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## Gerald R. Ford International Airport Records Busiest Month in Airport History



**Grand Rapids, Mich.** – July 2016 was the single busiest month in Gerald R. Ford International (GFIA) Airport history.

July passenger numbers were up 1.69% year-over-year; resulting in the busiest July ever, and breaking an all-time monthly record from July 2015.

“Month after month our numbers are increasing, and we could not be more thrilled by the support from our area passengers,” said Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority (GFIAA) Acting President & CEO Phil Johnson.

July 2015 was previously the busiest month in GFIA history with 234,282 total passengers. In July 2016, 238,237 total passengers traveled through GFIA.

The Airport is on pace to break its annual passenger total, already 3.24% ahead of passenger totals from 2015. Through July 2016, GFIA has served 1,537,465 passengers.

“Our airline partners recognize this growth, and we are always working with them to add seats and flights to both existing and new destinations,” said Johnson. “These numbers also further justify the need for our Gateway Transformation Project, and the importance of our facilities keeping on pace



with the passenger demand. Our investment in this project represents our commitment to improve amenities, infrastructure, technology, and customer service from our growing passenger base.”

Gateway Transformation Project construction began in December 2015 and is slated to continue through summer 2017. The project’s main feature is the consolidated passenger security checkpoint which will centralize and combine security screening to one main checkpoint in the Airport, eliminating separate screening for passengers traveling through either Concourse A or B. Construction also includes new terrazzo flooring, lighting fixtures, restroom & lactation stations, family restrooms, pre and post security business centers, new retail and food & beverage space, and much more.

GFIA monthly passenger statistics are available on our website: <http://www.grr.org/history.php>

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