



## INAUGURAL FLIGHT CELEBRATION

*Allegiant began service to Destin today!*

We cut the ribbon, shared some goodies, and held our very first event with passengers since the start of the pandemic... and it felt great!

Congratulations to Allegiant for their newest service – nonstop to Destin, Florida – which began today.



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## MASK MANDATE IN EFFECT AT AIRPORTS THROUGH SEPTEMBER

*Federal rule requires mask use when traveling*

Though many mask restrictions have been lifted for vaccinated individuals, everyone – vaccinated or not – must continue to wear masks in airports and on airplanes. This federal mandate is in effect through September 13, 2021.

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## PASSENGER NUMBERS RISING QUICKLY

## AVL experiencing near-peak passenger traffic

The air travel industry has long speculated that once vaccines arrived, pent-up travel demand would surge. This has proven to be the case at AVL – the airport is bustling with travelers, the parking lots are bursting at the seams, and happy travelers are at it again.

In 2019, AVL experienced its biggest year of growth in our history – we served more than 1.6 million passengers that year. The average number of travelers each day was about 4,600 in 2019. This month (May 2021), preliminary reports show that our average number of travelers each day was about 4,400 – nearly back to our highest levels.

What does this recovery mean? AVL is recovering faster than the average airport in the country, which bodes well for our region. As an economic anchor organization, the strength of the airport and the air service provided has far-reaching impacts on the overall health and vitality of western North Carolina.

We continue to be ready for you when you choose to return to the skies.



## 23 NONSTOP AIRPORT DESTINATIONS

*Highest number in history at AVL*

AVL continues to be one of the best-connected regional airports in the country. Travelers have 23 nonstop airport destinations from which to choose, including frequent daily flights to major hubs.

“With 23 nonstop options, AVL has the highest number of flight options in our history,” said Lew Bleiweis, Executive Director. “You can go just about anywhere, either nonstop or with one easy connection, and the same is true in reverse. Visitors from around the globe can easily get to western North Carolina.”

Check out our most recent route map, and thank you for checking AVL first for your travel needs.





## FOR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES IN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

*Attend our goal consultation meeting in June*

The airport is in the process of developing our updated three-year Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program goals for FY2021-2024. These goals will be specifically for construction-related projects.

We are hosting a meeting to receive input regarding the airport's goals, as well as to identify the availability of potential DBEs for our upcoming projects.

**When? Monday, June 7, 2021**

**Time: 10am-11am EDT**

**Location: Virtual Webinar**

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## HENDERSONVILLE TRIATHLON JUNE 27, 2021

*AVL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MAKING SUMMER CONNECTIONS*

We are proud to partner again with iDaph events as an annual sponsor of the Hendersonville Triathlon. We hope this community event, benefitting Friends of the Oklawaha Greenway, will be a wonderful way to make meaningful summer connections.

The 2nd Hendersonville Triathlon presented by Hunter Subaru is set for Patton Park in Hendersonville, NC on Sunday, June 27, 2021.

The triathlon event consists of a 400m pool swim, 12.5 mile bike and 5k run! The run takes place on the beautiful, flat and scenic Oklawaha Greenway. The bike course is on rolling, rural roads in Henderson County and within City limits.

Click the button to learn more and register.



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