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Detroit Metro Airport to Begin Summer Runway Rehabilitation Projects

Starting Monday, April 21, the Wayne County Airport Authority will commence its spring/summer runway rehabilitation work on each of the four parallel runways at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW). Intermittent closures of the runways will result in temporary changes in air traffic flow arriving and departing the Airport.

“Metro Detroit residents are no strangers to ‘construction season’,” said Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson. “While the Airport Authority recognizes that this critical runway rehabilitation work may result in some temporary inconvenience for some of our neighbors, we appreciate the support of local communities who recognize the importance of these projects for the long-term viability of our region and for the local jobs they create.”

On Monday, the Airport Authority will shut down Runway 3R/21L in order to replace existing slabs near the end of the runway. It is anticipated that this runway will re-open May 16.

During the week of May 18, Runway 4L/22R is scheduled to be closed for crack sealing and painting. This project will take 10 days or less to complete.

On June 1, the Airport Authority anticipates Runway 3L/21R, which is scheduled for pavement repair, electrical work, and painting which should take no more than two weeks.

Beginning in mid-June, rehabilitation work scheduled for Runway 4R/22L will last approximately 2 weeks. This runway will also be repainted and receive necessary pavement repairs.

During construction, aircraft operations usually assigned to the closed runway will be reassigned by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Air Traffic Control Tower (ATC) to one of the airport’s other three parallel runways. At peak times, it is anticipated that Runway 9R/27L, one of the airport’s crosswind runways, will be used for arrivals and departures as weather conditions permit.

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As a result of these runway closures and increased use of the crosswind runway, there may be a temporary increase in the number of aircraft and noise over residences immediately north and east of the Airport. These temporary closures will not create any new flight tracks, but will result in an increased number of operations on existing tracks.

Residents with any questions or concerns regarding these temporary closures may contact the Airport Authority Noise Manager at (734) 753-2202.

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