



WITH GROWTH COMES CHANGE

A Message from Lew Bleiweis, A.A.E., Executive Director

Our airport is growing, and at a quick pace. With passenger traffic up 50% in just five years, our facilities are sometimes bursting at the seams!

We are working to manage growth in positive ways. One big step happened recently when we opened our new five-story parking garage. For years, we have listened to feedback from travelers who have implored us to improve our parking options at AVL. Travelers especially wanted to be closer to the terminal, and to be rid of the uphill walk from the lowest level parking lots.

With the significant passenger growth, we accelerated our master plan and constructed our convenient parking garage several years sooner than originally planned. We oversized the design so we would have ample parking for travelers for many years to come as we continue to grow.

Simultaneously, we have implemented another change - just this past week, we closed and decommissioned the long-term parking lots on the south end of the airport (down the hill). Remember - these are the lots complained about the most because of the difficulty many travelers had pulling luggage up the hill, or walking to and from in inclement weather. We are glad to say that all of our parking is now easily accessible to the terminal - no more hills, and the garage option offers cover during inclement weather.

We are also now able to move forward with more of our master plan, which includes repurposing the former parking lots. While you won't see construction there for a while, we are working to position that land for future development.

We will strive to keep our community informed as we grow to meet your needs. And as always, thank you for choosing to "fly local."



AN AMAZING EVENING

Third annual Wings for Autism a great success

On Tuesday evening, February 13, we welcomed 150 community members to AVL for an "airport rehearsal" at our third annual Wings for Autism event. Our guests were people on the autism spectrum and their loved ones. The purpose of the event was to help familiarize them with the airport environment and experience, from check-in to boarding a plane.

The event was made possible by our partners and sponsors: **The Arc of Buncombe County**, **Allegiant**, Worldwide Flight Services, the Transportation Security Administration, and **BoJangles' of WNC**.

Check out this video recap!



AIRSIDE PARKING GROWTH

New commercial aircraft ramp space coming soon

The Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority Board approved moving forward with a construction project to build new aircraft parking space near the terminal. Specifically, a grass area located just north of the terminal will be converted to aircraft ramp space, and construction is expected to commence in March.

This added space is needed to accommodate our airline partners' continued growth and commitment to our region.



NEW ROUTES ON SALE NOW

Dallas/Ft. Worth and Vero Beach now offered nonstop from AVL

American Airlines' new summer seasonal nonstop flights to Dallas Ft. Worth International Airport are on sale now. The nonstop option is available on Saturdays to and from AVL. You can also connect through Charlotte on American any day of the week - find out more at aa.com.

Elite Airways' seasonal nonstop to Vero Beach is also on sale, and flights start in early April. You can book your tickets at eliteairways.com.



TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

How does an airport plan for growth?

We don't control which airlines serve our airport, what routes they fly and the prices they charge for their tickets.

We don't know how many passengers will fly next month, where, or how much they will pay for their plane tickets.

We don't have a crystal ball.

But - we do have planning tools. Airports use a number of tools to understand growth patterns, possibilities and forecasts. And we use tools to plan for the future...

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