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School's out – Let's travel

February 16, 2007, Detroit, MI - - More than 50 local school districts will be on mid-winter break beginning today..... prime time for a get-away to somewhere warm and sunny. Spring break and the Easter holiday travel period will follow just a few weeks later.

“We expect the airport will be very busy over the next several weeks with families taking advantage of school holidays in addition to our usual business travelers,” said Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson. “We encourage travelers to get their trip off to a good start by planning ahead and visiting the airport’s website, www.metroairport.com, which is full of helpful information.”

TRAVEL TIPS

- **TSA’s 3-1-1 PROGRAM:** As this busy travel season approaches, passengers should keep in mind the Transportation Security Administration’s **3-1-1 program** limiting liquids, gels and aerosols in carry-on luggage:

3-ounce containers or smaller in a
1 quart, clear, plastic, zip-top bag,
1 bag per passenger.

Larger quantities must be placed in checked luggage. For more information regarding passenger screening requirements, please visit www.tsa.gov/311/.

- **PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS:** As of January 23rd, anyone traveling by air between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda is now required to present a valid passport for re-entry into the United States. Those who do not have proper documentation will be subject to secondary screening by Customs and Border Protection officials. For more information visit the Department of State’s website at <http://travel.state.gov/travel>.
- **CELL PHONE WAITING LANES:** Motorists picking up travelers will find the cell phone waiting lanes to be very convenient rather than circling the airport waiting for their party to exit the terminals. Arriving passengers can contact their ride on their cell phone from the curb front and be picked up within minutes.

The Smith Terminal cell phone waiting lane is on inbound Rogell Drive. Follow the signs for arrivals. The lane is on the right, just past the point where the departures (upper) level lane veers off to the right.

The McNamara Terminal cell phone waiting lane is located on inbound Dingell Drive. When entering the airport from the south, the lane is on the left side. The 18-foot-wide lane is clearly marked with signs. Maps for both cell phone waiting areas can be found on the airport's website, www.metroairport.com.

- **CONFIRM FLIGHT SCHEDULES FIRST:** Passengers should check with their airline's website or through their reservation phone line to confirm flight schedules. Airline "800" numbers and website links are available at www.metroairport.com.
- **ARRIVE EARLY:** Security procedures may cause delays at the airline ticket counters and passenger screening checkpoints. Plan on arriving at DTW at **least one and a half to two hours before scheduled departure times**. This should allow ample time for parking, check-in and passenger screening.
- **PARKING TIPS:** Airport management is recommending that travelers call the airport's 24-hour parking hotline (800-642-1978) just before arrival at the airport to determine parking status. The hotline is staffed round-the-clock by parking employees with up-to-the minute parking information at the airport.
- **STRICT CURBFRONT GREETING PROCEDURES:** Motorists are not allowed to idle at terminal curb fronts. Terminal curb fronts are open, but are reserved for ***active loading and unloading of passengers only***. Unattended vehicles at the curb fronts are prohibited, and may be ticketed and towed. The cell phone waiting lanes are an excellent option to wait for arriving passengers.
- **PASSENGER SCREENING CHECKPOINTS:** During peak times, passengers may experience long lines at the security checkpoints. These lines vary according to the time of day. However, airport management is still advising passengers to allow extra time, one and a half hours for domestic flights and 2 hours for international flights. **Only ticketed passengers** will be allowed through the airline passenger screening checkpoints. Passengers 18 years of age and older should be prepared to present a valid photo ID (such as a driver's license or passport) at the checkpoints and ticket counters. Special arrangements for passenger assistance can be made through the airlines.
- **BOARDING PASS:** Passengers must present their boarding pass prior to entering the passenger screening checkpoints. Passengers can print their boarding pass from home, at e-ticket kiosks at the airline ticket counters, or at curbside check-in booths.
- **LUGGAGE:** Luggage ID tags should be filled out and placed on the inside and outside of bags, before arrival to the airport. Passengers are allowed one carry-on bag, plus a purse or briefcase. Remember to pack valuables such as jewelry, cameras, medication, passports, and money in carry-on luggage. All carry-on luggage is subject to search at the passenger screening checkpoints.

Items that can be construed as weapons such as scissors, knives or small pocketknives, razor blades and needles are prohibited beyond passenger screening checkpoints and may cause further delays. *Travelers with supplies for medical conditions should be prepared to justify need for such items with a prescription and/or letter from their physician.* For more details regarding prohibited items and visit the Transportation Security Administration website at www.tsa.dot.gov.

Some airlines have begun to charge passengers for checked luggage weighing more than 50 lbs: Pack smart and check with your airline for their specific checked luggage size and weight restrictions.

Leave Luggage Unlocked: Due to new screening procedures, the TSA may need to access checked luggage. Leaving luggage unlocked will avoid the potential need to open bags forcibly. If the TSA does search a bag, a statement to that effect will be inserted into the bag to notify the owner. As an alternative to luggage locks, the TSA advises travelers to use cable or zip ties.

Do not leave luggage unattended and for easy identification, tie a bright ribbon around the handle of the luggage. Remove hooks, straps and removable wheels before checking luggage to avoid damage to your bags.

- **FILM: Pack Film in Carry-On Luggage:** The TSA recommends that passengers pack undeveloped film in carry-on luggage. Newer equipment used to screen checked luggage may damage undeveloped film. The X-ray machine at the passenger screening checkpoints will not affect undeveloped film under ASA/ISO 800. However, multiple X-ray inspections (more than 5 times) of the same roll of undeveloped film may cause damage. The machines used to screen your checked luggage or carry-on items will not affect digital camera images or film that has already been processed, slides, photo compact discs, or picture discs. Travelers can request a hand-inspection of any undeveloped film at the passenger screening checkpoints. For more information visit www.tsa.dot.gov or www.tsatraveltips.us.
- Wrapped gifts may be opened by security, causing delays at the checkpoint. Plan on wrapping gifts after you arrive at your destination.
- **MEETERS & GREETERS:** Since only ticketed passengers are permitted beyond passenger screening checkpoints, meeters and greeters are encouraged to identify a meeting place beforehand with their party. A suggested meeting place is the airline luggage claim areas.

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