



NONSTOP TO ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL

Congratulations, Allegiant!

We were excited to celebrate the official start of Allegiant's newest nonstop route to Orlando International Airport (MCO) with a party at the gate! It is traditional to welcome new routes with fanfare: food, gifts, trivia, a ceremonial ribbon cutting and a send-off with a water arch over the plane. Nonstop to MCO is a welcome addition to the roster of options at AVL and is Allegiant's nineteenth route now offered from AVL!

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ARE YOU AN AVL MEGA-FAN?

Sign up for our new quarterly report

With so much going at AVL – especially with the **AVL Forward** project that will result in an entirely new airport passenger terminal – we want to provide a way for you to delve a little deeper into the details with us. We are launching a new AVL Forward e-newsletter, with the first quarterly issue releasing in June.

In **INSIGHT: AVL Forward**, we'll provide longer-format stories, videos and photos, focusing not just on the "what's happening," but also the "how's," "when's" and most important: the "why's." We will use this new platform to transparently give you a good look into airport management: strategy, challenges, problem-solving, and customer listening. And we will include ways for you to ask questions and connect with us.

The airport of our region's future is coming, and we sincerely invite you to engage in the journey.

YES! I WANT TO SIGN UP FOR INSIGHT: AVL FORWARD



AVL 2024 RUNWAY 5K REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Register now for the August 17 event

Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) will host its annual Runway 5K on Saturday, August 17, where runners and walkers will make their way down Taxiway Bravo while planes take off and land on the adjacent runway. All participants must pre-register. The race is limited to 1,000 participants and past events have sold out.

To guarantee a race t-shirt, participants must register no later than 9pm August 6. After that, t-shirts are available while supplies last. Race registration will close 9pm August 14.

The Runway 5K raises funds to support local aviation scholarships administered by both A-B Tech Department of Aviation and the Western North Carolina Pilots Association Educational Foundation. AVL will also share proceeds with Big Brothers Big Sisters of WNC.

The event will take place on the north end of the airfield, with parking in a nearby area. All participants will be shuttled to the event site, which is in a secure area near the airfield.

Food trucks offering coffee, pastries and donuts will be at the event, as well as music, merchandise, special photo opportunities and more.

The event is brought to the community in partnership with top sponsors: Hensel Phelps, Hunter Subaru, Gresham Smith, and Paradies Largardere. We thank our additional sponsors to date: Avcon, Tenooca Construction Company, S&ME, CHA and Broadmoor Golf Links.

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TAKE A LOOK AT THE PROGRESS WE'VE MADE TOWARD A NEW PASSENGER TERMINAL FOR YOU!



- **The new north concourse is fully framed** – and it is impressive! (You can't miss it when you drive by the airport – this new concourse will house seven gates and is scheduled to open in June 2025.)
- There is a lot of **prep work happening along the front curb of the airport**, so be aware as you drive in to pick up or drop off passengers. Some lanes are temporarily closed, and construction barriers are in place.
- **Baggage Claim is one of the next areas that will undergo additional demolition and construction.** Rental car counters are moving from inside Baggage Claim to an area just outside of Baggage Claim. This move will happen later this month. We'll have signage directing passengers to a covered walkway that will lead directly to the rental car counters in a covered area outside.

We thank you for your patience and hope you will continue to join in the excitement of what's to come!



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AIRPORTS + THERAPY DOGS = HAPPINESS

The rising popularity of therapy dog programs in airports

Flying can be stressful, even for people who enjoy it. And not all trips are happy occasions; some might involve leaving behind someone you care about, going to a funeral or visiting a sick relative. Imagine, in the middle of a stressful moment during your travels, you lock eyes with a friendly dog whose vest exclaims “Pet Me!” You approach the dog, who comes right up to you and allows you to pet their soft fur. You can almost feel your stress melt away for a moment and walk away a little calmer. This isn’t just an exercise in imagination, it is a reality thanks to Asheville Regional Airport’s Paws for Passengers program. This popular program invites certified therapy dogs into the airport to simply provide support to passengers.

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6 AIRLINES. 27 NONSTOP DESTINATIONS. LET'S GO!



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