





FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Signs of recovery

Greetings, friends, neighbors and fellow travelers -

I wanted to take a moment to say hello, and thank you for all you have done to help make the air travel journey as safe and healthy as possible during this historic year. We've done our part, and so have you.

It has been amazing to watch our industry and our community learn, adapt, and embrace the many measures necessary to take care of each other. You see, in the world of aviation, air service has continued to operate throughout our global pandemic. Air transport is necessary – part of our nation's critical infrastructure, due to our unique ability to quickly move people, products and services across the globe. Many of you have had important and necessary reasons for travel throughout the past year, and looking ahead – like me, many of you are most likely craving the opportunity to fly away, get away, have an adventure.

The aviation and travel industry is ready for you. Studies have shown that COVID is rarely contracted aboard aircraft, due to the sophisticated air filtration systems and the requirement for masks. And airports have gone above and beyond to implement significant health and safety

measures inside their terminals. In fact, AVL was the first airport in North Carolina to achieve a global health accreditation – we're proud of that.

We're also excited to see air service growth happening at AVL. Our airline partners are positioning some great new nonstop routes this summer that will complement their already robust offerings. You will have excellent choices for those trips you are ready to take!

We continue to be ready when you are – here's to blue skies ahead!

Lew Bleiweis, A.A.E. Executive Director



AMERICAN AIRLINES ANNOUNCES NEW AIR SERVICE

Nonstop to Boston, Chicago and Washington, D.C. starting in June

American Airlines has been busy planning ahead for a return to more air travel this summer, and has announced three new routes at AVL.

Fenway Park ... cream pie ... New England history ... **American Airlines is adding nonstop Saturday service to Boston this summer** – an easy option for travel to and from Beantown, U.S.A. Combined with easy connections on other days of the week (via Charlotte), it's a great time to plan your trip to Boston.

Another Saturday service is returning this summer – **nonstop to Chicago** on American. The Windy City awaits!

And how about a trip to our nation's capital? This summer, you can fly nonstop, **directly to Washington**, **D.C.** on American's new summer seasonal daily flight to Reagan National Airport!

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ALLEGIANT GROWING AGAIN

Nonstop to Las Vegas and Destin starting soon

Get ready, get set – inaugural flight to Las Vegas from Asheville Regional Airport takes off March 4! Allegiant is kicking off the vacation season with this new offering, which is an easy and affordable way to land out west for a Vegas excursion, or a National Parks adventure. So many options, just a short nonstop flight away.

And this summer, you can get your beach fix in the panhandle of Florida with Allegiant's new easy nonstop flight to Destin!

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WHETHER COMING OR GOING

AVL is one of the best-connected regional airports in the country

Did you know that AVL connects travelers to and from hundreds of destinations, often with one easy connection?

In addition to the 21 nonstop airport destinations to and from AVL, our frequent daily flights to the international hubs on the route map offer amazing connectivity. Check out our route map!





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Check out Speaking of Travel

We are proud to have a great partnership with **Speaking of Travel**, a global podcast, produced locally. The show features amazing people around the world who have special passions and talents, often linked to the magic of travel. And Asheville Regional Airport gives a brief update about the airport and what's happening in air travel during each episode.

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