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Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport Announces Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study Second Public Information Meeting

Public Information Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2005
DoubleTree Hotel, 31500 Wick Rd. Romulus, MI. 48174
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) staff and the consultant team of Barnard Dunkelberg & Company will hold the second in a series of public information meetings on the Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study on Tuesday, August 2, 2005. Since there will be no formal presentations, the meeting will be held in a workshop format allowing the public the opportunity to attend at any time between 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel, 31500 Wick Rd. in Salon 1&2 of the hotel ballroom. People will be able to visit various informational work stations, each covering a different topic or aspect of the Part 150 Study process to date. Topics will include; how and where aircraft noise was measured at DTW, radar flight track maps and other related information. The public will also be able to view the new Existing and Future Baseline Noise Contour Maps which may have an impact on future noise attenuation and land use planning. Airport staff and the consultant team will be available at each work station to listen to citizen comments and answer questions about the Study.

“This informational workshop is important because it allows people to actually view, in graphic form, the results of the Part 150 Noise Study thus far,” said

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Lester Robinson, CEO of the Wayne County Airport Authority. "It is very important to me that every interested citizen has the opportunity to learn about, and participate in, the Part 150 process. That's why we are conducting these interactive public information sessions."

The federally-funded Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study, begun in 2004, is being conducted to identify and evaluate current and future noise effects caused by aircraft operations at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport. Changes in types of aircraft used by airlines and adjustments to the number of flights needed to meet passenger demand raise the possibility that the areas affected by aircraft noise may have changed, therefore necessitating this study. The ultimate goal of the Study is to work in conjunction with surrounding communities, aviation experts and airport neighbors to establish a balanced, cost effective and comprehensive Noise Compatibility Program for the airport and surrounding communities.

The next step in the Part 150 Study process will be to identify and evaluate feasible alternatives to reduce noise impacts. These will consist of various *operational, facilities and land use* alternatives. These alternatives will be studied by the Part 150 Study Advisory Committee and presented to the public at a future public information meeting.

The Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study is expected to be completed in 2006. Following adoption by the Wayne County Airport Authority, the Noise Compatibility Plan must be reviewed and approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in order to make the Plan eligible for federal funding.

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