

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: April 16, 2025

SUBJECT: Asheville Regional Airport Update

PRESENTER: Lew Bleiweis, President and CEO

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1. 2024 Annual Report

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Lew Bleiweis, President and CEO of the Asheville Regional Airport, will provide the annual update to the Board of Commissioners.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

No specific Board Action is requested, this item is for informational purposes only.

Suggested Motion:

No motion suggested.

ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT

YEARLY NEWS

Letter from CEO — Historic Events — Community — AVL Forward Milestones — Land Development — Air Service — AVL Team and Accomplishments — Economic Impact — Financials — Board Members

HISTORIC HURRICANE HELENE IMPACTS WNC



Airport serves as critical gateway for relief efforts happening throughout the western North Carolina region after Hurricane Helene.

Asheville Regional Airport Surpasses Two Million Passengers, Two Years in a Row

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Airport contributes \$3.9 billion in economic impact for WNC in 2024

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AVL Forward Milestones Continue

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President & CEO Bleiweis

As we reflect on the year, Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) has achieved extraordinary accomplishments, including the opening of the new terminal, the opening of the new concourse, and the opening of the new baggage claim system. These achievements are a testament to the hard work and dedication of the AVL team and the support of the community.

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TOGETHER WE RISE • 2024 ROUTE MAP • AIRLINES & NONSTOP DESTINATIONS

2024 ROUTE MAP

6 AIRLINES & 27 NONSTOP DESTINATIONS



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TOGETHER WE SOAR • A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

A LETTER FROM LEW BLEIWEIS, AVL PRESIDENT & CEO

TOGETHER WE SOAR • A LETTER

LEW BLEIWEIS, A.A.E., PRESIDENT & CEO

As we reflect on 2024, Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) has experienced a year of extraordinary growth, challenges, and opportunities. These moments have reinforced our role as a critical hub for Western North Carolina, and a reflection of the resilience and strength of our community.

2024 was projected to exceed our record breaking 2.25 million passengers in 2023. Mother Nature had other plans. Even with the challenges we faced, our airport still served nearly 2.2 million passengers and is the second busiest year on record. We achieved this with your continued support and the dedication of our team. This summer alone, we experienced several record-breaking days with over 7,000 passengers screened each day.

You experienced our growing pains, and we are grateful for your patience and support. Thank you for easing our congestion with new queuing systems, temporary rental car facilities, and reconfigured gate holds. Our goal is to get you to wherever you're going with the most efficient and least stressful solutions. That's why we were thrilled when TSA added our fourth security screening lane in the summer, easing wait times during peak hours.

We are proud of our team and our partners. Despite the challenges we have faced, AVL Forward continues to meet milestones and budget expectations. In a time of uncertainty, AVL Forward pushed forward. The work continued, jobs were secure, and progress was made. AVL Forward represents more than the construction of a world-class facility—it is our commitment to supporting the region's recovery, growth, and connectivity.

AVL is more than an airport — it's a lifeline for our region. From



facilitating disaster relief efforts to serving as a hub for community and business growth, we are deeply invested in Western North Carolina's success. Together, we will continue to meet challenges head-on, delivering exceptional service and connectivity.

This annual report is primarily a reflection on the past year (2024). We also included some very important economic impact information from the North Carolina Department of Transportation Division of Aviation's 2025 biennial report titled "The State of Aviation." Read on to learn about the significant impact of your region's airport on the economic strength and resilience of Western North Carolina.

As always, stay connected with us at flyavl.com or on social media for updates. Together, we'll keep Western North Carolina soaring.



Lew Bleiweis, AVL President & CEO, greets aviation partners on the ramp at Asheville Regional Airport, during Helene response, as donated supplies are unloaded by team.

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

Together We Are WNC

HURRICANE HELENE

On September 27, Hurricane Helene roared into Florida as a Category 4 storm before making its way to western North Carolina, unleashing record-breaking rainfall and wreaking havoc in its path. The mountains, so often a symbol of our region's strength, were battered by catastrophic flooding and landslides. Roads disappeared beneath rushing waters, homes were lost, and entire communities were cut off. Much of the region was left in darkness—without power, water, or even the means to communicate with loved ones.

Yet, in the face of devastation, something extraordinary happened: western North Carolina came together. Neighbors helped neighbors. Strangers became family. And in the heart of it all, AVL became a beacon of hope—a gateway for relief and a testament to the resilience of this incredible region.

WATCH VIDEO

Scan QR code or visit:
flyAVL.com/HurricaneHelene



MOST SIGNIFICANT NATURAL DISASTER IN WNC HISTORY

RELIEF EFFORTS

In the critical days after Helene, AVL transformed into a lifeline. With roads washed away and access to many areas impossible, the skies became the only path forward. Chinook helicopters and massive C-17 aircrafts became a familiar sight, carrying food, water, and medical supplies to those who needed them most. AVL pulsed with activity as FEMA, the National Guard, and countless relief organizations worked tirelessly to get help where it was most urgently required. The airport saw an unprecedented surge in air traffic, not from travelers on vacation, but from heroes on a mission.

AVIATION STRONG

When disaster struck, airports across the country came together to support AVL. Colleagues from Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT), Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport (SAV), Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU), Piedmont Triad International Airport (GSO), Wilmington International Airport (ILM), Charleston International Airport (CHS), McGhee Tyson Airport (TYS), Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) and Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) sent reinforcements, ensuring AVL had the support it needed to keep relief efforts moving.

The kindness didn't stop there. Charleston International Airport (CHS) and Breeze Airlines filled a plane with supplies for AVL employees and their families, knowing that the very people working to help others were also facing hardship themselves. Sun Country Airlines joined in, delivering essential goods, while Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport (GPT) sent care packages and letters filled with words of encouragement. It was more than aid—it was solidarity. The aviation industry, built on movement, showed its unwavering commitment to lifting each other up in times of need.



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Together We are WNC
Hurricane Helene

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TOGETHER WE ARE WNC • HISTORIC HURRICANE HELENE

AVL STRONG

The heartbeat of AVL has always been its people—dedicated, hardworking, and relentless in their service to the community. When the storm raged, they stayed. While their own homes and families were in danger, they worked to keep the airport running. And when the skies finally cleared, they returned—tired but determined—to rebuild, restore, and reconnect.



WNC STRONG

Now, as western North Carolina continues to rise from the storm's aftermath, AVL remains steadfast in its mission. This airport is more than a place of transit; it is a pillar of this community. Whether it's welcoming travelers home, hosting events that bring people together, or standing as a hub for relief in times of crisis, AVL is here for WNC—because together, we are stronger. Together, we endure. Together, we rebuild. Helene tested us, but it did not break us. This is western North Carolina. This is resilience. This is home.



Military aircraft operations taking place on general aviation ramp at Asheville Regional Airport during Hurricane Helene emergency response efforts.





AVL FIRE TRUCK AND TREAT

At a time when our community needed a positive reason to gather together, AVL was able to hold a special Fire Truck and Treat event. Thanks in part to the generosity of Mars Candy Company Inc., who donated candy to local fire departments in the region, AVL invited the neighborhood to come to the

airport for some festive fun on Halloween. Hundreds of families, donning costumes and smiles, attended the event. There were airport police and firemen, an aircraft rescue fire truck for kids to explore, Paws for Passengers dogs in costumes to pet, and plenty of treats to take home!

PAWS FOR PASSENGERS

A favorite program among passengers and airport employees, Paws for Passengers had another great year. The program boasted 32 volunteer teams of certified therapy dogs and their handlers. These ambassa-dog teams participated in special passenger appreciation events like the popular Valentine's Day "Smooches from Pooches," National High Five Day, summertime's "Red, White and Paws," and a new holiday favorite "Santa Paws." Several teams also helped make the AVL Fire Truck and Treat event extra special by dressing up and handing out candy.



AVL TEAM GENEROSITY

The AVL team is always looking for ways to give back to the community. This year, the team held a spring blood drive for the Blood Connection during which 20 donations were collected, enough to help up to 60 people.

The AVL team also participated in the Christmas program for Crossnore, a local non-profit in Hendersonville that supports

kids in the foster care system. The AVL team's participation in this program provided Christmas gifts for 12 local children in the foster care system.

Through the program AVL Gives, team members raised over \$8,000 for various nonprofits, including Big Brothers Big Sisters of WNC.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEERS

AVL is fortunate to have a strong team of volunteers in the AVL Ambassador and AVL Welcome Crew programs. These volunteers greet passengers, help answer their questions, help them with directions and more.

The AVL Welcome Crew's founding member Logan celebrated three years on the team in July! This group of volunteers proudly serves as a way for community members on the autism spectrum to volunteer at the airport, welcoming travelers to or from AVL.

The volunteers and ambassadors were appreciated with an annual picnic in 2024. This fun event is a great way to say thank you to our hardworking volunteers who help make AVL a friendly and welcoming place. Held at Mills River Park, the picnic had BBQ, ice cream, music and fellowship as members of the various volunteer programs (including Paws for Passengers) got to hang out and get to know each other.

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Together We Are a Community
Events and Contributions

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TOGETHER WE ARE A COMMUNITY • EVENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

AVL RUNWAY 5K

On a warm summer morning in August, thousands of community members and neighbors gathered for the annual AVL Runway 5K. This beloved community event, which always sells out, allows the people of WNC to come together, have fun and raise money for local nonprofits. This event has something for everyone: plane spotting, food trucks, DJ, popup merch shop and, of course, the race itself. This year the AVL Runway 5K raised \$23,571.84, an incredible amount for aviation education and local nonprofits. This year's recipients were AB Tech's Aviation Scholarship Fund, WNC Pilot's Association Educational Foundation and Big Brothers Big Sisters of WNC. Thanks to generous sponsors including our presenting sponsors Gresham Smith, Hensel Phelps, Hunter Subaru, Paradies Lagardère and Signature Aviation, as well as the amazing participants, we were able to make a huge impact in people's lives in our community.



BLUE RIDGE HONOR FLIGHT

Once again, AVL was honored to host Blue Ridge Honor Flight — a local nonprofit organization that provides complimentary trips for veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War to visit their memorials in

Washington, D.C. — with a flight that took place in the spring. The flight took off from and landed at AVL. As always, a large welcome home celebration took place to honor these valiant veterans as they stepped off the plane.

MUSIC IN THE AIRPORT

Talented, local musicians shared their musical skills and provided entertainment for passengers in AVL's Music in the Airport program. Whether playing piano or violin, Classical or pop music, passengers and airport employees enjoyed the music these local artists created in the terminal throughout the year, including special holiday performances.



MORE SPACE IS ON THE WAY AT AVL

AVL FORWARD

A DEFINING MOMENT IN AVL HISTORY

Since the groundbreaking for a new airport terminal in August of 2023, construction has blasted off! There have been some big changes around AVL in the past year, and there are even more to come. This year has brought us closer to the end of Phase One of the three-phase project. Phase One includes a new north concourse, northern expansion of the ticket lobby, and a temporary TSA checkpoint. Phase One will culminate in the opening of the new north concourse in the summer of 2025.

MILESTONES

NORTH CONCOURSE

The north concourse saw some major progress this year. The first piece of vertical steel was placed on January 3, and the final steel beam for the north concourse was raised on July 1, which was celebrated with a traditional



topping out ceremony. The AVL team had the opportunity to sign the beam before it was raised.

The latter part of the year saw dry-in work, glass and stairwell installation, as well as the initial wiring, plumbing, and duct work.

It was amazing to see the north concourse rise and take shape over the year, making way for a grand opening in the summer of 2025. The north concourse will have new gates, boarding bridges, spacious gate hold rooms, restrooms and new concession areas.

North Concourse Concessions

Phase 1 of AVL Forward brings new amenities for passengers including several new concession options. The north concourse will feature Jimmy John's, Tropical Smoothie Café, The Goods @ AVL (a convenient one-stop shop for snacks, drinks, retail and more), The Grounds (coffee) as well as the familiar Aletitude bar with grab and go snacks. These options are the first of many new concession outlets coming to AVL as the terminal project progresses.

NORTH TICKET LOBBY AND SOUTH BAGGAGE CLAIM EXPANSIONS

Along with the north concourse, the north ticket lobby expansion saw great progress this year. Demolition took place in late January and work quickly progressed. The very visible changes along the curbside of the terminal made way for a glimpse of the beautiful new façade to take shape. This expansion will also house the temporary TSA checkpoint that will be utilized until the next phase of the construction project is complete.



To the south of the terminal, the baggage claim area saw big changes as well. The rental car counters were relocated to temporary modular buildings at the south end of the terminal and a construction wall was erected in Baggage Claim. Demolition took place in June followed by foundations and utility work, preparing the way for steel to be erected.

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER

In February, a massive concrete pour took place for the base of the air traffic control tower. By September, vertical construction was underway, and the tower precast installation began. The iconic silhouette began to take shape as the tower cab was raised into position at the top of the structure in December.



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Together We Create
AVL Forward and Land Development

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TOGETHER WE CREATE • AVL FORWARD AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

INSIGHT: AVL FORWARD

A new quarterly newsletter titled INSIGHT: AVL FORWARD debuted in 2024. This newsletter was designed to give readers a deeper understanding of the transformational infrastructure project happening at AVL that will result in a brand-new passenger terminal for western North Carolina. INSIGHT: AVL FORWARD features in-depth articles, photos, and videos focusing not only on the “what’s happening,” but also the “how,” “when” and most importantly – the “WHY.”

SPACE EXPLORATION

AVL TEAM

The AVL team was given the opportunity to take quarterly construction tours to explore the new space as it took shape. These guided “space walks” allowed the team to get a behind-the-scenes view of the north concourse and experience just how spacious it is, as well as see the interior of the central energy plant and learn more about what is to come with the new terminal.

MEDIA

A construction tour was held for local members of the press, which allowed them to share in AVL’s excitement for the new terminal and share with their readers and viewers about the progress being made on the project.



COMMUNITY LEADERS

Other community leaders were invited to the airport to take part in special construction tours led by president and CEO, Lew Bleiweis. This allowed members of the business community to ask questions and learn more about the impacts of the new state-of-the-art passenger terminal for the WNC region.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The Master Plan consultant completed the draft Airport Layout Plan (ALP) in August. This draft has been submitted to the FAA for their review. Once the FAA completes their review, the ALP will be finalized and will become the airport’s road map for future development.

CENTRAL ENERGY PLANT

The central energy plant took further steps to become fully operational. All equipment was delivered and placed in its final position. All piping was tested, building management devices were installed and control programming with graphics were completed. The remaining finishes were put in place and the plant received its final cleaning. This central energy plant will provide all the energy necessary to power the state-of-the-art airport facility being built.

PARKING

Shuttle Lot South

More parking became available as the final phase of Shuttle Lot South was completed in June. This completion created approximately 100 more parking spaces in the airport’s newest parking lot, and additional access to the lot from Terminal Drive. The ground transportation pickup area was relocated to this lot as well, a necessary and temporary move to make way for additional terminal construction.

Parking Guidance System

A new parking guidance system was installed in the parking garage in January. This system features different colored lights to indicate open parking spaces. In addition, live parking numbers for the various lots were added to the AVL website. This passenger service helps streamline the parking experience.

Passenger Parking Shuttles

In January 2024, AVL’s parking shuttle fleet grew and got a makeover. The comfortable and climate-controlled shuttles showcase three different, custom AVL Forward designs that are out-of-this-world. The designs include a QR code for easy access to information about the airport and the historic AVL Forward infrastructure project.

LAND DEVELOPMENT

Sheetz

Sheetz Inc. began exploring the possibility of opening a convenience store with fuel services on airport property and entered a period of due diligence in 2024. The process progressed over the year and Sheetz announced they will break ground in 2025. The new convenience store will be located across the street from the main entrance of the airport, on Airport Road/ Highway 280.

Hotel at Broadmoor Golf Links

Broadmoor golf course was severely impacted by Hurricane Helene and this has delayed the development schedule for a new 4-diamond hotel. The groundbreaking for the hotel and the reopening of the golf course is anticipated in 2025.



Passengers wait to board flights in gate area at Asheville Regional Airport.



Passengers boarding flight during AVL Forward project, as new terminal is being constructed.

2 YEARS, OVER 2 MILLION!

2,174,125 PASSENGERS IN 2024

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AIRPORT ROUNDTABLE HOSTED IN ASHEVILLE

With only three per year held across North America, AVL was the proud host of an Airport Roundtable conference in late summer. Network planning representatives from seven airlines attended, along with air service development professionals from airports across North America. The three-day event gave the airline decision-makers the opportunity to experience the beauty and allure of western North Carolina, learning first-hand about the vibrancy of the market. Explore Asheville collaborated with the airport to provide an authentic and memorable experience, helping our airline partners and

potential future partners gain even more understanding about and confidence in WNC as a place to be successful.



TSA EXPANDS TO 4 LANES AT AVL

AVL saw historic growth in 2023 with over 2.2 million passengers utilizing the airport prompting the expansion of the TSA screening checkpoint with the

addition of a fourth screening lane. In July 2024, the new lane was added to help alleviate wait times during peak travel hours.



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Together We Grow
Expansion and Air Service

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ALLEGiant FLIES TO ORLANDO

ALLEGiant MCO INAUGURAL AT ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT

On May 3, a festive event was held at the gate to celebrate Allegiant's inaugural flight to AVL's newest destination: Orlando International Airport (MCO). This special flight took off at 6:51PM, under a traditional water arch. The event created a buzz in the terminal with music, snacks, swag, trivia and a ribbon cutting. Passengers, the AVL team and Allegiant team members all had a great time commemorating the flight.



DELTA ANNOUNCED NONSTOP SERVICE TO BOS

In September, Delta announced an exciting new flight: a nonstop to Boston (BOS). This flight will begin in May of 2025 and will operate on Saturdays and Sundays. This announcement marked Delta's fourth nonstop option from AVL.



ALLEGiant ANNOUNCED NONSTOP SERVICE TO IAD

November brought good news from Allegiant with an announcement of nonstop service from AVL to Dulles International Airport (IAD) in Washington, D.C. beginning in June of 2025, expanding their large portfolio of nonstop options from AVL, again..



NEW EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE AT AVL ANNOUNCED



Janet Burnette
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



Lexie Farmer, C.M., M.P.A.
CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER



Tina Kinsey, A.A.E.
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

The Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority underwent an organizational restructure with the development of a strategic executive leadership team, consisting of a Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Operations Officer, all reporting directly to the President and Chief Executive Officer. This new dynamic of leadership is designed to strengthen collaboration, drive business forward, and enhance operational efficiency. As AVL continues to experience record growth, this structure positions the organization to plan strategically and respond proactively to the evolving needs of our passengers, partners, and community. It ensures that the airport is well-equipped to support future expansion, foster innovation, and uphold its commitment to exceptional customer service and operational excellence. This transformation reflects AVL's dedication to being a forward-thinking, resilient organization prepared to meet the opportunities and challenges of the future.

GROWTH CONTINUES AT AVL

In addition to the organizational restructure, the AVL team continues to expand. The airport authority board approved 18 additional positions for the 2024/2025 fiscal year, bringing the FTE (full time equivalency) count to 116.5.



AIRPORT RECEIVES AAAE AWARD

“Excellence Award for Airport Training”

AVL TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS



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Henderson County Chamber Board



Brian Morgan
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FIREFIGHTER CAPTAIN

Completed International Fire
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(IFSAC) Basic Aircraft Rescue
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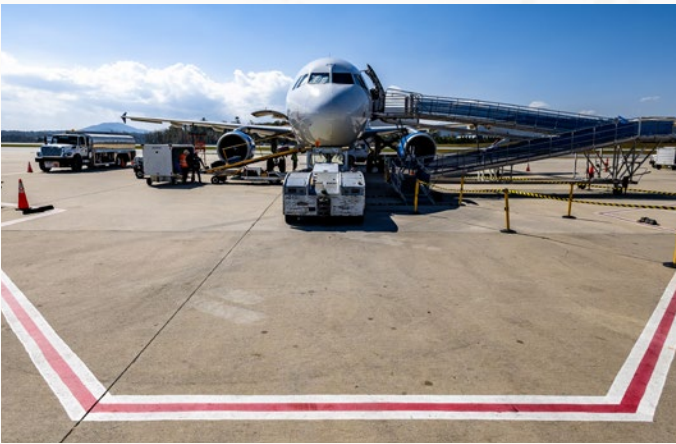
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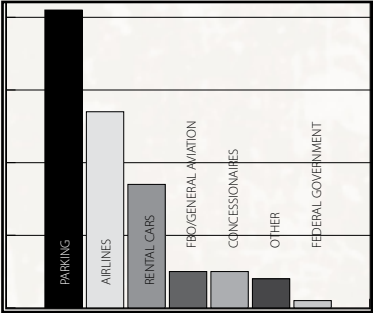
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AUTHORITY
REVENUE

PARKING.....	41%
AIRLINES.....	27%
RENTAL CARS.....	17%
FBO/GENERAL AVIATION.....	5%
CONCESSIONAIRES.....	5%
OTHER.....	4%
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.....	1%

FINANCIALS

At June 30, 2024, the Authority's assets exceeded liabilities by \$314,327,687.

That is an increase of over \$40.7 million from 2023 and an increase of over \$77.7 million from 2022.



CROSSWORD

across

3. Where you collect your bags after landing.
10. This airline will begin offering nonstop service from AVL to BOS in May of 2025.
11. The area where you wait for your flight; each flight has a specific _____ number.
12. The number of TSA screening lanes at AVL.
16. AVL celebrated its _____consecutive year surpassing 2 million passengers!
17. Be sure to arrive at the airport _____ hours before your flight's boarding time.
19. The _____in the Airport program entertains passengers with local talented musician performances.
20. Goods carried on an aircraft.
22. This airline offers nonstop flights from AVL to one of their major East Coast hubs, CLT.
23. This airline offers nonstop flights from AVL to ORD, DEN and EWR.
24. This is the main road that runs from the airport entrance to the exit, past the front curb.

down

1. The airline at AVL with the most nonstop flight destinations.
2. The rear aircraft structure that provides aerodynamic stability.
4. The three-letter airport code for Asheville Regional Airport.
5. The new terminal construction project — a defining moment in AVL History.
6. \$3.9 billion in _____ for western North Carolina.
7. The central portion of an aircraft, which is intended to house the flight crew, passengers, and cargo.

8. AVL's therapy dog program.
9. This airline offers seasonal nonstop service to BOS from AVL.
13. The paved area at an airport where aircraft park, fuel, load and unload.
14. The new north _____ is slated to open summer 2025.
15. A piece of aircraft equipment that contains rotating blades, creating engine thrust.
16. _____ explorations have taken

- place throughout the year to show off the new terminal under construction.
18. The act of increasing aircraft altitude, typically to a designated level.
21. A "defined rectangular area on a land aerodrome prepared for the landing and takeoff of aircraft," at AVL it is 8,001 feet long.
25. Allegiant will be offering flights to this airport in Washington, D.C. (3-letter code) beginning in June 2025.



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OUR MISSION

To champion exceptional experiences and economic vitality

OUR VISION

To be an authentic and convenient gateway for business and adventure

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