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## NAPITA Applauds Airport-Industry Collaboration on Sky Harbor Benchmarking Study

*Comprehensive, industry-inclusive, multi-year process used to rebase ground transportation fees at Phoenix airport*

PHOENIX, AZ, October 21, 2019—This week by a vote of 7-2, the Phoenix City Council approved the recommendations of the Phoenix Airport Advisory Board following the conclusion of a comprehensive, industry-inclusive, multi-year benchmarking study looking at ground transportation fees for access to Phoenix Sky Harbor. The rebased fees assessed on ground transportation operators, which will be effective January 1, 2020, will help offset the cost of ground transportation on airport infrastructure and are indexed to accurately reflect curb utilization at the airport.

Today, the [Near Airport Parking Industry Trade Association](#) (NAPITA), an association of national parking operators dedicated to providing dependable and affordable travel options that improve the customer experience at major American airports, released the following statement in response to the conclusion of the benchmarking study and the Phoenix City Council's adoption of the Airport Advisory Board's recommendations.

**Jeff Foland, CEO of The Parking Spot and Chairman of the NAPITA Board:** "Ground transportation operators are vital partners to the aviation industry but, unfortunately, have often been left out of planning and policy discussions surrounding air travel. However, the Sky Harbor Airport Advisory Board alternatively chose to partner with and utilize the expertise of ground transportation stakeholders to collectively and diligently address the challenges facing the airport curb—a scarce resource for an increasing number of travelers. While, NAPITA members, too, will face an increase in fees to access the curb, the process was done transparently, and NAPITA believes the Phoenix benchmarking study serves as a model for airports across the country."

You cannot get to an airport or on a plane without some form of ground transportation, and when choosing how to get to the airport, millions of Americans choose to park with a NAPITA member. However, airports control access to their individual curbs for all types of ground transportation, including taxis, limos, ride-share services, rental cars, etc.

NAPITA represents national and local near-airport parking operators and their 12,000+ employees from across the country. NAPITA's mission is to partner with airports and other stakeholders in the aviation industry to ensure

safe, efficient, and equitable access to their airport curb for off-airport parking operators and to increase the role ground transportation plays in the broader air travel industry and the overall experience for air travelers.

NAPITA believes a federal stakeholder working group would provide the venue necessary to understand and address the issues facing the airport curb, leveraging the expertise of our membership, the federal government, and airport operators to craft transportation policy that best serves the traveling public.

NAPITA will continue to advocate for the industry and the vital role it plays within the broader air travel industry.

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