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**BIGGEST SURFACE REHABILITATION PROJECT IN 40 YEARS UNDERWAY AT MKE**  
*Runway 7R/25L construction project utilizes concrete recycling method  
to save money and keep material out of landfills*

**MILWAUKEE (AUGUST 17, 2021)** – A major rehabilitation project replacing the surface layer concrete on Runway 7R/25L is underway at Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport (MKE).

The rehabilitation project uses recycled concrete aggregates to keep construction costs down and create an overall greener operation.

The Airport is partnering with local construction company Zignego to crush the old pavement into a smaller, gravel material called breaker run. The breaker run is then used as stabilization material below several road construction projects in southeast Wisconsin. Recycling these materials on-site at MKE and using them in nearby projects minimizes the need for trucking and fuel while preventing wear and tear on roads and trucks.



“The rehabilitation of Runway 7R/25L will extend the useful life of the runway and reduce airfield maintenance costs,” said Airport Director Brian Dranzik. “We’re thrilled to replace primary runway pavement in a way that is clean, green, and cost-effective for the Airport.”

Any recycled material left over from the Runway 7R/25L and road construction projects will be used as fill underneath the Taxiway M extension project currently underway at MKE.

Both projects are set for completion in November of 2021.

*MKE currently offers nonstop flights to 40+ destinations coast-to-coast, and 160 international destinations are available from Milwaukee with just one connection. MKE is served by Air Canada, Alaska, American, Contour, Delta, Frontier, JetBlue, Southwest, Spirit, Sun Country, and United.*

*The complete list of nonstop cities can be found at [mitchellairport.com](http://mitchellairport.com). Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport is owned by Milwaukee County and operated by the Department of Transportation, Airport Division, under the policy direction of the Milwaukee County Executive and the County Board of Supervisors. The Airport is entirely funded by user fees; no property tax dollars are used for the Airport’s capital improvements or for its day-to-day operation.*

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