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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

From the President & CEO

Happy holidays to you all. I enjoy this time of year, seeing so many smiling travelers flying to visit family and greeting loved ones arriving at AVL.

During the holidays, I am always reminded of the importance of aviation. So many of our connections with those we love are made possible by the air travel system – we can wake up in Asheville and be hugging those special to us a thousand miles away that same afternoon. These important human connections and aviation's role in helping to make them happen bring such joy to those of us who work at the airport.

And also, Happy New Year! I have a goal to make sure we keep you informed about all the exciting progress that will happen in 2023 at AVL. To start – in just a few months, we will have temporary modular passenger gate areas in place, ready for your use. And then (drumroll please) – the plan is to close our north concourse and to break ground on our brand-new airport terminal (pending final steps and decisions). If we are able to move forward as planned, in spring 2023 we'll launch a public information campaign so you can always be up-to-date and in the know about what's happening behind our construction walls.

It will be an adventure, with a fantastic ending. I invite you to join our excitement, and I look forward to welcoming you to AVL again soon.



Blue skies,

Lew Bleiweis
A.A.E., President & CEO



MODULAR BUILDINGS COMING SOON

Temporary gate areas will open in March

We're continuing to get ready for our huge and historic terminal expansion project. There's a lot of "make-ready" work that must be done first before we can officially break ground.

One significant milestone is the installation of modular buildings that we will use as gate hold rooms for a few years. They are on order and scheduled to arrive next month. Then, they will be upfitted for use. We anticipate opening these temporary hold rooms in March 2023. The use of temporary gates all in one wing will allow us to shift all aircraft arrivals and departures to the south concourse so we can close the north concourse for demolition.

We still have a few big steps to take before major demolition and construction can begin, including ensuring that all financing is in order and that the final cost estimate is manageable. The timing for these decisions is approaching soon, and our hope is that we can move forward with our official groundbreaking in spring 2023.

In the meantime, our make-ready work means that once we can begin construction, we will be able to maintain the same square footage that we have now to accommodate passengers – located a little differently – with an equal number of operational gates (which is seven). We estimate that these temporary gate areas will be in use for about two years.



AIR SERVICE NEWS

American Airlines expands nonstop LGA to year-round

American Airlines announced that they are extending their daily, nonstop seasonal route from Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) and New York LaGuardia Airport (LGA) to year-round service.

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SOUNDS OF THE HOLIDAYS!

Local schools and musicians brought holiday cheer to travelers

We were so excited to reinstate our Sounds of the Holidays program this year. Seeing school choral groups and local musicians perform festive music for travelers was a bright spot of the month.

It's also a cheerful bonus when WLOS highlights the kids' performances!

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CLOSING IN ON ANOTHER GREAT YEAR

Record annual passengers projected for 2022

The official numbers won't be in for a few weeks, but it's clear that more travelers than ever before flew to and from AVL in 2022. We have enjoyed the hustle and bustle and are up for the challenge to continue to grow to meet your needs.

Here are a few other interesting stats about AVL:

- Asheville Regional Airport moved up one position for the first time in history in 2022 and is now the **third busiest airport in North Carolina** (behind only Charlotte and Raleigh-Durham).
- **Six airlines** – Allegiant, American, Delta, JetBlue, Sun Country and United – **fly to 25 nonstop airport destinations** (some destinations are served by multiple airlines).
- The **frequent daily flights from AVL to many international hubs** is great news for you. It means that you can start your journey right here at home, and head to countless destinations around the globe – often with just one connection.

25 NONSTOP DESTINATIONS – LET'S GO!

Planning a trip is now easier than ever. Airlines at AVL offer 25 nonstop destinations all over the country, including frequent daily flights to international hubs.

