



WELCOME BACK, TRAVELERS

AVL is busier than ever

If you have flown recently, especially from AVL, you probably noticed that we are once again a busy, busy place. Parking lots are full. Lines can be long. And you likely no longer have an empty seat beside you on the airplane. There are many reasons for this — including the fact that AVL has the most robust route map in our history, with **25 nonstop airport destinations**, served by five airlines (Allegiant, American, Delta, Sun Country and United).

It is wonderful to welcome travelers back. AVL has returned to – and surpassed – 2019 levels. We are bursting at the seams!

The great news is that we are finishing a major design project for a new airport terminal. We'll break ground next year and begin the work to grow our physical space (watch for more information about this as we get closer to breaking ground).

In the meantime, we ask for your patience... and for you to join in our excitement about what's to come. Major infrastructure work takes time. We will do all we can to make the travel journey as efficient and comfortable as possible, and even as we continue to grow – we know that the convenience of AVL can't be matched.

Enjoy your upcoming adventures, and safe travels to you all.



NONSTOP TO KEY WEST STARTS NOVEMBER 18

Where it's summer all year!

Allegiant announced new nonstop flights from AVL to Key West International Airport, beginning November 18. Flights will operate on Thursdays and Sundays. Never again will you have to make that 14-hour drive – you'll be able to eat a piece of that key lime pie in just two hours from the time you take off in Asheville!



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REGISTER FOR THE RUNWAY 5K BY SEPTEMBER 16

To be guaranteed a t-shirt

Asheville Regional Airport is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year by bringing back our Runway 5K! We're tapping into our beginnings – inspired by our early years (we opened in 1961) – to create a **great vibe** and a **far-out** course (which is also the flattest course in all of western North Carolina). Racers will run the runway (well ... the runway we used for the past five years – it's a taxiway now). And, can you **dig it**? You'll run right beside our active runway, where planes will be taking off and landing during the race. Talk about plane spotting!

This race is already half-full – registrations are capped at 1,000. It's time to register to guarantee your spot! If you register by September 16, you'll be guaranteed a race t-shirt. And they're pretty **groovy**.

Thank you, sponsors: First Class – Avcon, Gresham Smith, Hensel Phelps, Hunter Subaru, RS&H, Star 104.3 – Asheville's #1 Hit Music; Business Class – CHA, McGriff, Parrish & Partners and Vannoy Construction. Proceeds benefit aviation education; specifically, aviation scholarships provided by AB-Tech Aviation and the WNC Pilot's Association.

(Please note – registration will end when we reach 1,000 racers, even if this occurs before September 16.)



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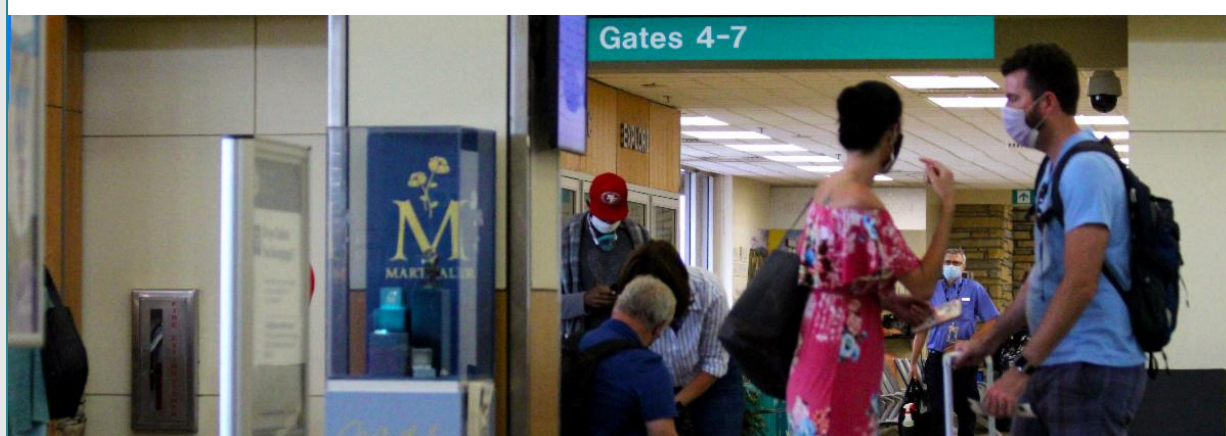
ART + MUSIC RETURNS TO THE AIRPORT

New art exhibit on display

For the first time in more than a year, local artists and instrumental musicians have been welcomed back to the airport, as part of the Art in the Airport program.

Passage, the exhibit on display in the art gallery now through November 2021, features six local artists of multiple disciplines.

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TSA EXTENDS MASK MANDATE THROUGH JANUARY 2022

Keep those masks handy

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) extended the face mask requirement for individuals across all transportation networks throughout the U.S., including at airports and onboard commercial aircraft.

This mandate is extended through January 18, 2022.

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