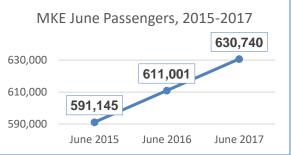


MKE PASSENGER TRAFFIC INCREASES FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE MONTH

New nonstop flights from Delta, Alaska help drive June numbers forward

MILWAUKEE (August 7, 2017) – Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele today announced that passenger traffic at General Mitchell International Airport (MKE) increased more than 3.2% in June.

June passenger traffic was 630,740, up from 611,001 in June of last year. New flights from Delta Air Lines (to Seattle and Boston), Alaska Airlines (to Portland, Oregon) and Volaris (to Guadalajara, Mexico) helped propel the June numbers higher.



"As more travelers choose to 'fly local' and use MKE, more airlines are adding service here," County Executive Chris Abele said. "In fact, we have announced new nonstop service to ten new markets in the last year, and that trend will likely continue if more travelers choose our hometown airport."

New nonstop destinations added to the MKE route map in the last year:

Alaska – Portland, Oregon Allegiant – Mesa, Arizona Allegiant – Punta Gorda, Florida Allegiant – Sanford, Florida Allegiant – St. Petersburg, Florida Delta – Salt Lake City Frontier – Miami, Florida Southwest – Houston (Hobby) Southwest – Nashville Volaris – Guadalajara, Mexico

MKE offers nonstop flights to 47 destinations coast-to-coast – many on full-size mainline aircraft – and 160 international destinations are available from Milwaukee with just one connection. MKE is served by Air Canada, Alaska, Allegiant, American, Delta, Frontier, OneJet, Southwest, United, and Volaris. The complete list of nonstop cities 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.