chargers. There is no way to reserve them, or to see if they are currently in use.

A reference for anyone traveling through Denver Airport: Covered parking rates are \$14.95 per day, if you reserve a spot early, or \$15.95 per day when you park without a reservation. Right now, ParkDIA is running a \$5.00 per-day *uncovered* parking special if you don't need to be at an EV charger (or otherwise don't mind parking your car in the elements).

There are very few charging options near DIA. I had to gamble to see if I had an open charger when I got to ParkDIA. Fortunately, there was **ONE** left! As I plugged in my Leaf, I noticed that some of the vehicles have been there for a while. It was apparent that those chargers were plugged into a vehicle that could have been there for a month or more.

All in all — this is not a sponsored take — but I was pleased with ParkDIA. I had a better overall experience than its nearby competitors, all of whom I've sampled over the years. It's a well-maintained facility, and both parking options are as good, if not better, than parking within the airport's own lots (only a couple of which get you any closer to the terminal anyway). It's a little off the beaten path, but not too far, and needing to use an EV charger is a bit of a gamble.

[Electric vehicle charging at Gatwick: First ultra-fast facility opens by airport](#)

Electric & Hybrid Vehicle Technology - Feb. 3, 2022

Finding a fast electric vehicle charging point in and around Gatwick airport is now possible following the opening of an ultra-fast charging facility hub known as Q-Park Gatwick. The hub, operated by bp pulse, is the first and only available in and around Gatwick airport.

Q-Park Gatwick, also known as Purple Parking, is one of Gatwick Airport's largest offsite car parks with space for over 3000 vehicles. The meet and greet car park allows customers to drop off vehicles in a safe and secure facility and then receive a complimentary shuttle bus to the airport.

The charging hub includes three ultra-fast 150kW charging units that charge an EV to 80% capacity in as little as 10-15 minutes providing a range of around 100 miles. Using new hardware, these units will be upgraded to 300kW giving compatible EV vehicles an even faster charge. The site also includes four 50kW chargers, providing convenient charging for airport users, taxi drivers, local businesses with electric vehicle fleets, and local residents. Enabled by UK Power Networks, the seven chargers allow 10 electric vehicles to charge simultaneously.

Adam Bidder, managing director of Q-Park UK, said: "We are delighted to work with bp pulse on this project to deliver ultra-fast charging and support the electrification of our roads. Q-Park is focussing heavily on our sustainable urban mobility strategy and the bp pulse charging hubs such as this is a vital ingredient."

[Charlotte Douglas airport changes parking policies, cutting down on free time](#)

The Charlotte Observer - Feb.2, 2022

Parking at Charlotte Douglas International Airport may have gotten more expensive for travelers once again, following a price jump in June.

Now, travelers will have less free time in the airport's hourly deck — just 15 free minutes before parking fees kick in at \$6 an hour, with a \$24 daily maximum fee. After the first 15 minutes, the first \$6 charge covers the remainder of that hour, according to the airport.

The policy went into effect January 11 and has been posted on signs at the airport, CLT told the Observer in a statement.

The change could especially affect drivers who need to help travelers into the airport and through check-in, something they won't be able to do at the curb.

Designated handicap parking spots remain available on the curb front with access into the terminal building, according to the airport. And the airport's cell phone lot — where drivers can park while waiting to pick up a passenger from an arriving flight before driving to the terminal curb — remains free.

Over the last year, the airport served 43 million travelers, up 59% from the 27 million passengers who traveled through the Charlotte airport in 2020.

Last year's tally is 86% of the record-breaking 50.2 million passengers who traveled to, from and through CLT in 2019, according to the airport. And the airport predicts it could make a full recovery in passenger numbers by 2023 — a year earlier than previously predicted.

[Phuket officials comment on recent 'taxi' fiasco – everything except taxi meters](#)

TheThaiger.com - Feb. 2, 2022

It's the public, especially tourists', "misunderstanding" of the way taxis fares are charged on the island of Phuket that is the problem.

That's the explanation from Phuket Land Transport Chief Jaturong Kaewkasi during an interview on an island radio station this week. The Phuket Land Transport has responded to last week's viral video clip when a Thai man posted the **altercation with a taxi driver** demanding 600 baht for a 10-15 minute ride from Kamala to Patong Beach.

The local Land Transport department has also re-released a list of standard set fares to be charged by the island's taxis and tuk tuks. No mention of taxi meters.

Last July's published taxi fares in Phuket represent a big increase on what passengers routinely pay for trips around Bangkok, for example. The set fares are also 3 – 4 times that calculated by taxi apps like Grab and Bolt who are trying to get a foothold on Thailand's most popular tourist island.

The issue of Phuket taxi fares has been an ongoing controversy for more than 20 year with The Thaiger and its former incarnation The Phuket Gazette publishing over 50 stories on the issue over recent decades. Even 20 years ago there is a **story published** that Phuket Airport may eventually get served by taxis with meters.

Multiple Phuket governors, police chiefs, and even the army (following two past Thai government coups), have failed to break the strong grasp on the local industry by a cabal of taxi gangs.

Meanwhile, Bolt and Grab drivers on the island have expressed fears to drive in some parts of the island, or park in popular tourist locations, for fear of reprisals from the taxi gangs. Disputes over the years have sometimes ended in violence, including the **beating to death** of a legitimate "limousine" driver by a taxi driver at Phuket Airport in December 2000.

[Philadelphia airport parking could be privatized within a year](#)

Why.org - Feb. 1, 2022

Philadelphia International Airport is taking steps to privatize its operation, a move that would eliminate 100 jobs currently held by the Philadelphia Parking Authority while potentially creating new employment opportunities at the city-owned plane station.

The airport is also installing a new high-tech system to make the parking experience easier, replacing one Tyrell called obsolete. He said the agreement with the PPA not only held back needed modernizations at the international airport but also "flew in the face of FAA and DOT standards and requirements."

The airport's plan doesn't bode well for the parking authority, which brings in about \$80 million annually from the airport parking operation and faces financial pressure of its own after two years of pandemic-related losses.

Tyrell said the airport has many unanswered questions about how PPA operates at their facility, and bringing in an outside vendor offers an opportunity for more profit.

"Our arrangement with the parking authority was one where we didn't control the bottom line," he said. "We had zero control over a lot of different business criteria employed to operate this system."

Tyrell said the airport couldn't dictate the number of employees who were hired or the number of hours those employees worked.

Petri defended the agency's loyalty to workers and unionized labor.

Petri said the average worker makes about \$21 an hour with a pension and benefit package. He plans to lobby City Council to make sure that any private contractor would have to bid to match the worker's current deal.

Tyrell said the new contract will allow the airport to strike a new deal that could bring in more profits and make sure the workforce is more diverse.

The airport's request for proposals should be made public soon. Petri said the PPA is going to bid on the contract, and if the specifications are for good-paying jobs with benefits and pensions as his employees currently enjoy, they will win.

AIRPORT NEWS

[State to resolve 'parking issues' at Sitka airport with new fee system](#)

KCAW.org -Feb. 9, 2022

The Alaska Department of Transportation has issued a request for proposals for a parking management company to "remedy parking issues" at the airport.

DOT spokesperson Sam Dapcevich says parking in Sitka has been a headache for the state for some time.

"Well, our maintenance and operations crew, the amount of time that they've had to spend dealing with either illegally parked or abandoned vehicles over the years has increased," Dapcevich explained. "They're not really tasked with enforcement for parking. And so we've had discussions with the city about it. And we've come to a point where we needed to make a decision. That's how we came out with this RFP (Request for Proposals) to seek a parking management company."

Paid airport parking by no means is a new thing in Alaska's largest cities, but a relatively new addition to smaller towns. Just last December, Petersburg implemented a paid parking system that could be a model for Sitka's.

"A private company, locally owned in Petersburg came forward and leased land from the state, and they're managing the parking there," said Dapcevich. "It's kind of interesting, theirs is managed primarily through a website and an app. So people pay and I believe they register with their license plate, and they're able to leave their car there, and the company manages it that way."

The parking fees in Petersburg are modest: the first hour is free, then it's a dollar-per-hour for 2-6 hours of parking. One to six days is \$7 per day, and it's \$35 per week. There's no booth or parking attendant in Petersburg: users download an app and scan a QR code in their parking space, or pay at a website.

Since technology has really lowered the barriers to developing paid parking in Sitka, the state thinks a vendor could be in place by April – in less than two months. In the meantime, Dapcevich says Sitkans can ease some of the problems at the airport right now, especially by not leaving unattended vehicles in the active loading zone in front of the terminal doors.

[Turning on the revenue tap: How US airports could make the most of additional liquidity](#)

McKinsey & Co. - Feb. 8, 2022

Across the United States, airports have experienced significant month-to-month changes in aircraft movements and passenger volumes. In this article, we examine the financial outlook of the nation's

airports, factoring in the impact of government interventions. We also look at how airports traditionally raise funds and show the inherent limitations of these methods.

Finally, we consider three new opportunities this CFO could pursue to diversify and increase the airport's future cash flows: modernizing the retail experience to generate value across the end-to-end passenger journey, diversifying revenue streams beyond core operations, and exploring new sources of private capital that may require previously unconsidered partnerships with governments and other airports.

Airports will probably prioritize replacing end-of-life infrastructure before they address their big-picture goals. Modernization efforts could improve the efficiency, capacity, customer experience, safety, and sustainability of airports while reducing congestion. But as with the CARES Act, more funding goes to busier airports than to low-traffic one.

Government interventions such as the CARES Act and BIL may give airports a much needed infusion of liquidity. Yet airport leaders such as the CFO at the start of this article will have to devise longer-term cash flow solutions even as they figure out how to invest the funds they do have. They could start by examining the airports' traditional sources of funding to find the inherent weaknesses the pandemic has exposed.

The pandemic has posed specific challenges to three crucial revenue streams: direct revenues from users (passengers and airlines), as well as municipal bonds and passenger facility charges (PFC). The weaknesses of these revenue streams stem from an overreliance on passenger traffic and the interdependencies among airlines, airports, and local governments. Airports, often owned by those governments, receive funds from passengers (direct spending and PFCs) and rely on airlines to bring in human traffic. Before the pandemic, these channels supported airport maintenance and infrastructure development, but in periods of low traffic, traditional revenue streams dry up and airport development suffers. How could airports diversify their financial channels and support long-term sustainability?

Aside from being transportation hubs, airports significantly drive economic activity in the regions that surround them by facilitating connections between people and businesses. Many airports also function as malls, leasing out retail spaces. Several airports and airport groups around the world have leveraged their expertise and experience in these areas to diversify their real-estate and commercial-development portfolios in creative ways.

Airports could also take inspiration from the way airlines often use equipment trust certificates (ETC) to raise funds among private investors to buy new aircraft, which are then leased to the airlines that operate them and that in turn make regular payments to the investors .

Beyond enabling survival through the crisis, new funding channels would empower airports to restart necessary improvements they had in progress before the pandemic; reduce the financial burden on governments, which wouldn't need to bail out airports; and give regulators a way of encouraging airports to pursue sustainable and inclusive best practices.

[Major Changes Coming to Airport](#)

CBS7.com - Feb. 8, 2022

Three major changes are coming to the Midland-Odessa international Air and Space Port.

Direct flights to Austin on southwest airlines start on march 10th.

800 parking spots were also added, with two new layers being added to the existing garage... and a serious refurbish of the existing lots.

The top layer of the garage, previously only open to employees, will now be open to the public. It's covered, creating some serious shade during the summertime.

"If you drive into the airport now you'll see how many spaces are available in each slot which is great. Most people who travel regularly know where they want to park and it's nice to look up and see 'oh there's at least 6 spots in there I might find another lot'.

You'll be more relaxed with parking, and you'll be even more at ease to know that there is a new gate being added to the airport.

Expect an additional new direct flight before the new year dawns as the new gate is expected to make way for it. CBS7 will keep you updated on these excited developments.

[Curbside drop offs reinstated at Owen Roberts International Airport](#) **Caymen Loop News -Feb. 7, 2022**

The Cayman Islands Airports Authority (CIAA), which operates the Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA) on Grand Cayman and the Charles Kirkconnell International Airport (CKIA) on Cayman Brac, announced today that drivers approaching ORIA will be permitted curbside access for the purpose of dropping off or picking up passengers only, starting February 14 2022. However, for the safety of all Airport customers, vehicles entering the approach road to the ORIA terminal will be subject to security screening at the Airport Security Checkpoint Booth prior to curbside access being granted.

Airport customers still have the option and are encouraged to use the drop-off zone in the Short-Term parking lot, located just before reaching the Airport Security Checkpoint Booth, which has been allocated for those persons dropping off departing passengers, or to park in the Short-Term parking lot to pick up arriving passengers.

Parking is free for up to five minutes after which time the standard parking rates apply. The standard parking rates at Owen Roberts International Airport are

Short-Term Parking:

- o 0-5 minutes free
- o Over 5 minutes – CI\$2.00 per hour (or part thereof)
- o Daily rate – CI\$48.00

Long-Term Parking: CI\$7.00 per day (or part thereof)

Airport customers exiting the Short-Term or Long-Term parking lots now have the added convenience of being able to pay their parking fees by credit or debit card at the exit machines. The exit machines accept Mastercard and Visa cards and are equipped with an intercom help button should customers require assistance from an Airport Ground Transportation Officer. Customers may also pay their parking fees by cash at any one of the pay stations located inside the main airport terminal.

[Minister criticises Skyport over rise in airport fees](#) **The Royal Gazette - Feb. 5, 2022**

An announcement about increased airport fees played a part in "relegating" Bermuda to a seasonal destination, the Minister of Transport claimed yesterday.

Mr Scott said: "Covid is not the only challenge this Government faces for economic recovery, given that Skyport has decided that now is the best time to implement a 6.2 per cent increase in regulated airport fees.

"Industry experts have stated that this increase places Bermuda's passenger fees among the highest in the world.

JetBlue announced its decision last month to make the island a summer-only destination from later this year.

Mr Scott told MPs: "Our Air Service Development Strategy positions Bermuda to welcome an estimated 500,000 to 650,000 travellers through the LF Wade International Airport over the 2022-23 fiscal year."

A ministry spokeswoman said later that the figures were "projections provided by Skyport" and included predicted arriving and departing passenger numbers.

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