



WINDOW SEAT

go ahead, take a look.



TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

Register by September 26 to guarantee your race tee



The Runway 5K is Saturday, October 7, and time is running out to register. Run beside our runway – it's exhilarating when the planes take off and land beside you! Plus, enjoy food trucks, music and more. All proceeds benefit local aviation scholarships.

[LEARN MORE + REGISTER](#)

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UPDATE

AVL FORWARD HAS LAUNCHED

A new airport terminal is on the horizon

We broke ground this month on *AVL Forward*, a landmark infrastructure project to build a new airport terminal for western North Carolina.

Upon completion, the *AVL Forward* project will yield a remarkable airport terminal that stands 150% larger than the current airport. The airport will grow from seven gates to twelve, with ample room for further expansion. The new design concept, inspired by the natural beauty of the western North Carolina mountains, will feature a spacious and bright grand lobby, state-of-the-art ticketing and baggage claim areas, an inviting concessions plaza, and thoughtfully designed gate areas to enhance passenger comfort and experience.

[SEE THE FUTURE](#)



DENVER ANYONE?

New daily nonstop service on United starts next month

United will fly its inaugural route to Denver in September from AVL, which will officially launch this highly-anticipated daily nonstop service. Time to book your ski adventure this winter!



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BOOK YOUR TRIP TO DENVER



JULY 2023 NUMBERS ARE IN, FAR SURPASSING RECORD JUNE UTILIZATION

Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) continues to break records. July 2023 is now the airport's record-breaking month of passenger utilization, with 244,504 passengers flying to or from AVL, a 24.4% increase over July 2022.

"It's important to pause and note these historic moments," said Lew Bleiweis, A.A.E., President and CEO. "The double-digit percentage growth month after month, year after year, has been astounding, and I thank our community for continuing to take advantage of the amazing flight options available at AVL. I also want to say that we are working hard to keep up with this growth and genuinely appreciate our travelers' patience as we build the future AVL."

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**REAL
QUESTIONS
REAL ANSWERS**
AVL FORWARD

WE'RE LISTENING

And answering your questions

Thank you to our customers who share their questions, complaints, compliments and suggestions with us. We want to find more ways to engage with you and provide the information you need. So we're introducing a new segment in this monthly newsletter: REAL QUESTIONS | REAL ANSWERS.

First up, from Shawna O. on Facebook: “Why were all these flights added before proper expansion? Not to mention not enough parking? WHY???”

Good question, Shawna.

It is a common misperception that the airport controls which airlines and flights operate. Actually, the airport does not make decisions about when or where airlines will fly. The airlines make these decisions.

What has happened in our region is simple. There are many local people who want to fly, and there are many visitors who want to come here. We are a positive place for business growth, the airlines can be profitable here, so significant growth has occurred. The good news is that the airlines see the potential in our area – and our connectivity to the world is easier and more robust than ever before. We are grateful to our airline partners for their continued investment in western North Carolina.

And now to address your concerns about space constraints. You are absolutely correct - the growth creates operational challenges, namely SPACE for cars, people and airplanes. (Learn more about [AVL Forward here](#), our historic infrastructure project underway that is all about MORE SPACE!)

The airport team has been hard at work on expansion for more than five years. Design, engineering, financing and construction take significant time in the “airport world,” where we have to comply with far more regulations than many other types of organizations, and we also must balance the capital-intensive projects with financing plans that we can manage.

Here’s a sampling of what we have accomplished in the past five years:

- Design of a new airport terminal
- Financing for the new airport terminal
- Utility upgrades (necessary to move forward with construction of a new terminal)
- New central energy plant underway
- Design of a new air traffic control tower (necessary to move forward with the new airport terminal construction)
- Construction underway for the air traffic control tower and the new airport terminal
- Aircraft parking expansion with construction of additional aircraft apron space
- Parking improvement: shuttle lot constructed and opened with 362 spaces (2021)
- Parking improvement: overflow lots A, B & C retrofitted for use for an additional 400 spaces (2022 & 2023)
- Parking improvement: south shuttle lot currently under construction with 600+ spaces (will open fall 2023)

We continue to thank our travelers for their patience as we transform into the AVL of our region’s future. It’s going to be worth it!

6 AIRLINES. 26 NONSTOP DESTINATIONS. LET'S GO!



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