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Honorable Cameron G. Priebe
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Dear Mayor Priebe,

Thank you for your letters and your recognition of the master plan efforts undertaken by the Wayne County Airport Authority (Airport Authority). I respect your input and understand that you have concerns regarding the Preferred Development Plan (Plan) of the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (Airport). The Plan is the most responsible way to accommodate anticipated future demand. With this Plan, we will be able to continue to position the Airport as one of the premier airports in the world. The Plan also supports the economic development efforts of the City of Taylor and surrounding communities and is a key factor to strengthening the region and the state.

An exhaustive evaluation of all alternative options has been performed as part of the master plan process. Our planning consultant has incorporated all known technology to increase efficiency of our existing facilities. Even with implementation of all known technology our current four parallel runway complex simply will not be able to accommodate the forecasted demand over the 20-year planning horizon. We have reviewed the comparative analysis used to select the preferred development plan with those in attendance at the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings. We offer again to arrange a one-on-one review of the information in more detail with you and/or your staff.

In response to your question regarding the cost and procedures in place to protect property owners during land acquisition, I assure you that the Airport Authority will follow all established state laws and federal guidelines for land acquisition and relocation of businesses and residences. Furthermore, we stand ready to work with the impacted communities in an open manner in order for them to maintain and improve population, services, tax-base, and student counts.

The Airport Authority fully recognizes that any of the development options that accommodate the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved forecast of future demand (i.e. our planning need) will have environmental implications (both positive and

negative) to the surrounding communities. As we have continually indicated in our TAC meetings, our consulting team has qualitatively considered a range of criteria, including environmental and social impacts of the options and proposed a development plan that meets the planning needs with the least amount of negative impacts. A detailed assessment of the environmental and community impacts of the plan (including those of the other options considered) will be measured and evaluated as part of the federally mandated National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process which will be completed prior to development of any component of the plan. The environmental items you raise such as storm water, wetlands, air quality, water quality, and noise as well as many others will be part of the NEPA process.

You have inquired if the Eureka Corridor planning document developed by the Smith Group JJR and the Ring Road concept developed by McKenna Associates have been reviewed during the master plan process. As referenced in the Airport Authority's August 27, 2007 letter, these studies as well as several others were considered in the master plan process. Specifically, these studies were listed as Regional Planning Document Reference Nos. 6 and 8 in our previous letter. As with the studies you reference, the Airport's master plan process acknowledged the requirement to accommodate transportation of goods and services for the region. The Preferred Development Plan does not contemplate closure of I-275, I-94, Ecorse Road, Inkster Road, Middlebelt Road, Merriman Road, or Pennsylvania Road. If future development impacts any major arterial roadway, we expect to depress the impacted road.

The master plan process has been completed in accordance with federal guidelines and has been conducted in an open and collaborative manner. We have considered all of the input from the City of Taylor as well as the other stakeholders, however, our decision-making process must be based first and foremost on facts concluded by technical aviation experts and supported by the FAA. Throughout the TAC meetings, participants discussed various items related to the Airport's master plan. The master plan process included, stakeholder input, data collection, development of alternatives, identification of a Preferred Development Plan, and refinement of the Plan. Reasons for selection of Alternative A7-A2-/T1-LN1 and the refinements have been presented at the TAC meetings.

We understand that this information is somewhat technical and in some cases complex, which is why we have offered to meet with you and your staff to discuss your concerns along with the technical details of the demand forecast, facility requirements, and the various alternatives that were developed and evaluated. We remain available to meet and will arrange to have our planning team ready to answer any questions you may have. All of the information used in the development of the Preferred Development Plan is available for your review through our planning consultant. Your staff should feel free to contact Wayne Sieloff, Director of Planning, Design and Construction at (734) 247-7371 to arrange a meeting.

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Thank you again for your interest and participation in our master plan study. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you again and look forward to cooperatively working with you and the City of Taylor to continue to advance our region and the state.

Sincerely,



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