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**WALKER ANNOUNCES RECORD MAY PASSENGER COUNT;  
MITCHELL INTERNATIONAL MOVES UP TO 48<sup>TH</sup> LARGEST U. S. AIRPORT**

MILWAUKEE, WI – Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker announced today that the number of passengers using General Mitchell International Airport in May set a new record for the month. The total of 642,110 passengers was an increase of 4.94 percent over last May's record 611,862 passengers. For the first five months of 2007, the passenger total is up 1.41 percent over the same period in 2006.

Barry Bateman, Airport Director, also noted that Mitchell moved up to 48<sup>th</sup> from 50<sup>th</sup> largest U.S. airport in number of passengers served in 2006.

"There are some good, competitive airfares out of Mitchell. That has helped attract business and convention travelers in addition to the traditional increase in leisure travelers as we start the summer vacation season," said Walker.

A number of improvements to Mitchell International are underway to accommodate the growing number of passengers:

- Eight new gates added to Concourse C will open in July. Renovation and widening of the Concourse C stem, including the security checkpoint and gates, was completed in July 2006.
- Renovation of the Concourse D stem, which widened airline gate seating areas and the security checkpoint, and included construction of new ground-level airline boarding gates, was completed in December.
- The renovation of the Concourse E stem, including a new security checkpoint lane, was completed in April.

*General Mitchell International Airport is owned by Milwaukee County and operated by the Department of Transportation & Public Works, 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. For more information on Mitchell International, visit [www.mitchellairport.com](http://www.mitchellairport.com).*

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