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AVL Welcomes New Deputy Airport Director

Asheville Regional Airport Authority is pleased to announce the appointment of Lew Bleiweis as the Deputy Airport Director.

Lew comes to Asheville Regional with more than 20 years experience in the aviation industry. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Business Administration/Airport Management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and his career has focused on airport management, including areas of properties, operations, maintenance, purchasing, and risk management.

Since 1999, Mr. Bleiweis served in various capacities at the Louisville Regional Airport, most recently as the Director of Properties. Prior to that time, Mr. Bleiweis held several positions with the Kansas City Aviation Department, Kansas City, Missouri and the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission, Roanoke, Virginia.

"We are thrilled to have Lew as a member of the airport team," says David N. Edwards., Jr., Airport Director. "He brings a wealth of experience, enthusiasm and energy to Western North Carolina."

Mr. Bleiweis is currently serving as the President of the Southeast Chapter – American Association of Airport Executives. He is an Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) by the American Association of Airport Executives. Mr. Bleiweis begins his new position April 25, 2008.



Construction Update

As we head into Spring, the many construction projects at Asheville Regional Airport are coming along nicely.

The Consolidated Rental Car Service Facility, which will enable the rental car companies to expedite maintenance and cleaning of rental vehicles and offer better customer service, is expected to be completed in April.

The Regional Boarding Ramp project taking place in the B-Gate area of the terminal is also expected to reach completion in April. Passengers will then be able to board aircraft through the three new boarding ramps without being exposed to the elements.

Finally, construction continues in the Bag Claim area of the terminal. The renovations include the addition of a second bag claim device, increasing the airport's capacity for baggage and making it easier for passengers to claim their bags after a flight.

We appreciate your patience as we update the terminal to better suit your needs!

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