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News Release and Photo Opportunity

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WHAT: Members of the media will have the opportunity to record and photograph the installation of the final jet bridges at Detroit Metropolitan Airport's North Terminal

WHEN: Thursday, October 29, 2009 at 10 a.m.

WHO: Project Director Tom McCarthy available for on-site interviews

WHERE: Smith Terminal Departures (upper) Level former ticketing lobby

WHY: See news release below...

Jet Bridge Installation Accommodates International Flights *--Phase II of North Terminal project nears completion*

The final four vivid blue jet bridges, a signature characteristic of Detroit Metropolitan Airport's year-old North Terminal, are now being installed.

The installation signals that Phase II of the North Terminal's construction is nearly complete.

Gates at the south end of the North Terminal could not open on the day the terminal was dedicated, September 17, 2009, because of their close proximity to Concourse C of the old Smith Terminal. Once Spirit Airlines vacated Smith Concourse C and moved into the new North Terminal, the old concourse was demolished, new infrastructure was installed, and a new aircraft parking ramp was created.

The jet bridges, built by JB AeroTech of Ogden, Utah, and installed by Barton Malow Belding of Oak Park, MI, are specially designed to accommodate wide body aircraft from

overseas. The airlines currently providing international service at the North Terminal are Lufthansa German Airlines, non-stop from Frankfurt, and Royal Jordanian from Amman, Jordan, as well as seasonal flights on charter airlines.

In addition to their dramatic color, all North Terminal jet bridges provide pre-conditioned air and 400hz power to the aircraft, keeping the aircraft powered and comfortable for customers while docked at the gate without the need for idling aircraft engines or diesel-powered ground power units. All gates are also served with convenient, underground hydrant fueling saving the airlines and the environment from the need for mobile fueling trucks. These three features are predicted to reduce various air pollutants by more than 1,300 tons over the expected life of the terminal.

“With its simple linear design, dramatic colors and modern conveniences, the North Terminal represents a significant upgrade in customer satisfaction compared to the Smith and Berry Terminals,” said airport authority CEO Lester Robinson. “It also provides a considerable improvement in efficiency for the airlines.”

Scheduled airlines providing service at Detroit Metropolitan Airport’s \$431 million North Terminal include, Air Canada, American Airlines, AirTran Airways, Frontier Airlines, Lufthansa German Airlines, Royal Jordanian Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Spirit Airlines, United Airlines, USAirways and USA3000.

Delta/Northwest and SkyTeam partner airlines Air France and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, along with Continental Airlines, provide air service at the McNamara Terminal.

Members of the media attending the photo op should bring their employer-issued photo media ID.

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