



Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority (GARAA) Board members and President & CEO Lew Bleiweis, A.A.E., stand with ceremonial ribbon-cutting scissors in front of the newly commissioned air traffic control tower at Asheville Regional Airport on

August 7, 2026. Pictured from left: Lew Bleiweis, A.A.E., President & CEO; Britt Lovin, GARAA Board Chair; Shantelle Simpson, GARAA Board Member; Nathan Kennedy, GARAA Board Vice Chair; and Dr. Laura Leatherwood, GARAA Board Member.

AVL'S AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER RIBBON CUTTING

Another historic AVL Forward event

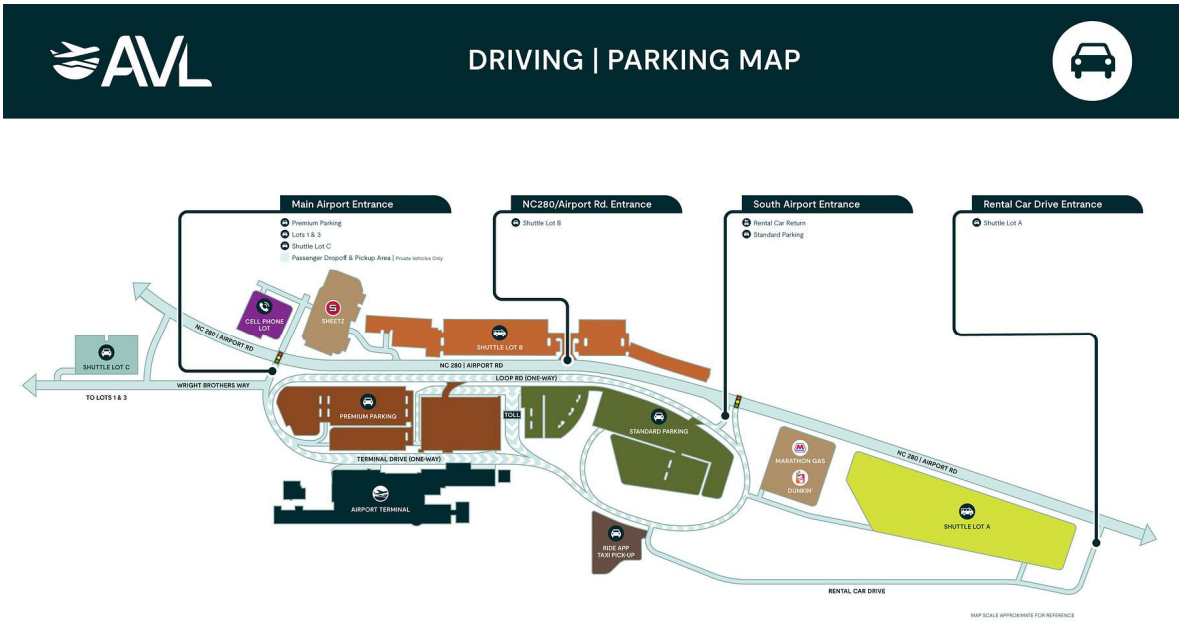
AVL celebrated another milestone moment in the AVL Forward project with a ribbon cutting for the new air traffic control tower on August 7. The event brought together state and local leaders to recognize the new tower that has replaced the orginal built in 1961.

The new tower is 121-feet tall and gives controllers a larger and more modern workspace to support the growing air traffic in the region. As AVL continues to grow this new tower will play an important role in keeping air traffic moving safely and efficiently across Western North Carolina.

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GROUND TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING CHANGES

More choices. Clearer options. An easier journey from drive to departure.



As Asheville Regional Airport continues to grow and evolve, so does the journey to and from the terminal. AVL is introducing several enhancements designed to make parking and ground transportation easier to understand, easier to navigate and more flexible for every traveler.

A new location for the Ride App and Taxi Pick-up area opens September 1

Travelers using services such as Uber, Lyft or a taxi will notice a change on the map begining September 1, 2026. The Ride App and Taxi Pick-Up area will be moved to a new more convenient location just south of the terminal, approximately a six-minute walk from the terminal building.

Clear signage will help guide passengers from the terminal to the new pick-up area.

More parking choices, made simpler on September 10

Beginning September 10, AVL will offer three clearly defined parking lot options, giving travelers the ability to choose what works best for their trip, budget and preferred proximity to the terminal:

Premium Parking | $22/day

- AVL's closest parking option, featuring a mix of convenient surface and covered/garage spaces.

Standard Parking | $15/day

- Located close to the terminal with the flexibility to walk or take a shuttle.

Shuttle Parking | $12/day

- AVL's most economical option, located farther from the terminal and served by complimentary 24/7 shuttle service. Some areas are within walking distance.

As part of these enhancements, the first section of **Shuttle Lot C is now open**, adding more parking capacity and another convenient option for travelers.

Plan before you park

These changes are all about creating a more intuitive experience, with clearer parking choices for different travel needs.

Before heading to AVL, travelers are encouraged to check flyavl.com for the latest parking names, rates, maps and directions. A quick check before leaving home can help you know exactly where you're headed when you arrive.

VIEW MAP



TSA PRECHECK MOBILE ENROLLMENT EVENT

September 1-4 at AVL

AVL and IDEMIA are hosting a TSA PreCheck enrollment event, ready to make your U.S. travel easier. If you're not already part of the TSA PreCheck program, you can now pre-enroll and schedule your in-person appointment at AVL. The Mobile Enrollment Truck will be located in the Cell Phone Lot — Airport Park Rd., Fletcher, NC 28732 — directly across from the airport's main entrance. The Mobile Truck is equipped with steps and is not wheelchair accessible. If needed, please check the IDEMIA website to determine the nearest permanent location that is ADA compliant.

Appointments are available on a first come first served basis, so we recommend applying as soon as possible.

3 Easy Steps to TSA PreCheck

1. **Apply online:** Submit an online application and schedule an appointment at Fletcher, NC: Pop-Up: 9/1-9/4
2. **Enroll in person:** Come to AVL to complete the less than 10-minute enrollment which includes capturing your fingerprints and photo for the TSA background check. Be sure to bring documentation proving your identity and citizenship status.
3. **Get your Known Traveler Number (KTN):** Most travelers get their KTN in three to five days.

What is TSA PreCheck?
TSA PreCheck was created to provide low-risk travelers with a smoother experience at the airport security passenger checkpoint. The program is open to U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents.

The TSA PreCheck program is a great option for frequent travelers looking to save time during the airport security process. There is a $76.75 enrollment application fee, which covers five years of participation, if approved.

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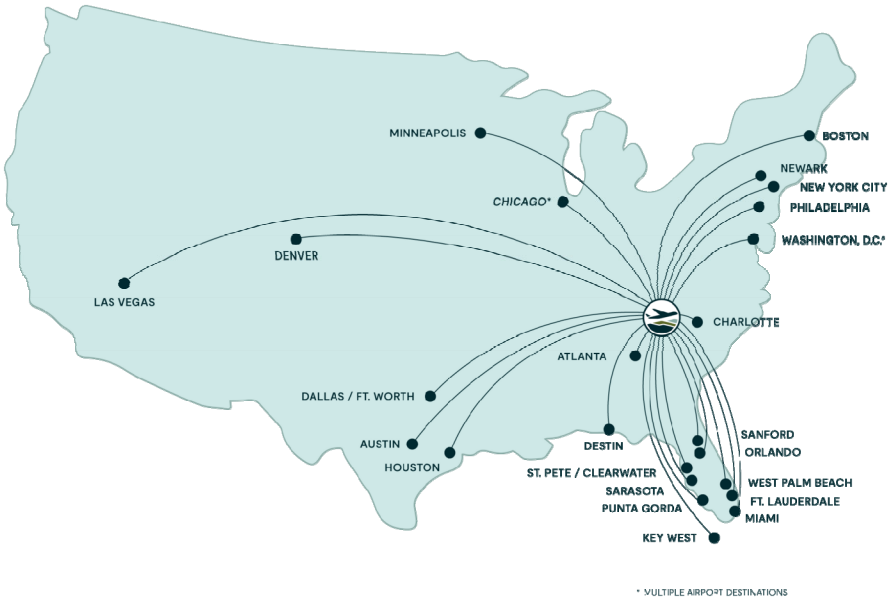
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