



A MESSAGE FROM LEW BLEIWEIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcoming 2020



One month into the new year, and there is so much to share. I am proud to announce that 2019 was another record year of passenger utilization at Asheville Regional Airport, with 1.6 million passengers using AVL, an astounding 43% increase over 2018. I thank each of you for either “flying local” or flying into AVL for your visit to our area. Read the full news story [here](#).

During our record year, we celebrated our 58th birthday, and committed to providing 58 random acts of kindness to thank our employees, passengers, volunteers and business partners for their relationships and patronage.

It was our pleasure to provide giveaways, pop-up appreciation events, music concerts and more – our way of surprising and delighting throughout the year. Watch a fun [video](#) that captured moments from our efforts.

Now, here we are in 2020, and the excitement is continuing. Already, several of our airline partners have announced more new routes starting soon – see below for all the details. We’re busy building more parking areas to accommodate the growth, and we’ve begun the longer-term strategic planning to expand and renovate the airport terminal. Watch for an opportunity to be involved in our process soon!

Just a few days ago, we hosted our fifth annual Wings for Autism®, a simulated airport experience for our friends and neighbors on the autism spectrum. Hosted in partnership with Allegiant, The Arc of Buncombe County, and the TSA, it was another huge success. Check out these [pictures](#).

2019 was a great year, and now it’s “onward and upward” into 2020. I hope to welcome each of you to and through AVL this year!



AMERICAN AIRLINES GROWING AGAIN

New service to Chicago and Washington, D.C.;
New York City service expanded

American Airlines and Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) are growing together again! On the heels of recent additions of a second daily flight to both Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) and Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), American is also adding nonstop, seasonal Saturday service to two additional destinations: Chicago O’Hare International Airport (ORD) and Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C. (DCA). Additionally, their weekend New York City service to LaGuardia (LGA) will expand to daily nonstop service, starting in June.

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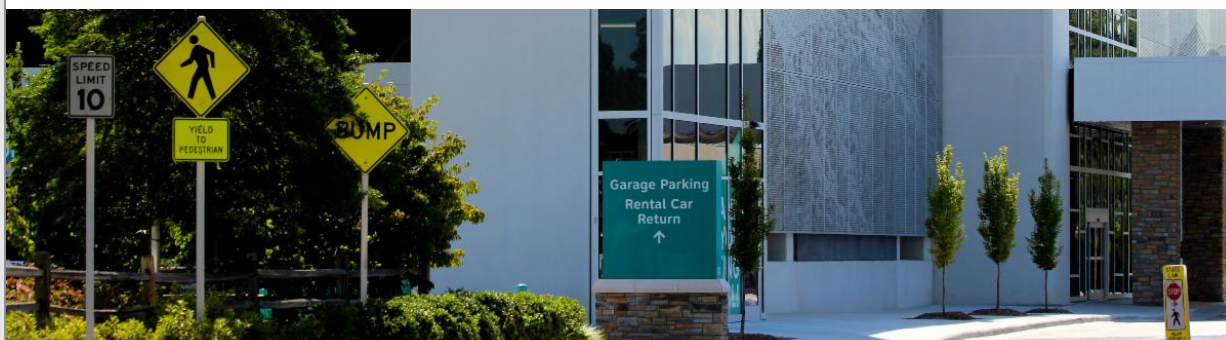


ALLEGIANT ADDS FOUR NEW DESTINATIONS

Austin, Boston, Chicago and Houston start in May

On January 14, 2020, **Allegiant** announced service from AVL to Austin, Boston, Chicago and Houston. “We’re very excited to grow our presence in Asheville by offering service to four incredible destinations,” said Drew Wells, Allegiant vice president of planning and revenue. “Whether you love exploring historic places, enjoying a vibrant music scene or checking out a must-see sports event, Allegiant has your next vacation adventure at an affordable price.”

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AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Utility work and new parking area under construction

Terminal Drive utility work

This week, utility work began along Terminal Drive directly in front of the airport. Enhancements are being made to the water and sewer systems at the airport, and the work will be underway for approximately four months. Please be advised that sections of Terminal Drive will be closed at various times during this work, and traffic patterns will change.

Passengers and visitors should be aware that quick drop-offs and pick-ups along the curb will be allowed; however, in order to keep traffic moving smoothly during construction, waiting curbside for passengers will not be allowed (if you need to wait, you can park with your car in the free Cell Phone Lot just past the terminal). Traffic guards will direct the flow of traffic when needed.

New shuttle parking lot

A new shuttle lot is under construction across the street from the airport, on Asheville Highway. We expect this lot to open in early summer, with 300 spaces and shuttle service directly to and from the airport.



PASSENGER SHUTTLE NOW OFFERED

Serving the Daily Lot farthest from terminal

We are pleased to announce that we have begun a limited shuttle service for passengers who park in the southern-most spaces in our Daily Lot (the lot nearest the Triangle Stop gas station). **The shuttle will loop between the baggage claim curbside area of the terminal and the southern Daily Lot between the hours of 4:15am and 8:15pm, seven days per week.** Signage designates the shuttle pick-up area near the center of the Daily Lot south of the garage.

This limited service is the first step in our plan to implement full-time shuttle service when the new shuttle lot opens across the street this summer.



SPEAKING OF FLYING

Travel tips from AVL passengers

This passenger interview series, brought to you in partnership with *Speaking of Travel*, is designed to spotlight our passengers, their unique adventures and their handy travel tips. Are you traveling through AVL soon? Make sure to get all the insider tips and tricks by tuning in to the January *Speaking of Flying* interviews!

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