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Davey Terminal Demolition Makes Way for New Terminal

~Clears room for 26 new gates

After a brief ceremony with Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) Board Members and executives, demolition crews will begin the task of dismantling a part of Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) history.

The Authority is beginning demolition Monday, October 17, 2005 on the 38-year-old James M. Davey Terminal -- vacant since February 2002 -- to make way for a more modern and efficient North Terminal. The 10:00 a.m. ceremony includes a special presentation to Susan Stajich, daughter of the late James M. Davey, for whom the terminal was named in 1975. Mr. Davey is universally credited with laying the foundation for making DTW into one of the most important airports of the jet age. Mr. Davey died in 1997.

When the Davey Terminal, originally known as North Terminal or Terminal 2, was built in 1966, DTW handled a total of 4.2 million passengers. By 2000, after numerous modifications, concourse extensions and gate additions, the airport was handling 35.5 million passengers, and the Davey Terminal had become severely overcrowded and complicated to navigate. In February 2002, Northwest Airlines moved its hub operations to the ultra-efficient and highly-acclaimed McNamara Terminal.

Adamo Demolition Company has been preparing both the Davey and Marriott Hotel over the last month for demolition. Earlier in September DTW donated bathroom fixtures that would no longer be used to the Habitat for Humanity ReSale Store Detroit.

“In the interest of safety, the departures level roadway in front of the Davey terminal has been closed to accommodate demolition and will remain closed until the new north terminal opens in 2008,” said WCAA CEO Lester Robinson. “In the meantime, we have constructed new lanes and a new ramp to allow customers access to the Smith Terminal departures level. All shuttles serving the Smith Terminal will drop off and pick up on the lower, arrivals level.”

The new North Terminal, scheduled to open in 2008 will accommodate all carriers currently operating out of the Smith and Berry Terminals as well as Air Tran, British Airways, Lufthansa German Airlines and Royal Jordanian.

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