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New partial baggage claim is open!

AVL opened its new partial baggage claim on April 17, 2027, advancing the airport's ongoing transformation through the AVL Forward project and enhancing the arrival experience for passengers.

This initial opening represents a partial delivery of the full baggage claim project. The remaining portion of the expanded baggage claim facility is expected to open in summer 2027 and will ultimately include three baggage carousels. The new facility and systems will increase AVL's capacity to handle baggage, allowing for more efficient processing during periods of multiple, larger aircraft arrivals. The opening also brings the relocation of the airport's Guest Services Center to the new baggage claim area.

For more information about the AVL Forward project, visit flyavl.com/AVL_forward.

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FLY MY AIRPORT

Book a flight on the AVL website

The AVL website has an exciting new feature that makes checking prices and booking flights easier than ever!

Fly My Airport is a tool that helps travelers discover and book flights to and from AVL directly on the airport's website. Powered by KAYAK, the tool features real-time routes, fares and flight deals, making it faster and easier to plan a trip.

Check out this helpful new tool and book your next flight through AVL. There are plenty of deals to discover!

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2025 RUNWAY 5K

Recipients receive checks

The 2025 AVL Runway 5K raised **\$38,000** in funds for four local nonprofit organizations. AVL was proud to present these deserving recipients with their checks, which will go towards aviation education scholarships and other important community work. WNC Pilots Association Educational Foundation and the A-B Tech Aviation Scholarship Fund each received \$15,000 and Big Brothers Big Sisters of WNC received \$6,000. In addition this year, AVL contributed \$2,000 to Manna Food Bank, who partnered with the airport to support FAA and TSA employees during the recent government shutdowns.

These contributions would not be possible without our incredible sponsors and community, who never fail to show up every year to make the AVL Runway 5K a fun and successful event. A special thank you to our 2025 Global Elite sponsors GE Aerospace, Gresham Smith, Hensel Phelps, Hunter Subaru, Paradies Lagardère and Signature Aviation for their contributions.

Mark your calendars! This year's AVL Runway 5K will be held on **October 3**. Stay tuned for announcements about registration, coming up soon.



[Western North Carolina Pilots Association Educational Foundation](#)



[A-B Tech Aviation Scholarship Fund](#)



[Big Brothers Big Sisters of WNC](#)



CALL TO ARTISTS

AVL Forward permanent public art program

Asheville Regional Airport has launched its Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a permanent public art program as part of AVL Forward, the airport's terminal modernization project.

The RFQ invites artists and artist-led teams nationwide to submit qualifications for two large-scale, permanent installations in the new terminal. The works will anchor key spaces and reflect the natural beauty, culture, and creative spirit of Western North Carolina. Local WNC artists will be given preference and are strongly encouraged to apply.

The new terminal design is guided by the concept of a modern gateway rooted in natural beauty. Selected artworks will support this vision and create a strong sense of arrival.

Two installation sites have been identified:

- The terminal's grand hall at the main entrance
- The airside central concessions area

Submissions are open now on [CallForEntry.org](https://www.callforentry.org) and are due by June 22, 2026. Finalists will be invited to submit proposals, with installations expected ahead of the terminal's completion in 2028.

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ASHEVILLE CHAMBER PROPEL AWARDS

AVL's partnership with 11 local chambers

PROpel AVL is a program for young professionals ages 21-40 through the Asheville Chamber of Commerce. This program seeks to help young professionals fast-track their careers and unleash their leadership potential. Every year the Chamber hosts the PROpel AVL Awards, which recognizes excellence in leadership, innovation and service. This year, AVL's Marketing + PR Manager Alexandra Ingle was nominated for an award! AVL team members were excited to support their colleague at the PROpel Awards Celebration.

Asheville Regional Airport is a member of 11 area chambers and partners with several of them to help promote events and education in WNC for local businesses. As a critical economic driver for western North Carolina, AVL supports jobs, visitor spending and broader regional growth and is proud to partner with the local chambers and businesses in our region.

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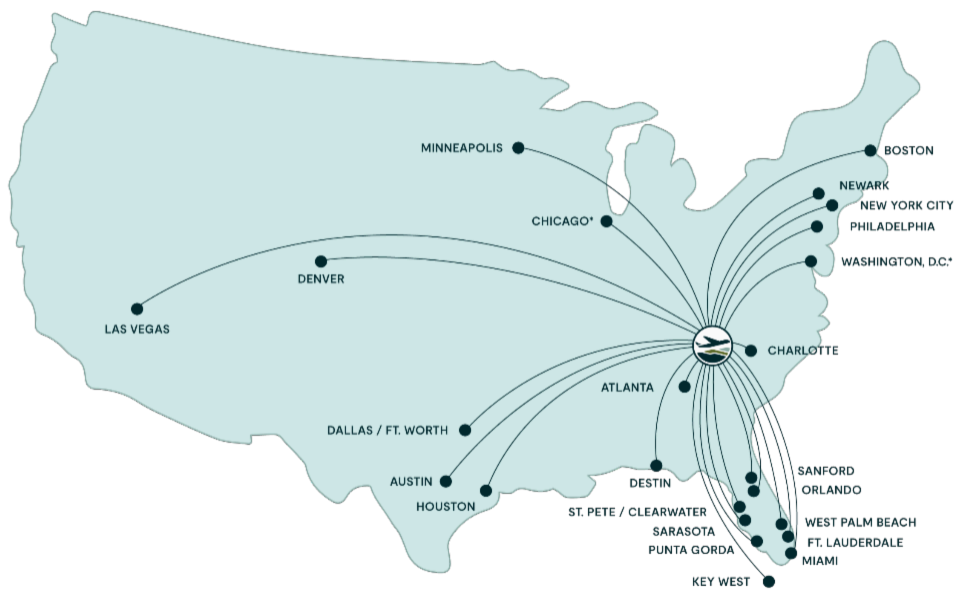
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You can also connect from AVL through MSP to multiple locations around the world with one easy stop on Delta. These regularly scheduled flights are operating now through October.

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