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Detroit Metropolitan Airport sees an increase of almost 1 million passengers in 2016 compared to previous year

-- Take offs and landings also up almost 4 percent

DETROIT (Feb. 6, 2017) – Passenger traffic at Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) grew to 34,401,254 in 2016 compared to 2015, an increase of more than 960,000 travelers, according to data released by the airport’s Department of Financial Planning & Analysis. The 2.9 percent year-over-year increase can be attributed in part to new domestic and international service.

Since 2014, four airlines and one cargo carrier have initiated service at DTW, due to the collaboration between the airport and airlines. That spirit of partnership also led to the Official Airport Guide ranking DTW first in North America and third in the world for on-time performance.

“Throughout the year, we meet with current and potential airlines with the goal of maximizing air service from our community,” said Airport Authority Director of Air Service Development Joe Cambron. “Every new flight we are able to get provides more passengers who fill our terminals each day, gives our travelers better flying options and helps increase business opportunities for the region.”

“Customers have a choice when they fly and we want Detroit Metropolitan Airport to be their choice,” said Airport Authority CEO Joseph Nardone. “Our team works hard to attract new service and continue expanding offerings for local and connecting travelers. The steady increase of passenger traffic at DTW shows our efforts are paying off, but we will continue working hard to add new carriers and new routes, while still focusing on delivering a high level of customer service.”

Aeromexico is the latest addition to DTW’s roster of air carriers, with flights to Mexico City beginning April 1 and flights to Monterrey starting May 1, coinciding with the busy

summer travel season. In January 2017, Southwest Airlines resumed its weekend service to Orlando. Spirit Airlines will add service to Oakland and Seattle this spring. And, United Airlines will begin direct flights to and from San Francisco this summer.

“We’re confident 2017 will be another banner year,” Nardone said.

The last year DTW welcomed more than 34 million passengers was 2008, when numbers reached 35.1 million. Since then, traffic hovered around 32 million, until 2015 when 33.4 million passengers chose Detroit Metro Airport. In 2016, the number of airplanes taking off and landing at DTW increased for the first time since 2010 to 393,427, approximately 14,000 more operations – and 3.7 percent higher – than in 2015.

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Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) welcomed more than 34 million passengers in 2016 and is one of the world’s leading air transportation hubs. With service from 13 scheduled passenger airlines, Michigan’s largest airport offers more than 1,100 flights per day to and from more than 140 non-stop destinations on four continents. With two award-winning passenger terminals, six jet runways, and an onsite AAA Four-Diamond Westin Hotel, DTW is among the world’s most efficient, customer friendly and operationally capable airports in North America. DTW is operated by Wayne County Airport Authority, which also operates nearby Willow Run Airport – an important corporate, cargo and general aviation facility. The Airport Authority is entirely self-sustaining and does not receive tax dollars to support airport operations. Visit www.metroairport.com for more information.