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Public Information Meeting will Inform Residents of Runway Project

--Reconstruction of existing runway to occur in 2012-2013

A Public Information Meeting will be held in Romulus September 14, 2010 to inform residents of a runway rehabilitation project scheduled to occur in 2012 and 2013 at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW).

“While it is not required, the Wayne County Airport Authority has chosen to conduct this session in the interest of openly sharing information with all of our stakeholders,” said Airport Authority Interim CEO Genelle Allen. “This project will not create significant problems beyond the perimeter of the airport, but it is very important to the Airport Authority that all interested parties have a chance to ask questions and provide comments.”

The open-house-style meeting will be held **September 14, 2010**, at the **Detroit Metro Airport Marriott, 30559 Flynn Drive** in Romulus. Citizens can stop in any time between **5:00 and 7:00 p.m.**

Runway 4R-22L was first installed at Detroit Metropolitan Airport in 1950 and its current pavement is more than 30 years old. The 12,000-foot runway primarily used for departures, will not be extended or moved, but reconstructed in its current location.

The project is not expected to create significant air traffic delays and is estimated to create approximately 345 temporary construction jobs.

A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the reconstruction project will also be available for review at four locations:

- Wayne County Airport Authority Offices at DTW - Smith Bldg.-Mezzanine
- Romulus Public Library - 11121 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI
- Taylor Public Library - 12303 Pardee Road, Taylor MI
- Official DTW website – www.metroairport.com

In 2007, when parallel runway 3R-21L was reconstructed, Federal Aviation Administration Air Traffic Control directed many arrivals to one of DTW’s crosswind

runways, 9R-27L, during peak times. The FAA has advised the Airport Authority that during this proposed project, it will not be necessary to use the crosswind runway except as normal during crosswind conditions. Aircraft which would normally operate on 4R-22L will be directed by the Air Traffic Control Tower to one of DTW's other parallel runways.

“This runway is a key component of the region's transportation infrastructure,” said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. “It is important for the Airport Authority to ensure that this departures runway will be consistently available to safely and efficiently accommodate future aircraft operations.”

Written comments or questions on the proposed project will be accepted through September 24, 2010 and may be sent to:

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