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Media Preview

**of the renovation of Concourse C at General Mitchell International Airport
and**

artist Carlos Alves completing his artwork!

**Meet at the Concourse C Security Checkpoint
Thursday, July 13, 2006
2:30 p.m.**

- 31,000 sq ft has been added to Concourse 'C' (now 96,000 sq ft)
- Security checkpoint widened – one screening lane added (now three lanes)
- Cost of construction: \$17 million
- Features:
 - more room and increased throughput capacity for security checkpoint,
 - larger airline gate seating areas,
 - a wider corridor between gates,
 - atrium and clerestory windows that let in more natural light
 - remodeled food/beverage and retail areas
- Prepares concourse for eight-gate addition – now under construction



MKE travelers are walking on art. Acclaimed artist Carlos Alves is transforming the main corridor of the recently remodeled Concourse C into a work of art that gives visitors a sense of discovery about the region. The project is part of Milwaukee County's One Percent for the Arts program.

Alves' design, an abstract aerial view of southeastern Wisconsin, created in terrazzo, blankets the length of the concourse's floor. Colorful mosaic tile medallions, set throughout the floor, feature close-ups of scenery common to southeastern Wisconsin. Once completed, the tiled masterpiece will provide a sweeping artistic representation of the rural-to-urban views a traveler might see from an airplane window while flying into Milwaukee's Mitchell Airport. From farm fields and lake country, set in warm tones, to the downtown streets and buildings, and finally a lake of cool blue, representing the Lake Michigan waterfront, the elaborate tile imagery celebrates the region's beautiful landscape and rich history.