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Detroit Metropolitan Airport invites the community to final Master Plan Update meeting

-- Public encouraged to attend March 2 meeting at WCCCD Downriver Campus

DETROIT (Feb. 23, 2017) – Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) is providing the community one last opportunity to share feedback on DTW's Master Plan Update. The final Public Information Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2017, at the Wayne County Community College District Downriver Campus. The community is invited to stop by anytime between 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to discuss the results of the planning process and recommendations. Airport subject matter experts will deliver brief introductory remarks at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The Master Plan Update is a collaborative effort involving airport users, local businesses and community stakeholders to address the increasing needs of the airport's customers and surrounding communities over the next 20 years. The final recommendations will guide future development of airport facilities and infrastructure.

"As a result of the Master Plan Update, there will not be any major changes like a runway expansion," said Airport Authority CEO Joseph Nardone. "However, the work of our Airport Authority team and consultants was critical to helping us understand DTW's future needs."

"Throughout this process, we were able to hear from our community partners," said Airport Authority Deputy Director of Planning Bryant Holt. "We value their opinions and know it's important to review the Recommended Development Plan with them on March 2 before moving into the next phase."

DTW Master Plan Update - Public Information Meeting

Thursday, March 2, 2017 5 – 7:30 p.m. (Welcome and introduction will take place at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.) Wayne County Community College District Downriver Campus – Ray Mix Room 21000 Northline Road, Taylor, MI 48180

Review of the proposed Master Plan Update included two community meetings last year. It is expected the final Master Plan Update will be adopted by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) later this year.

Visit the airport's Master Plan website at <u>www.detroitmetroairportmasterplan.org</u> for the latest information and to leave a comment.

Reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired, will be provided at the meeting upon notice to Kristy Exner, via e-mail at <u>kristy.exner@wcaa.us</u> or (734) 247-2223.

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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 <u>www.metroairport.com</u> for more information.