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MKE AIRPORT RECEIVES ADDITIONAL \$8 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CONCOURSE E PROJECT

MILWAUKEE (May 20, 2026) – [Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport \(MKE\)](#) will receive millions in federal funding towards the continued redevelopment of Concourse E, a new state-of-the-art international concourse that can also be used for domestic flights. The funding is part of the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) Airport Terminals Program.

The redeveloped concourse will replace the existing International Arrivals Terminal, which is currently a separate building from the main airport terminal. This improvement will enhance the passenger experience at MKE and support opportunities for additional airline service.

“Securing this grant is an important step forward for the Concourse E project and for the future of MKE,” said Airport Director Brian Dranzik. “This investment allows us to modernize our facilities, improve the passenger experience, and support the long-term growth of air service in Milwaukee. We’re grateful for the continued support that helps us strengthen our role as a gateway for our community and our region.”

“A new international terminal at Mitchell International Airport is vital for the future of our regional economy. Thanks to the leadership and partnership of Senator Tammy Baldwin, this critical economic development project is moving forward,” said Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley. “Today’s announcement of \$8 million in new federal funding will enhance the Airport’s competitiveness, making it a more attractive option for airlines, businesses, and travelers. By making this project a reality, we are creating jobs, opening a new front door for visitors into our community, and providing major benefits to Milwaukee County and the State of Wisconsin for years to come.”

[MKE’s Concourse E Redevelopment](#) construction launched in late 2025. The \$8 million announced today is in addition to the \$13.5 million in federal grant funding announced last year, bringing the total amount of federal support for this project to \$21.5 million. The remainder of the project is funded through airport revenue and bonding. This increased federal support lowers the local cost to the Airport, which allows for more financial flexibility for future capital projects.

The project is estimated to be complete in late 2027.

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