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**JANUARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC INCREASES AT
MITCHELL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**
Nearly A Half-Million People Used MKE In January 2016

MILWAUKEE (March 7, 2016) – Milwaukee’s General Mitchell International Airport (MKE) announced today that passenger traffic grew by 6.12% in January 2016 when compared to the previous year. The airport saw 493,180 passengers travel through its gates during the month.

The news follows new air service announcements from Southwest Airlines, the largest carrier at MKE, and Frontier Airlines. Southwest will be launching new year-round, daily nonstop service from MKE to San Diego on August 7th (Saturday-only service begins June 11th). Frontier Airlines is adding nonstop service between MKE and Dallas/Fort Worth on April 14th, Atlanta on April 15th and Philadelphia on June 2nd. Tickets for all the new flights are available for sale now at the airlines’ websites.

“Mitchell International Airport continues to be a gem for not only Wisconsinites, but also a growing number of northern Illinois travelers who are looking for an easy airport experience,” said Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele. “We invite all our friends from Illinois to come up and experience the ease and hospitality of Milwaukee’s MKE.”

“We are working closely with air carriers, both current and new, to continue to grow nonstop service here at MKE, and the additions by Southwest and Frontier are a great start,” explained new Airport Director, Izzy Bonilla. “In addition to new air service, we are also analyzing everything we do here at MKE to make the already customer-friendly passenger experience even better.”

In addition to the passenger growth, the airport also saw an increase of more than 2.5% in cargo traffic.

Mitchell Airport offers nonstop flights to nearly 40 destinations coast-to-coast, and 160 international destinations are available from Milwaukee with just one connection. MKE is served by Southwest, Delta, Alaska, Air Canada, American, Frontier, OneJet and United. 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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