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MARCH PASSENGER NUMBERS INCREASE FOUR PERCENT
MKE records seventh consecutive month of passenger increases

MILWAUKEE (April 28, 2016) – Passenger growth continues at Mitchell Airport, where the number of travelers choosing MKE surged by more than four percent in March. The increase marks the Airport’s seventh consecutive month of passenger traffic growth.

“The #1 thing Milwaukee travelers can do to help our Airport get more nonstop service is to choose MKE for their travel,” County Executive Chris Abele said. “It’s great that our numbers are increasing at a good clip in 2016. We’re up more than six percent in the first quarter, and we expect that momentum to continue as we move into the busy summer travel months.”

Additional spring break flights contributed to Southwest’s gain of 12,000 passengers in March. Southwest has the largest market share at MKE.

According to statistics released by the Airport, 651,546 passengers used MKE in March, an increase of 4.1% from the 626,067 that chose MKE in March 2015. Fares remain low, too. MKE’s average fare remained below the national average, according to statistics released this week by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

“As more Wisconsin and Illinois travelers choose MKE for its convenience and low fares, our Airport can attract more new service from the airlines,” Airport Director Izzy Bonilla added. “My message to travelers is to start your trip here, even if you have to make a flight connection.”

Mitchell Airport offers nonstop flights to 37 destinations coast-to-coast, and 160 international destinations are available from Milwaukee with just one connection. MKE is served by Southwest, Delta, American, United, Frontier, Alaska, Air Canada, and OneJet. The nonstop cities map can be found at www.mitchellairport.com.

General 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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