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# News Release

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## **Willow Run Airport Unveils Master Plan** *--Public Invited to Information Workshop*

The Wayne County Airport Authority is inviting the public to learn about and discuss alternatives for upgrading Willow Run Airport (YIP).

**The workshop-style meeting will be held Tuesday, October 11, 2005, from 6 to 8 pm at the Holiday Inn Express on the I-94 North Service Drive in Belleville.**

“We asked our consultant team to develop a cost-effective plan, which would not only have little or no impact on nearby communities; but also provide a runway extension for our long-haul cargo carriers,” said WCAA CEO Lester Robinson. “While several alternatives have been developed, we feel the communities will be pleased with our preferred alternative.”

“The runway extension is only one project in the proposed Master Plan Update, which addresses our long-term needs,” said Sean Brosnan, Director of Willow Run. “There are numerous other upgrades designed to make the airport more safe and efficient, such as parallel taxiways, airfield lighting improvements, instrument upgrades, runway rehabilitation, runway safety area upgrades, a new fire station and a new snow removal equipment building.”

A recent Community Benefits Assessment, conducted for the Michigan Department of Transportation, based on 2000 data, concluded that activity at YIP contributes over \$275 million to the local economy on an annual basis, and generates more than 2,600 jobs.

“We invite citizens to come to this meeting and participate in the process,” said Robinson.

The Wayne County Airport Authority operates both Detroit Metropolitan Airport and Willow Run Airport.

*To reach the Holiday Inn Express, take the Belleville Road exit off I-94. Turn north onto Belleville Road and left (west) onto I-94 North Service Drive.*