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A MESSAGE FROM LEW BLEIWEIS, A.A.E., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Airport's care is an economic issue



Around 11 million visitors each year flock to Western North Carolina to explore our amazing area. WNC has also seen significant business growth in recent years.

Asheville Regional Airport is critical to the vitality of our region. The airport generates nearly \$1.5 billion for the local economy and supports nearly 9,000 local jobs. We are the gateway to and from WNC and the world, with unprecedented air service growth in past years.

To continue the positive economic impact in our region, we must maintain our airport.

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Win TWO roundtrip tickets on Spirit - winner selected on June 28

Pick your paradise today on **Spirit Airlines** - nonstop or one easy connection from AVL. Fly nonstop to Ft. Lauderdale, Orlando & Tampa, and one connection to amazing vacation

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AVL'S NUMBERS CONTINUE TO SOAR

First quarter 2019 shows 45% increase compared to last year

On the heels of the busiest year of passenger utilization, significant growth at Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) continues. First quarter 2019 numbers are in, and the airport served an unprecedented number of passengers. Specifically, AVL served 296,571 passengers January through March 2019, a staggering 45% increase over the same period last year.

"We have never seen such high numbers in the winter months at AVL," said Lew Bleiweis, A.A.E., executive director of the Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority. "The growth is phenomenal, and it is great to see so many travelers flying from their local airport, and also traveling to our area from all over the world. I commend Tina Kinsey, A.A.E., Director of Marketing and Air Service Development and her team for the work they do every day to attract and retain air service for our region."

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BECAUSE THE AIRPORT IS BUSIER THAN EVER...

More surface parking will be constructed this summer

The Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority Board approved moving forward with design plans for a new surface parking lot. Because of the phenomenal (and fast) growth of passenger utilization at AVL, there is a need for additional parking.

Plans are underway to construct a shuttle lot directly across the street (Asheville Highway) from the airport, on land already owned by the Airport Authority. The new lot will add approximately 400 spaces, bringing the total public spaces (Daily, Hourly, Garage, Overflow and Shuttle Lots) to about 2,400. The new shuttle lot is expected to open sometime this fall.



MOMENTUM

Spring exhibit on display in the airport art gallery

Momentum, the newest exhibit showing in the airport art gallery, is open to the public, bringing a fresh arrival of inspiration to onlookers. The exhibit features six local artists specializing in a variety of disciplines. The show will be on display through August 18, 2019.

From digital photography and paintings to dimensional sculptures and intricate fiber pieces - Momentum delivers an exhibit full of vibrant colors and energetic movement. The gallery will be a highlight for the hundreds of thousands of summer travelers that will be welcomed to the area through the airport.

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