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A flight taxis to its gate in 2025 at Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport in Ashwaubenon.

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Survey shows how airport can improve

Prices, direct flights affect choices for many from Green Bay

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Green Bay-area travelers would prefer to fly out of Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport more frequently, but often don't due to ticket prices and a lack of direct flights, according to a Press-Gazette survey.

More than 200 people responded to the Press-Gazette's August 2026 airport survey and 52.8% of them rated the Green Bay airport as excellent (7.8%) or good (45%) compared with 13.8% who rated it poor (12%) or terrible (1.8%). The remaining 33% gave it a neutral rating.

The nearly 220 responses produced a wide range of opinions about the Brown County-owned airport as it just underwent a change in management. Vantage Group was hired in July to take over airport operation to improve visitor experience, airport efficiency and profitability.

When asked how often they fly out of Green Bay, slightly more respondents said they always fly out of Green Bay (34) compared to those who never fly out of the airport (29). A near majority, 45%, said they only sometimes end up flying out of Green Bay.

Several people made it clear they want to or would prefer to fly out of Green Bay because it is a close airport with quick security screening and great customer service.

But many said they instead drive to Appleton, Milwaukee or Chicago for flights because Austin Straubel adds a layover to their trip, lacks nonstop service to popular destinations and/or costs more.

One person described the airport as "dated, dark and lack[ing] any warmth or amenities" that left them feeling "like you are in a sad episode of an '80s movie where you get left behind at the airport." A different respondent gushed that



A survey about Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport revealed that people want valet parking and a multilevel, covered parking garage that would help shield cars from snow and ice during the cold months.

"The Green Bay airport is amazing!" And while many people offered frank critiques, they also regularly made clear they think the Green Bay metro area needs and deserves a high-quality airport.

"Keep innovating and improving this airport. It's crucial to the Green Bay and northern Wisconsin. It's nice to have the option of Appleton for flight times but Green Bay is big enough to have a quality airport," one respondent told us.

In between, people offered up their choices for new destinations the airport and airlines could target to boost service. But they also suggested some little tweaks that could improve travelers terminal experiences.

Here are some key takeaways.

Airport parking prices a positive, but people suggested two cold weather-related improvements

Just because readers generally liked airport parking prices doesn't mean they didn't find room for improvement.

People suggested two things, both seemingly with cold winter months in mind.

Valet parking, currently offered at Appleton International Airport as ATW Express Park, garnered 23 votes for an improvement that would make the Green Bay airport more attractive. It also came up frequently

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Wisconsin bike crashes peak in September

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Wisconsin is right in the middle of peak biking season, but the state's most dangerous month for bicycle crashes is still ahead.

From 2021 to 2025, there were 618 crashes statewide between bicycles and motor vehicles during September, the most of any one month during that time, according to Wisconsin Department of Transportation data. June, July and August each had more than 500 crashes, but fell short of September's total.

A National Highway Traffic Safety Administration report shows a similar trend nationwide: In 2023, 31% of all cyclist fatalities happened from September to November, while 28% happened from June to August.

Alison Dewey, director of education at the League of American Bicyclists, said crashes between cyclists and drivers often involve one of two things: speeding or distracted driving. Jake Newborn, assistant director of the Wisconsin Bike Fed, also mentioned speeding being among the top risks to cyclists.

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KNUTE ROCKNE SOCIETY

Connection between Notre Dame, Green Bay celebrated

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The Notre Dame Fighting Irish are not a Wisconsin team, but their roots in northeastern Wisconsin are surprisingly deep and will be on display when Lambeau Field hosts the Wisconsin-Notre Dame football game.

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish will play the Wisconsin Badgers in a neutral-site football game at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 6 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. A number of Notre Dame and Wisconsin events will take place during the week leading up to the game, including three hosted by the Knute Rockne Memorial Society, led, ironically, by Green Bay native and University of Wisconsin graduate Jim Lefebvre.

"I joined the Notre Dame family via my two brilliant daughters, who graduated in 2007 and 2009. One thing kind of led to another. I came along with them and started doing the research [on Notre Dame football], but it all stems back to [Jim] Crowley," said Lefebvre, a graduate of Premontre High School in Green Bay and

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