



# *Milwaukee County*

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## **COUNTY BOARD ENDORSES AEROTROPOLIS CONCEPT**

*Gateway to Milwaukee will leverage Mitchell Airport's success to enhance economic development efforts*

**Milwaukee, WI** – On a 14-4 vote Thursday, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors endorsed the Milwaukee Gateway Aerotropolis collaborative planning efforts.

“I am proud that we are moving forward on crucial economic development and job creation around the airport,” said Supervisor Chris Larson, lead sponsors of the resolution. “With this vote, Milwaukee County joins eight other municipalities and business leaders moving forward on the Aerotropolis concept in Milwaukee. Soon, we will have more tools to better court economic development using our low-cost, low-delay and high-growth airport in combination with the growing Port of Milwaukee.”

Gateway to Milwaukee is a nonprofit organization that will more effectively market the unique opportunities available in the airport area. Milwaukee County's General Mitchell International Airport is currently the fastest growing in the nation, and the Port of Milwaukee was one of only two ports on the Great Lakes that experienced growth in the first quarter of this year.

“I am pleased the Aerotropolis resolution has finally been approved by the County Board. As I continue to work on the extension of the Lake Parkway in my district, I understand the economic development that can be realized from the airport, the Hoan Bridge, and the 794/Lake Parkway transportation corridor,” Supervisor Jursik said. “Gateway to Milwaukee will bring positive news for the south shore and the larger community. The redevelopment of the former 440th Airlift Wing property and the widening of College Avenue into a four lane boulevard will continue the positive momentum for my district.”

“This is a prime opportunity for Milwaukee business and economic development teams to show off our competitive prowess,” Supervisor Larson added. “Successfully working together as a region is a precursor to bringing new companies here to take advantage of our low-cost airport infrastructure.”

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