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MKE GOES GREEN AND REDUCES ENERGY COSTS WITH NEW AIRPORT LIGHTING *New LED lighting brings more than one positive effect at MKE*

MILWAUKEE (October 23, 2023) – Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport (MKE) recently completed a major replacement of exterior lighting across key areas of the Airport. The project, which started in 2022, is part of MKE’s ongoing commitment to lowering energy costs and reducing its environmental footprint.

After seeing the benefits of a few LED test lights, MKE recognized the need for a more widespread installation. The project expanded to include the installation of 575 new LED units throughout key areas of the Airport campus including aircraft gate areas, roadways, maintenance buildings and parking areas.

“In Milwaukee County, we’re working towards a future that is not only better for our community, but better for our environment,” said County Executive David Crowley. “I commend the MKE Airport team for their dedication to making our hometown Airport more environmentally friendly while also improving the travel experience.”



The Airport will see a return on the investment in just a few years while realizing a more than 50% reduction in lighting energy savings. Not only are the environmental and cost savings impressive, MKE’s airline partners are already reaping the benefits.

“We’ve gotten great feedback from ground crews at American, Delta and Southwest who are benefiting from reduced glare and more uniform, whiter illumination while increasing visibility and safety,” said Airport Director Brian Dranzik. “This brighter, high-quality lighting combined with lower energy usage and maintenance costs make these lighting enhancements a win-win for MKE.”

Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport offers nonstop flights to 30+ destinations coast-to-coast, and more than 200 international destinations are available with one easy connection. MKE is served by Alaska, American, Delta, Frontier, JetBlue, Southwest, Spirit, Sun Country, and United. The complete list of nonstop cities can be found at flymke.com.

MKE, the winner of 2021 and 2022 ASQ Best Airport – North America awards for outstanding customer experience, 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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