

AGTA NASHVILLE

SPRING 2026 MEETING PROGRAM

*From the Curb to the Future: Safe, Efficient,
and Sustainable Airport Ground Access*



April 26-29, 2026



Hilton BNA Nashville Airport Terminal
Nashville, Tennessee



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AIRPORT GROUND TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION

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SUNDAY, APRIL 26

- 8:00 a.m. **Golf Event (Additional cost and advanced sign-up required)** TWO RIVERS GOLF COURSE
 Two Rivers Golf Course - 2235 Two Rivers Parkway, Nashville, TN
- 3:00 p.m. **Board Meeting (Board Only)** LINDBERGH + EARHART
- 6:30 p.m. **Welcome Reception - Sponsored by DESIGNA** BNA SKY PAVILION BALCONY

MONDAY, APRIL 27

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration Desk Open** BALLROOM PRE-FUNCTION
- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome Breakfast** GATEWAY A
 - **Sponsored by TIBA Parking Systems**
- AGTA Welcome John Groden, AGTA President
 - Local Welcome Doug Kreulen, President and CEO, Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority
 - Conference Overview Jeff Trombly, AGTA Executive Director
- 10:00 a.m. **General Session I** GATEWAY BC
Future Mobility & Next-Generation Transportation Infrastructure
 This session explores the implications of advanced technologies for airport ground transportation including intelligent parking systems, automated driving technologies and scalable autonomous transit solutions that complement existing systems.
- Panelists** Chris Agrell, DESIGNA
 Devon Hayes, DESIGNA
 Kevin Heaslip, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
 Brian Gettinger, Glydways
- 10:45 a.m. **Beverage Break / Exhibits Available** BALLROOM PRE-FUNCTION
 - **Sponsored by Gatekeeper Systems, Inc.**
- 11:00 a.m. **General Session II** GATEWAY BC
AI, Automation & Digital Transformation in Ground Transportation
 This session highlights two case studies that leverage automation and digital transformation. Calgary International Airport enhanced traffic flow, safety, and customer service through coordinated operational strategies. Facing growing competition for limited curb space, Sacramento International Airport deployed an AI-enabled, computer vision curb management system to gain real-time insight into dwell times, compliance, and operator behavior. This session highlights how automated enforcement and data-driven operations improved safety, efficiency, and curbside compliance while positioning SMF for future-ready ground transportation.
- Panelists** Chris Glass, Calgary Airport Authority
 Alex Pleafka, LAZ Parking
 Margot Zuckerman, Automotus
 Nick Van Looy, Sacramento International Airport



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11:45 a.m. **General Session III** GATEWAY BC

Data-Driven Operations & Analytics for Airports

This session highlights how major airports are leveraging data analytics and cross-functional collaboration to improve ground transportation performance. Using case studies from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and San Diego International Airport, panelists demonstrate how rideshare trip intelligence, forecasting tools, shared dashboards, and interdepartmental coordination can enhance visibility into TNC activity, support dynamic pricing and curb planning, and strengthen operational reliability. Together, the examples illustrate a shift from reactive management to proactive, data-driven decision-making in airport ground access systems.

Panelists Anna Ward, Blue Systems
 Juan Diego Mabale, San Diego International Airport
 Mike Anderson, San Diego International Airport

12:30 p.m. **Luncheon and Speaker** GATEWAY A
 - **Sponsored by ReserTrac**

“How Music City Became a Top Tourism Destination”
 Andrea Arnold, Nashville Convention & Visitors Corp.

2:00 p.m. **“It’s Debatable” - Concurrent Discussion Session I**
 Smaller breakout sessions will engage delegates in discussions involving important issues for ground transportation operations and airports.

Breakout Topics:

a) Curbside & Landside Congestion Management: GATEWAY D
New Tools and Emerging Best Practices
 Facilitators Roger Blumin, Uber
 Nick Van Looy, Sacramento International Airport

b) Sustainability in Airport Ground Transportation GATEWAY E
 Facilitator Jay Saar, Nashville International Airport

c) Managing Driver Workforce in Tight Labor Market LINDBERGH + EARHART
 Facilitator Nathan Drechsler, Epic Mountain Express

3:00 p.m. **Beverage Break / Exhibits Available** BALLROOM PRE-FUNCTION
 - **Sponsored by Gatekeeper Systems, Inc.**

3:15 p.m. **“It’s Debatable” - Concurrent Discussion Session II**
Breakout Topics:

d) Coexisting With TNCs (Uber, Lyft): New Strategies for 2025–2030 GATEWAY D
 Facilitator Rob Landry, GO (NETG)

e) Building Data-Driven Ground Transportation Programs GATEWAY E
 Facilitator Abu Azam, San Francisco International Airport

f) Airport Fees and Fares Update Requirements LINDBERGH + EARHART
 Facilitator Jeff Trombly, AGTA Executive Director



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6:00 p.m. **Cocktail Hour**
- Sponsored by Uber

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Dinner on your own

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

9:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
- Sponsored by Automotus

GATEWAY A

9:30 a.m. **General Session IV**
Curbside, Parking, and Operational Excellence

GATEWAY BC

This session presents the results of a comprehensive evaluation of four parking management technologies in an actual revenue lane at an international airport (BNA). The session explores the evaluation process, how the evaluations were scored, and the final results. In addition the session explores where airport parking technology is headed by presenting practical AI-use cases and the impact that machine learning (AI) can provide on the industry.

Panelists Steve Womack, CK Consulting
..... Brett Galvin, CK Consulting
..... Jay Saar, Nashville International Airport
..... Clint Joy, Get My Parking

10:30 a.m. **General Session V**
Revenue Innovation & the Commercialization of Ground Access

GATEWAY BC

Airports are transforming ground transportation into digitally enabled revenue platforms by integrating parking, transit, and mobility services into seamless, bookable experiences. This session explores how commission-based distribution models, combined with modern parking and access control systems, enable airports to better manage curbside demand, reduce revenue leakage, and unlock new revenue streams. Featuring insights from Toronto Pearson, panelists will discuss how aligning digital platforms with on-the-ground infrastructure supports both operational efficiency and revenue growth as passenger volumes rise.

Panelists Diqwan Thompson, Distribution Technologies
..... Philip Safos, Greater Toronto Airports Authority
..... Wes Bain, TIBA Parking Systems

11:15 a.m. **Beverage Break / Exhibits Available**
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BALLROOM PRE-FUNCTION

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11:30 a.m.	<p>General Session VI</p> <p>Technology Demonstrations & Special Workshops</p> <p>AI is already shaping daily operations, but many ground transportation teams lack a practical roadmap for using it effectively and safely. This interactive, hands-on Learning Lab walks attendees through real-world AI tools and workflows—covering operations, communications, and decision-making—so they leave with immediately usable skills, templates, and confidence.</p> <p>Presenter Katherine Beaty, Beaty Solutions</p>	<u>GATEWAY BC</u>
12:30 p.m.	<p>Luncheon and Speakers</p> <p>- Sponsored by Spring Bird</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Bird and The Carson LegacyElliott Carson, Spring Bird • AGTA Board of Directors Update John Groden, AGTA President 	<u>GATEWAY A</u>
2:00 p.m.	<p>"It's Debatable" - Concurrent Discussion Session III</p> <p>Breakout Topics:</p> <p>g) Addressing Fraud, Security Risks & Unauthorized Operators</p> <p>Facilitator Ray Mundy, Ph.D., AGTA Senior Advisor</p> <p>h) Best Practices for Contracted Shuttle Operations (Hotels, Rental Cars, Off-Airport Parking)</p> <p>Facilitator Nick Van Looy, Sacramento International Airport</p> <p>i) Airport Shuttle and Parking Operations Technology Upgrades</p> <p>Facilitator John Groden, Parking Concepts, Inc.</p>	<p><u>GATEWAY D</u></p> <p><u>GATEWAY E</u></p> <p><u>LINDBERGH + EARHART</u></p>
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3:15 p.m.	<p>"It's Debatable" - Concurrent Discussion Session IV</p> <p>Breakout Topics:</p> <p>j) Designing Efficient Staging and Holding Lots for Ground Transportation Providers</p> <p>Facilitator Chance Abbey, Spokane International Airport</p> <p>k) When Oversight Becomes Control: The Hidden Liability Trap in Airport Curbside Operations</p> <p>Facilitator Katherine Beaty, Beaty Solutions</p> <p>l) The Future of Airport Parking: Automation, Robotics & Demand Forecasting</p> <p>Facilitator Jack Santa, Jack Santa LLC</p>	<p><u>GATEWAY D</u></p> <p><u>GATEWAY E</u></p> <p><u>LINDBERGH + EARHART</u></p>

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6:30 p.m. **Off-site Reception and Dinner**
House of Cards (119 3rd Ave S, lower level, Nashville, TN 37201)
Meet at 5:45 p.m. in the hotel lobby for departure.
- Event sponsored by **BNA International Airport**
- Transportation sponsored by **CharterUP**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

9:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast / Wrap-Up Roundtable** GATEWAY ABC
Moderator Jeff Trombly, AGTA Executive Director

10:00 a.m. **BNA Airport Landside Operations** - Depart hotel for tour

Nashville Airport's newest parking structure was awarded "Best Design" and "Excellence in Sustainable Design" from the International Parking and Mobility Institute (IPMI) and "Award of Excellence" from the Post-Tensioning Institute (PTI). The parking structure's sustainable features and innovative technologies will be discussed while touring the on-campus facility with Geoffrey Posluszny of Walker Consultants.

REGISTERED SPOUSE / GUEST ACTIVITIES

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6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Kickoff Networking Reception - BNA Sky Pavilion Balcony

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