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LOOKING BACK, FORGING AHEAD
2022 "Year in Review" released

It is a pleasure each spring to publish a “Year in Review” that highlights how AVL continues to evolve and grow for the western North Carolina region. This year’s annual review is titled *HORIZONS: Where today meets tomorrow*.

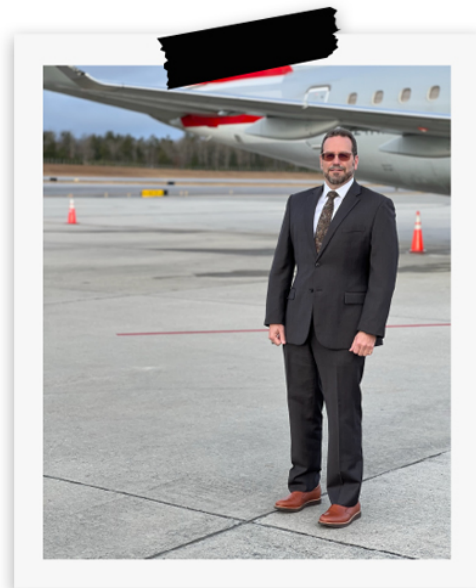
2022 was a huge year for AVL – both in terms of record accomplishments and also in terms of future planning. The airport of our region’s future is coming, and we spent last year finalizing years of planning and design. We’ve been preparing infrastructure, all while managing extraordinary growth – [take a look](#) to see our recap.

I would like to take a moment to specifically highlight the airport staff. It is a pleasure to work alongside airport team members who take such pride in their jobs, in the airport and in their community. The accomplishments highlighted are made possible by the dedication, skills and expertise of those on our team, each contributing in different and important ways. The airport is like a small city, with team members focused on day-to-day operations, maintenance and public safety, with a simultaneous focus on future planning, marketing, finance and more. They do a great job, and I look forward to this year’s work together.

And as always, thank YOU for continuing to fly from AVL. There’s so much coming, and we’re looking forward to sharing the progress along the way.

Blue skies,

Lew Bleiweis, President & CEO



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DESTINATION HIGHLIGHT: PHOENIX

Book your nonstop flight today

Did you know you can now fly nonstop from AVL to Phoenix? With the inaugural nonstop flight slated for May 26, now’s the time to book a trip.

According to *Visit Phoenix*, Phoenix is “a place where it’s easy to migrate between high culture and low, resort escapes and local hangouts, outdoor adventure and poolside lounging.”

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AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Advocacy in action

Lew Bleiweis, President and CEO of the Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority, has been visiting with elected officials to highlight our airport’s infrastructure needs.

Recently, AVL was awarded several discretionary grants as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), totaling \$35 million (\$25 million for use toward a new air traffic control tower, and \$10 million toward a new airport terminal).

Senator Thom Tillis was a part of negotiating and passing the BIL and spent some time this month learning about the airport’s plans. From his twitter account: “I’m proud to have helped direct millions in federal funding, from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law I helped negotiate and pass into law, to support expansion efforts.”

[READ ABOUT THE NEW AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER >](#)



FIREARM IN YOUR CARRYON?

Be prepared for a criminal citation

Asheville Regional Airport's Department of Public Safety (AVL DPS) has updated its enforcement practices when firearms are brought to security screening at the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) checkpoint. Any person found with a firearm at the checkpoint will be criminally cited in addition to possible civil penalties assessed by the TSA.

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FROM NORTH TO SOUTH

Construction updates

North: Trees have been removed along the north edge of the airport property, visible from I-26 and Exit 40. These trees were interfering with Federal Aviation Administration radar, which posed a potential safety issue; therefore, they have been removed.

East: Steel has gone up, and the new central energy plant is taking shape. This building will eventually house all HVAC equipment for the airport terminal.

West: Prep work for the new air traffic control tower is underway. Contractors are preparing their facilities and conducting site work. We will share photos when more progress has occurred.

South: Land is being cleared south of the airport along Hwy 280 across from the WNC Ag Center in preparation for a new remote parking lot, estimated for completion later this year.

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