



AVL AWARDED \$10 MILLION IN AIP GRANT FUNDS

U.S. D.O.T. Secretary Elaine Chao & Senator Thom Tillis visited AVL to make the national announcement

Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) received \$10 million in federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant funds to support the needed expansion of the airport's terminal. The grant, part of \$500 million in total funds awarded to 117 airports in 48 states, is intended to support airport infrastructure needs.

U.S. D.O.T. Secretary Elaine Chao and Senator Thom Tillis (N.C.) visited AVL on November 22 to announce the national scope of the grant funding, as well as the significant grant awarded to AVL. The grant funds are important to AVL, as we continue to plan a terminal expansion to serve our region for decades to come.

Where are we in our plans to expand the terminal? The design and planning phase is first, for which this grant will be used. "As we complete our due diligence in the planning and design phase, we will know more about what is feasible and what may not be able to be constructed," said Lew Bleiweis, Executive Director of Asheville Regional Airport.

[Read more in the Asheville Citizen-Times.](#)



AIRPORT PARKING + HOLIDAY TRAVEL TIMES

Plan ahead and give yourself ample time

This is a message we continue to communicate and celebrate: AVL is busier than ever before. Thank you for flying local!

This means that our parking lots become very full during peak travel times, including during the holidays. Don't worry – we have plans in place for overflow parking should the Hourly, Daily and Garage lots become full. And we will operate shuttles to and from the overflow areas for the comfort and convenience of our passengers.

We encourage travelers to give themselves a little extra time, just in case. We are ready for all of you, and hope your holiday travels are stress-free and filled with cheer!



FLYING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS LIKE A PRO

Tips for holiday air travel

Traveling during the holidays? We thought we'd give you our top three tips to consider before you head to the airport – happy travels!

1. **NO WRAPPED GIFTS!** Many travelers pack wrapped gifts to take to their loved ones during the holidays. Did you know that they may have to be unwrapped during the security screening process? Wrap them when you get there, or pack your wrapping materials separately.
2. **MORE TIME MAY BE NEEDED.** More families travel for leisure during the holidays, and often, these families are not "frequent travelers." It may take them some time to get through the security screening process. So, if you are one of these families, take a little time to review these great **tips from the Transportation Security Administration** to help you breeze through security with time to spare! And, if you are a seasoned traveler, give yourself a little extra time (and cheerful patience) in the security line.
3. **WHAT ABOUT LIQUIDS?** Remember that ANY liquid (including gels, pastes, jellies, honey, or other such items) in containers greater than 3.4 ounces must be in your checked luggage.

LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN BRING ON THE PLANE >



FARM TO AIRPORT

WNC Farmers Market + AVL = Great Mountain Experience



We teamed up with [WNC Farmers Market](#) to thank our passengers for flying local and give them a delightful mountain experience. There were warm biscuits and apple butter from the Moose Cafe, locally grown apples, a fall-themed photo booth and the sounds of banjo pickin' in the air.

Wish you were there? Check out the video!

[WATCH THE VIDEO >](#)

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