



Milwaukee County

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SUPERVISOR JURSIK: "I'M BULLISH ON THE SOUTH SHORE"

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Patricia Jursik released the following statement regarding economic development in southeastern Milwaukee County:

“While our current economic slump continues, I'm bullish on the South Shore. Here's why: Milwaukee County has just taken control of the vacated 440th Airlift Wing property for airport-related economic development (a big subject area). Mitchell is the fastest growing airport in the Midwest and is adding jobs. Our Port of Milwaukee is one of only two ports that saw increased freight and is the largest and busiest port on the great lakes. The Aerotropolis concept (the leveraging of our airport with business and transportation) has created a dynamic economic opportunity for the South Shore.

“Wisconsin is number one in manufacturing in the U.S. Our South Shore manufacturing businesses, including Ladish Company, Vilter Manufacturing and Bucyrus International among others, are busy and in some cases hiring workers. On August 11, the cities of St. Francis, Cudahy and South Milwaukee brought their Community Development Authorities together to discuss projects and share ideas. While each community is proud of its own identity, they also understand that, together, the South Shore will garner more attention as the workhorse of this County.

“Next year, College Avenue will finally become a 4-lane boulevard creating a new gateway to the 440th business park. In addition, the Lake Arterial Extension began the initial meetings to explore extending 794 to the County line. As Chair of the committee studying this extension, I hope to guide the process effectively and finish in time to gain momentum when our economic drivers are again on the upswing. We have successfully advanced the discussion of the Hoan Bridge to re-decking the bridge instead of demolishing it. It is this Lake Shore corridor that will build a triangle of development from the Port to the Airport to our Lake. Talk it up South Shore, this is the place to be.”

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