

# AUTOMATED CAR COUNTING SYSTEM NOW AT AVL Parking space availability to be displayed in real time

Asheville Regional Airport is one of the fastest growing airports in the country, and the growth can be felt in the parking areas at the airport. We understand that passengers have experienced frustration when they arrive and find that the Long Term Lot is often full. We have been managing this growing pain in a manual way - staff has been placing a "Lot Full" sign at the entrance when spaces are filled, and removing the sign when spaces become available.

This manual system is imperfect - sometimes, spaces become available before staff is able to remove the "Lot Full" barricades.

In an effort to alleviate any question about space availability and to help customers make informed choices about where to park, an automated car counting system has been installed. Digital signs near the main entrance to the airport, as well as at the entrances to the parking areas, display the number of spaces available in each parking area at any given time. We hope this new service enhances our customers' experiences at the airport. As always, we thank our local community for their patience as we continue to grow.

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## DAILY NONSTOP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. ON UNITED New route starts February 2019

Air travelers can now book non-stop flights from Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) on United Airlines to Dulles International Airport in Washington, D.C. (IAD) for travel starting on or after February 14, 2019. This new nonstop route will be available twice daily on United, with the departures from AVL planned for 6:05am and 2:40pm, and arrivals from IAD at 12:35pm and 5:05pm.

"Nonstop to Washington, D.C. and Dulles International Airport has been on our community's wish list for many years," said Lew Bleiweis, A.A.E., Executive Director of the Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority. "The domestic and international connections available at Dulles will significantly enhance connectivity for travelers. Western North Carolina is also a popular destination for many in the D.C. area, and the new nonstop will open more opportunities for business, tourism and convention air travel to our area. This is a huge win for our region."

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# TSA PRECHECK ENROLLMENT EVENT COMING TO AVL NEXT WEEK

### Still haven't enrolled? Now's your chance!

Demand by travelers interested in enrolling in the Transportation Security Administration's TSA  $Pre \checkmark^{\circ}$  program has been so strong that a temporary application center will be offered at the Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) from October 29th until November 9th.

The TSA Pre√<sup>®</sup> temporary application center will be in the IdentoGO TSA Pre√<sup>®</sup> RV in the parking lot of the Asheville Regional Airport Department of Public Safety on Wright Brothers Way starting on Monday, October 29th through Thursday, November 8th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, and 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM and on Friday, November 9th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (closed Saturday and Sunday).

Local travelers can make an appointment for TSA  $Pre \checkmark^{\circ}$  enrollment online by completing the initial enrollment information, then selecting Asheville from the drop-down menu (on the last screen of the initial enrollment) to make an appointment.

Applicants may then complete their enrollment in-person at the TSA Preè application center during their appointment. The application fee is \$85 and is good for five years. It can be paid at the time of your appointment by credit card, money order, company check, or certified/cashier's check. Cash and personal checks are not accepted. Enrollees will need to bring documentation proving identity and citizenship status. And fingerprints are collected during the in-person enrollment session.

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### BLUE RIDGE HONOR FLIGHT AT AVL We were honored to help welcome home veterans



Blue Ridge Honor Flight departed from Asheville Regional Airport on October 6, and dedicated volunteers accompanied 104 veterans (World War II, Korean and Vietnam veterans) to Washington, D.C. for the day. They were honored throughout our nation's capital, and visited their respective war memorials.

The welcome home celebration happened at AVL, and it was a pleasure and honor to be a part of this special event.



**ROOTS: NEW ART IN THE AIRPORT EXHIBIT** Stop by the art gallery the next time you're in the airport *Roots,* the new exhibit in the Asheville Regional Airport art gallery is now on display. The exhibit, which features seven multidisciplinary western North Carolina artists, can be seen now through December 2018.

Mark Crossley's copper sculptures and Bistra Hristova's photography transfers on wood are juxtaposed with Sally Lordeon and Johnnie Stanfield's acrylics on canvas. The *Roots* theme is continued throughout the fiber art of Paula B. Entin, the ink work by Steffunny Moon, and the watercolors by Kathryn B. Phillips. These seven artists explore different mediums and methods to capture the viewer's attention and tell a visual story.

The *Roots* exhibit will bring a colorful and captivating perspective to travelers during the fall and winter months at the airport.

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