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April 2018

### [Ever Wonder How Much It Costs To Plow An Airport Runway In a Snowstorm?](#)

[Pizza In Motion - BoardingArea](#)

I wonder about all kinds of weird things related to travel. And yet, I somehow never bothered to figure out how much it costs for an **airport** to deal with a snowstorm. Thanks to a very timely retweet by Brian Sumers (who you should definitely be following), I actually figured out the cost for my home **airport** of ...

### [CNN Under Seige: Left-Leaning Ideology Could Irreparably Damage Network's Airport Monopoly](#)

[True Pundit](#)

CNN's ubiquitous presence in **airports** — where it broadcasts from thousands of screens to a captive audience of millions — is facing new scrutiny after the cable network's hard left turn. The CNN **Airport** network dates back to when CNN was known for straightforward news programming — and has been ...



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[southwest florida international airport reports record-breaking february traffic](#)

Airport Improvement Magazine

FORT MYERS, Fla. (March 19, 2018) – During February, 1,053,817 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International **Airport** in Fort Myers, Fla., an increase of 11.4 percent compared to February 2017. Year-to-date, passenger traffic is up 9.8 percent from the same period last year.

[Sixt Rent A Car brings different vibe to new operation near Fort Myers, Florida, airport](#)

The News-Press

Southwest Florida International **Airport** in Fort Myers, Florida, punches above its weight when it comes to car rental revenues. Here are some fast facts. Video by Laura Ruane of The News-Press Media Group, with photos from Andrea Melendez, Laura Ruane, Lee County Port Authority and archives of ...

[Is America Ready for Sixt?](#)

Bobit Business Media (press release) (blog)

Yet Sixt's audacious goal is to open 12 new U.S. locations in 2018 on a path to the nation's top 30 **airports**. Erich Sixt, CEO of Sixt SE, believes the ... "Car rental has turned into a commodity business in the U.S.," says Daniel Florence, managing **director**, Sixt USA. "Our goal is to change the experience.

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### [Atlanta airport considers axing parking as ride-hailing apps gain favor](#)

Curbed Atlanta

As work continues at Hartsfield-Jackson on more than \$6 billion of upgrades, it's possible the **airport** will scale back plans for new parking decks. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports that plans for an eight-story parking deck at the South Terminal are being reviewed, due to shifting demands.

### [FL: Orlando Airport Embraces 'Farm to Terminal' Restaurant Trend](#)

AviationPros.com

"We will always have the fast food options because we have so many families coming in and out of Orlando," said Tracy Conner Harris, the manager of concessions for the Greater Orlando **Aviation Authority**. "But we've found a lot of people want something better and if we can get them to eat here ...

### [Uber not allowing drivers to pick up passengers at Asheville Regional Airport after new payment ...](#)

FOX Carolina

Passengers arriving at Asheville Regional **Airport** will no longer be able to use Uber as a means for travel when they leave the **airport**, officials confirmed Monday. Per the Asheville Regional **Airport** spokesperson, due to a new payment system for ground transportation services, riders will no longer be ...



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[NC: Trees are Blocking RDU Radar, So Down They'll Come](#)

AviationPros.com

"This is not one or two trees," Sandifer told the Raleigh-Durham **Airport Authority** board last week. "This is dozens of acres." And so RDU has agreed to the FAA's request to cut down all the trees within 1,500 feet of the tower to solve the problem once and for all. The circle of clear-cutting will at one point ...

[These Are the 15 Best Airports in the US, Ranked](#)

Money Magazine

"To be a high-performing **airport**, you've got to do the basic blocking and tackling well—you've got to have decent access, good security, restrooms have to be clean," says Mike Taylor, who leads J.D. Power's **airport** research. "But what separates the really high performers from the good **airports** is the ...

[Charleston airport aims to add sensors to detect shootings](#)

Charleston Post Courier

South Carolina's busiest **airport** aims to add shot sensors and more cameras to help protect its nearly 4 million passengers a year in the era of mass public shootings.



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## [RIC to accept bids for \\$45M expansion this summer](#)

RichmondBizSense

A commission tasked with overseeing Richmond International **Airport's** growth and development is preparing to dole out a contract for an eight-figure expansion. The Capital Regional **Airport** Commission is slated to solicit bids from general contractors for a \$45 million Concourse A expansion in June or ...

## [Memphis airport targets 15 routes to plug service gaps](#)

The Commercial Appeal

Memphis International **Airport** has identified at least 15 nonstop routes worth pursuing as part of efforts to rebuild service at the former passenger hub. Topping the list are San Francisco, Boston, Seattle and San Diego, followed by Raleigh-Durham, Portland, Oregon, Salt Lake City and San Antonio.

## [Atlanta airport takes steps after cyberattack on city](#)

The Detroit News

Atlanta – A spokesman says Atlanta's **airport** has taken down its Wi-Fi network and disabled parts of its website "out of an abundance of caution" following a ransomware cyberattack on the city's computer network. Reese McCranie, a spokesman for Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International **Airport**, said in ...

## Airport Authority Celebrates Completion of Expanded and Upgraded International Arrivals Building

*Ribbon-cutting marks completion of first BNA Vision project*

**NASHVILLE** – The Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority (MNA) staff and Board of Commissioners today held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of Nashville International Airport's (BNA) expanded and upgraded interim International Arrivals Building (IAB).

The milestone event marked the first project to be completed under *BNA Vision*, MNA's dynamic growth and expansion plan for Nashville International Airport.

*BNA Vision* will include the construction of a larger state-of-the-art International Arrivals Facility (IAF), which is slated to open in 2023. To accommodate immediate needs for additional international capacity, the current IAB has undergone \$8.2 million in improvements to serve as an interim international passenger processing and welcome center while the permanent IAF is being designed and constructed.

The interim IAB will accommodate immediate needs for additional international capacity, specifically with British Airways' new nonstop service from BNA to London's Heathrow Airport five days a week, beginning May 4, 2018.

This new service adds to international destinations travelers can currently fly nonstop via BNA including Calgary, Cancun, Cozumel, Grand Bahama Island, Montego Bay, Punta Cana and Toronto.

"By all projections, Nashville is increasingly becoming an international destination, and it's important we have the facilities to accommodate that trend," said Bobby Joslin, MNA board chair. "This is the first phase under our *BNA Vision* plan and will serve to meet those international travel demands until the terminal expansion is completed. We're another step closer to the world-class airport we're building for this world-class city."

"Our upgraded interim International Arrivals Building expands our ability to serve international passengers flying to Nashville, whether from the United Kingdom, Mexico, the Caribbean, or elsewhere," said Doug Kreulen, MNA president and CEO. "It was built with convenience in mind and will significantly improve and expedite the process for passengers until our permanent, state-of-the-art International Arrivals Facility opens in 2023."

Upgrades to the interim IAB include:

- A second passenger boarding bridge;
- Improvements to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection processing area, including self-check kiosks and screening equipment; and
- A new, direct connection between the interim IAB and the baggage claim, eliminating the need to re-check baggage or be re-screened by the Transportation Security Administration, unless transferring to a domestic flight.

Construction on the interim IAB project began in May 2017 and concluded at the end of February 2018. As a result of the upgrades and improvements, BNA's processing capacity for international arrivals has increased from 200 passengers per hour to 400 passengers per hour.

**As with all other airport capital improvement projects, no local tax dollars will be used to fund *BNA Vision*.** Take a virtual 360-degree tour, view renderings and watch the *BNA Vision* video at [BNAvision.com](http://BNAvision.com).

BNA is currently served by 13 airlines and offers 450 daily flights. Nashville International Airport provides nonstop air service to more than 60 destinations.

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### [Lake Charles Regional Airport opens new restaurant](#)

KPLC-TV

The first restaurant opened at the **airport** Friday. By the size of the crowd, it looks like Jenn & Jean's Creole Café has been here forever. But Friday the creole restaurant opened for the first time inside the Lake Charles Regional **Airport**. "There was nothing here," said co-owner, William Cooks. For months ...

### [Growing Questions About CNN's Airport Monopoly As Network Veers Left](#)

Mark Levin

Growing Questions About CNN's **Airport** Monopoly As Network Veers Left. Posted on March 23, 2018. Growing Questions About CNN's **Airport** Monopoly As Network Veers Left · CNN pays **airports** to leave the network on, and many travel hubs even have agreements in which CNN pays for their TVs and ...

### [WV airports add to local economies, benefit state](#)

Huntington Herald Dispatch

Driving through rural areas, you may see small airplane signs along the road and you think to yourself, "Why in the world is there an **airport** in such a small town?" When most people hear the word "aviation," the first thing that comes to mind is jumping on a commercial airliner and flying somewhere for ...



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### [Mississippi Airports Association](http://msairportsassociation.com)

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The Mississippi **Airports** Association is a consortium of individuals and organizations interested in enhancing aviation in Mississippi. Members include those involved in **airport** management as well as consultants, business people and members of government. The purpose of MAA is to promote aviation ...

### [United Airlines passenger gets \\$10000 voucher to give up seat on overbooked flight](#)

Orlando Sentinel

United Airlines confirmed that it offered a passenger named Allison Preiss a \$10,000 voucher toward future flights to give up her seat on an overbooked flight Thursday from Washington Dulles International **Airport** to Austin-Bergstrom International **Airport**. Preiss, a communications **manager** for the Center ...

### [After Wait in the Wings, Michael Griffin Leads Fort Smith Regional](#)

Arkansas Business Online

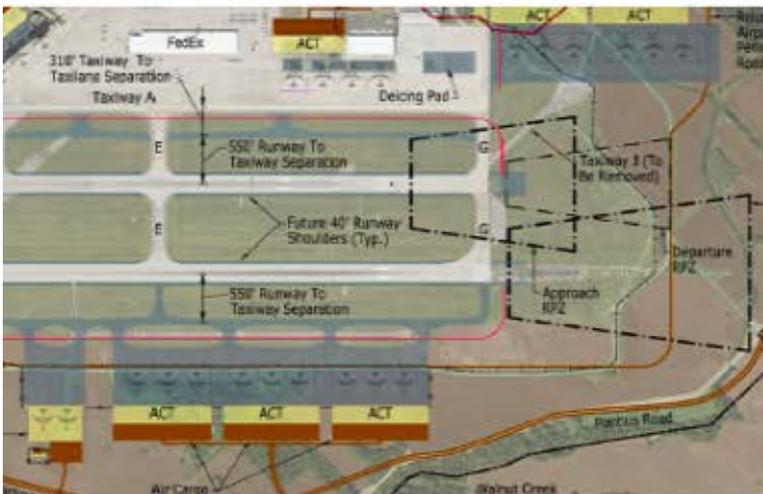
Before becoming chief of the Fort Smith Regional **Airport**, Michael Griffin was **the airport's director** of operations. As **airport director**, he is ... He was chosen to lead the Fort Smith Regional **Airport** in April, following the retirement of longtime **Director** John Parker on March 31. What are the challenges faced ...

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## [Clinton National Airport Lands Jobs as Envoy Air Ramps Up](#)

Arkansas Business Online

The prospects are looking brighter for a service and completion center for corporate jets that went dark five years ago at the Bill & Hillary Clinton National **Airport**. Don't Miss Out. Real Deals, Whispers and select cover stories are available only to print subscribers. I am a print subscriber. Login to access ...

## [A Clean Airport Restroom: Not Just a Pipe Dream](#)

AviationPros.com

Passengers at Nashville International **Airport** were in for an unpleasant surprise last year when 380 pieces of luggage were removed from the baggage carousel due to sewer water leaking from a clogged toilet. Another toilet clog caused major delays for thousands of passengers at Orlando International ...

## [Yeager Airport's safety overrun area rebuild to start Thursday](#)

Charleston Gazette-Mail

A \$23 million project to rebuild Yeager **Airport's** collapsed safety overrun area will begin on Thursday, following a groundbreaking ceremony near the site ... capable of stopping an aircraft from overrunning the runway at 80 miles per hour will be delivered to the Charleston **airport** by the end of this year.

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## [Changes coming to Tallahassee International Airport](#)

WTXL ABC 27

(WTXL) - **The Airport** Advisory Board met Wednesday to discuss upcoming changes to the way Tallahassee International **Airport** operates. ... board, basically voted to accept the report and continue to explore the feasibility of different types of governance of **airports**," said Interim **Director** David Pollard.

## [New Louisville airport chief says more terminal improvements are coming](#)

Louisville Business First

Dan Mann, the new executive **director** of the Louisville Regional **Airport** Authority, says a second phase of terminal enhancements is coming soon at Louisville International **Airport**. The details and costs for such a project are still being finalized, but Mann told me Wednesday that **the airport's** terminal will ...

## [West Virginia Airport Buys Dog to Chase Birds off Runway](#)

U.S. News & World Report

The newest employee at Charleston's Yeager **Airport** will be responsible for chasing birds and other animals off the runway. March 29 ... **Airport** assistant director Nick Keller says a federal wildlife biologist had recommended the **airport** buy a dog to reduce potentially deadly collisions in its airspace.

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[Flights through Baton Rouge airport continue to rise; here's a reason why](#)

The Advocate

Advocate staff photo by PATRICK DENNIS --Travelers haul their luggage to and from the departure and arrival gates at the Baton Rouge **Airport** ... Arrivals and departures rose to 61,641 in February, a seven percent increase over the previous year, the Baton Rouge Metro **Airport** wrote in a news release.

[Orlando showdown with TSA brings swift airport security changes](#)

Florida Politics (blog)

Jerry Henderson, TSA's federal security **director** for Orlando, told Demings and the others that in days after a she and the rest of the delegation began brokering talks between the TSA and GOAA the federal agency drew up and approved plans to rework the area to add three new lanes. The TSA also ...

[Airport manager raises budget issues](#)

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

BENTONVILLE -- Adding hangars would help the municipal **airport** shrink a \$100,000 annual operating deficit, according to its manager. Chuck Chadwick, hired by the city in August, told the **Airport** Advisory Board the facility needs to work at becoming self-sustaining. His financials, however, are different ...

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### [Delta, Allegiant move gates in Memphis as airport shuts 55-year-old concourse](#)

KIITV.com

Safety walls block many of the gates in Concourse A, where renovations are underway at the Memphis International Airport. Preparations for a \$214 million modernization of 55-year-old Concourse B have accelerated in recent weeks as airport officials move gates, concessions and amenities to ...

### [Charleston airport launches nonstop service to five new cities in April](#)

Charleston Post Courier

Frontier, which launched service from **Charleston** in February to Denver and Philadelphia, will add legs to Trenton, N.J., near Philadelphia, on Sunday and to Austin, Texas, April 10. The Trenton flights will run three times a week on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday while the routes to Austin will operate ...

### [Executive search for Hartsfield-Jackson general manager role continues](#)

Atlanta Journal Constitution

The airport's current general manager, Roosevelt Council, was named interim general manager in mid-2016 after then-Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed fired **airport head** Miguel Southwell. Council, who has a background in finance and was previously the airport's chief financial officer, was named by Reed to ...

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[Tri-State \*\*Airport\*\* implements new security process](#)

Huntington Herald Dispatch

Ryan Fischer/The Herald-Dispatch Lisa Farbstein, spokesperson for the Office of Public Affairs of the Transportation Security Office, hands over her electronics to Clifford Barker, Transportation Security Administration Supervisor for Huntington Tri-State **Airport**, as they demonstrate new checkpoint ...

[Airline offering new Myrtle Beach summer flights for \\$49](#)

Myrtle Beach Sun News

Bud Hafer, **manager** of **airport** affairs for Allegiant Airlines, said the company history started with only three routes from Myrtle Beach, but over the last few years they added a dozen and now stand at 20 non-stop routes to the Grand Strand. Hafer said they were in Northeast markets that traditionally know ...

[New executive director for Chennault International \*\*Airport\*\* named](#)

KPLC-TV

Chennault International **Airport** is a major industrial **airport** in Lake Charles, La. The **airport** and its tenants employ some 1,500 persons and account for \$300 million in annual economic impact. Chennault was recently honored as Louisiana **Airport** of the Year by the Federal Aviation Administration.

[United Airlines Returns to Shenandoah Valley Regional \*\*Airport\*\*](#)

NBC 29 News

After several turbulent months of unpredictable service by another airline, United Airlines is returning to the runway at Shenandoah Valley Regional **Airport**. Although United's services have been offered at Shenandoah in the past, they was under different express carriers. SkyWest is launching the new ...

[More dogs die on United than on any other airline. Here's why.](#)

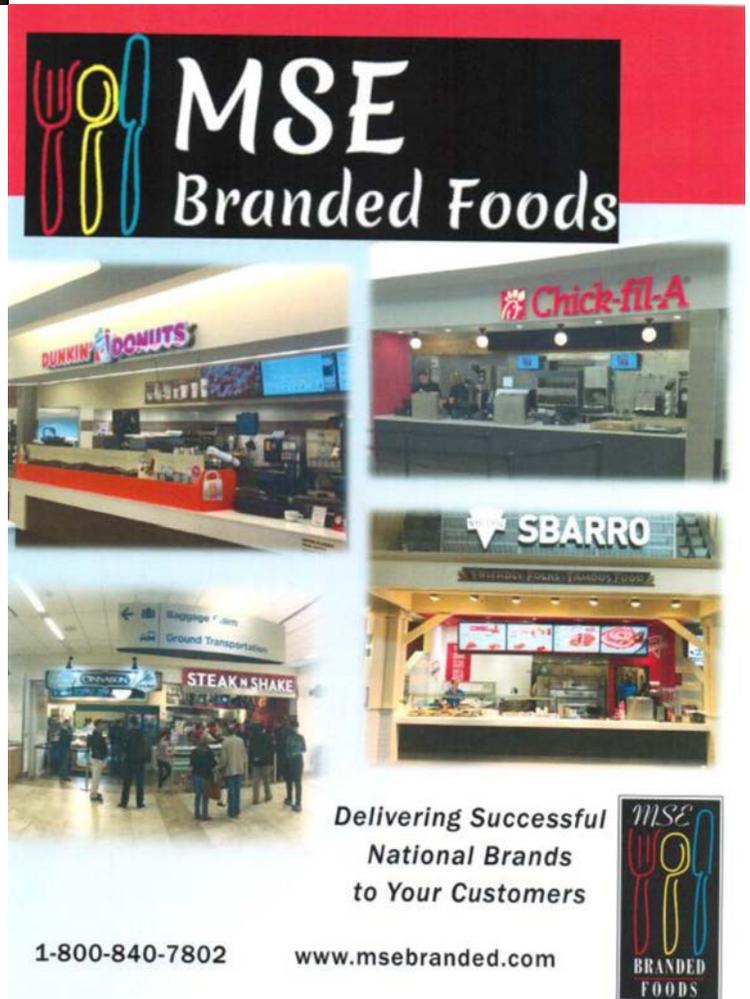
Washington Post

The new procedures require another manager follow-up with the data provided by the ramp supervisor "to cross-check and verify before an animal can be released for departure," he said. Additionally, United will now automatically send daily reports to **airport managers** around the country, alerting them ...

[Piedmont Triad \*\*Airport's\*\* Request for Rebranding Approaches the Runway](#)

The Rhino Times (satire)

And while **airport** officials have been vague about its **airport** name plans going forward, a new request for help that **the Airport** Authority has put out to .... PTIA Executive **Director** Kevin Baker said that, while **the airport** doesn't have any projected cost yet, it is going to make sure that those costs are kept ...



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