



AVL to receive \$14 million from CARES Act funding

Learn what this means for AVL and the region

The COVID-19 pandemic has been extraordinarily difficult for everyone, in so many different ways. It is important to address what is happening in aviation, and the funding allocated from the federal government to support this critical infrastructure.

The nation's aviation system, critical to the movement of people, goods and services, as well as to the economic health of our nation, has been jeopardized. All airports and air service providers are inherently connected, and the entire system must be intact to work.

Accounting for 7% of the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), airports are extremely important to the economic health of the nation. And like so many industries, the aviation industry has come to a near halt, with potential far-reaching negative impacts – regionally, nationally and globally. Equally important, airports must stay safely operational even during unprecedented times such as we are experiencing now – we must protect our nation's ability to move people, goods and services.

Therefore, the federal government has implemented measures to help mitigate this unforeseen and sweeping shock by injecting funding into the aviation system.

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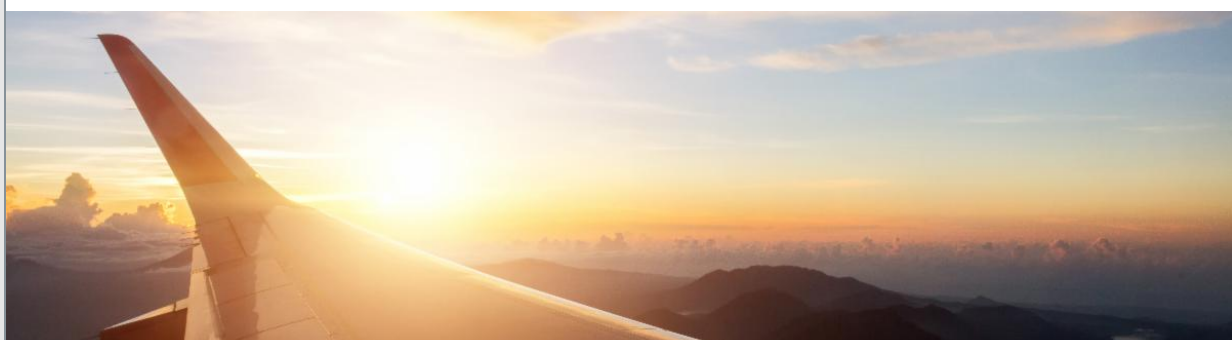


OPERATIONAL UPDATE

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The team at AVL is committed to providing up-to-date information for travelers, as well as those who need to know what to expect at the airport at this time. We update our website daily, and have easy ways for you to contact us with your direct questions.

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INTEGRITY, COMPASSION, AND A WILLINGNESS TO HELP

Airlines are stepping up in amazing ways #AVIATIONSTRONG

The aviation industry is all about connections. And in this unprecedented time, we have noticed some amazing connections being led by airline teams. We are proud of our airline partners – and

wanted to share these positive stories.

American Airlines recently utilized their resources to donate thousands of medical kits containing crucial supplies to hospitals in need.

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An Asheville-based **Allegiant** crew donated their time, talent and materials to make masks to give to those in need.

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Delta Air Lines recently donated more than 200,000 pounds of unused food to those in need.

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Spirit has been coordinating charter flights to transport stranded people back home, between Latin America and the U.S.

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United Airlines is donating their services to fly medical volunteers to areas in need.

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Thank you, airlines, for stepping up, and showing the world what **#AVIATIONSTRONG** is all about!



EVER WALKED A RUNWAY?

AVL team members conducted first-ever FOD walk on the airfield

The airport is open and operational, with a heavy focus on keeping the terminal safe and clean. The airfield must also be safely operational at all times, and because there is very little air traffic at this time, the airport organized its first-ever FOD walk last week, following all state and local executive orders.

FOD stands for “Foreign Objects & Debris,” and airport operations teams must inspect the runway and taxiways at least twice daily in order to remove FOD, which can create safety hazards for pilots.

FOD is typically identified by visual inspections conducted while driving on the airfield. However, because very few flights are operating at this time, the airport decided to create an opportunity for its team members to conduct a FOD inspection on foot.



“This was a great way to do a deep-inspection of the airfield, while at the same time, offer a way for our hard-working staff to spend time outside on a nice day, accomplishing an important task,” said John Coon, Director of Operations. “It’s important to find ways to be connected right now, and aviation professionals are always up to the task of keeping the airport safe.” Airport team members from all departments, including custodial, maintenance, IT, administration, planning and guest services, spread out significantly (social distancing is very easy on an airfield), and inspected the nearly two-mile long airfield during the organized inspection.

“Because we can’t gather for meetings or events, this was a safe way to follow social distancing guidelines to work together. It was essential work that needed to be done. And it was a good day,” said Coon.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

April 2020 Overview

Significant progress is being made on several important construction projects at AVL that have been underway for many months. The new remote shuttle parking lot was paved with its first

layer of pavement last week and is nearing completion. An important water and sewer utility upgrade along Terminal Drive has also progressed significantly, replacing nearly 60-year-old utility infrastructure. Finally, a reconfigured ground transportation lot should be complete by mid-May.

These projects are important upgrades or additions to the airport's infrastructure to meet the needs of travelers for decades to come. AVL is moving forward, so we're ready when travel returns.

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