



A YEARLY REVIEW

January 2024 - December 2024

# ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT YEARLY NEWS

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## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

*Together we rise*

Dear Community Members,

Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) is more than just a gateway—it's a vital link connecting Western North Carolina to the world. In 2024, we experienced remarkable growth, navigated unexpected challenges, and embraced new opportunities that continue to shape the future of air travel in our region.

The 2024 Annual Report captures the “headlines” that define AVL’s impact—from serving over 2.1 million passengers to driving a \$3.9 billion economic footprint. We’ve expanded routes, enhanced security, and made significant progress on AVL Forward, our ambitious expansion project, ensuring that our airport continues to evolve alongside our growing community.

More than numbers, this report reflects the resilience, innovation, and collaboration that make AVL a key driver of regional success. We invite you to explore the report, celebrate the progress, and stay connected as we build for the future.

Thank you for being part of AVL’s journey. Together, we’ll move AVL Forward.

Sincerely,

Lew Bleiweis  
President and CEO



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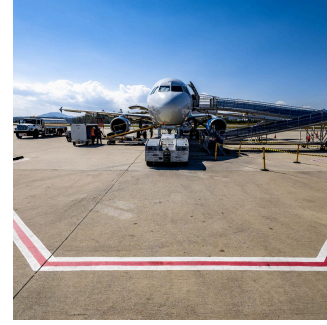
### Historic Hurricane Helene Impacts WNC

On September 27, Hurricane Helene roared into Florida as a Category 4 storm before making its way to western North Carolina, unleashing record-breaking rainfall and wreaking havoc in its path...



### Two Million Passengers, Two Years in a Row

Asheville Regional Airport celebrated its second consecutive year surpassing 2 million passengers, with 2,174,125 travelers in 2024, despite a 3% dip following storm-related disruptions...



### Airport Contributes Billions in Economic Impact for WNC

According to report titled "The State of Aviation," Asheville Regional Airport supports 22,745 jobs, over \$1 billion in personal income for the region, and \$3.9 billion in economic impact for WNC...

Continue reading these stories and more in [AVL's 2024 Annual Report](#).

VIEW THE 2024 ANNUAL REPORT'S FEATURE VIDEO REMEMBERING HURRICANE HELENE AND AVL



## FORWARD MOMENTUM CONTINUES

The temperature may have cooled, but the construction progress on AVL Forward is heating up. November and December 2024 saw significant progress on the new concourse. The team continued work on glass installation, framing, insulation, and rough-ins, ensuring the structure stayed on track. Drywall installation began, marking another key milestone.

The glass for the north concourse will feature sustainable electrochromic glazing, which automatically tints when needed to enhance comfort for passengers and employees while reducing energy consumption for climate control. Jared Merrill, Vice President of Planning said, "This progress reflects our commitment to sustainability, efficiency, and creating a comfortable, cutting-edge space for all." We know that our passengers will also appreciate those beautiful mountain views!

For the Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT), a major milestone was achieved on December 17, when the structural steel tower cab was lifted and set into place. The building below the tower, which will house other FAA functions, is on track for substantial completion in early 2025, paving the way for FAA equipment installation.

Additionally, advancements were made in the baggage handling system, while mechanical and electrical equipment were successfully set in place. Looking ahead, finishes such as terrazzo flooring and exterior metal panels should be completed soon. Every month is one step closer to our ribbon cutting this summer, when AVL Forward becomes AVL now!

**Learn more about AVL Forward, the future of AVL, including details of the new terminal finishes in this quarter's INSIGHT: AVL Forward.**

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**TERRAZZO FLOORING**



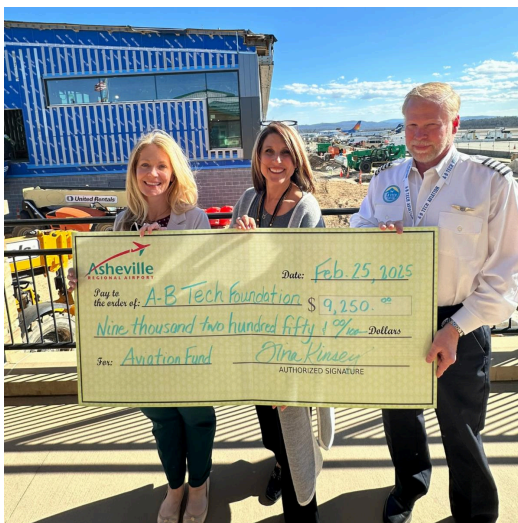
**STONE FINISHES**



**WINDOWS**

## AVL RUNWAY 5K

*Join us this October and help impact our community*



**SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY**



**SAVE THE DATE : OCTOBER 11, 2025**

Thanks to the amazing support of WNC and beyond, the 2024 AVL Runway 5K raised **\$23,571.84!** The airport was honored to donate these funds to three amazing local community organizations: [AB Tech's Aviation Scholarship Fund](#), [WNC Pilot's Association Educational Foundation](#) and [Big Brothers Big Sisters of WNC](#).

Do you want the opportunity to help AVL contribute to local organizations by participating in one of the most unique events in the mountains? How about the chance to run alongside an active runway with planes taking off and landing? Then, mark your calendars! The 2025 AVL Runway 5K will be held on **October 11, 2025**, and registration will open in the spring. Stay tuned for more information!



## AMENITIES TO MAKE TRAVEL EASIER

*Don't miss out on these features in the terminal*

There are a lot of changes going on around the airport right now and we are looking forward to the future amenities offered in the new north concourse, opening this summer. But passengers can take advantage of many helpful amenities in the terminal, right now. When traveling through AVL don't overlook some of these great features that make travel easy and convenient.

- **FuelRod® portable charger kiosk:** FuelRod®s are reusable, portable charging systems that allow you to charge your mobile device on-the-go and recharge the FuelRod® or swap it for a fresh one at any of their kiosks. These devices are small and convenient for the busy traveler who needs to stay connected and doesn't want to hunt for an outlet. AVL's kiosk is located in front of the TSA checkpoint.
- **ReadyCredit® cash-to-card kiosk:** What do you do when you only have cash and realize that a business only accepts card payments? ReadyCredit®'s cash-to-card kiosk is a convenient way to quickly convert your cash to a prepaid card. Simply load the amount of cash you need, and the machine gives you a prepaid card that works anywhere large payment networks are accepted. AVL's kiosk is located by the airline ticket counters near the TSA checkpoint.
- **Charging station:** It's important to stay connected while traveling, which can certainly put a drain on your electronic devices. That's why AVL offers convenient charging stations near gates 3-6 that allow you to hook up and charge your devices hassle-free.
- **Glasses cleaning station:** Anyone who wears glasses knows the annoyance of smudged and dirty lenses. When you're traveling it can be hard to keep your glasses clean. AVL has a really cool amenity to help with this: a glasses cleaning station! It's essentially a car wash for your glasses. Just pay the small fee, load your glasses and watch the machine work its magic. You will be able to continue on your trip smudge-free and your glasses will be so refreshed they may feel like a brand-new pair! The machine also cleans jewelry if your accessories need a refresh.
- **Mailbox and ATM:** These amenities are found in pretty much every airport, but it's important to know where these are located at AVL for your convenience while traveling. Both the ATM and the USPS mailbox are located by the Delta ticket counter near the TSA

checkpoint. If you need postage to send a letter or postcard, this can be purchased at Guest Services in Baggage Claim.

AVL offers plenty of amenities for passengers to use while traveling, so be sure to take advantage of all of these features. Stay tuned for more exciting amenities to come in the new north concourse!

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