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Detroit Metro Airport Opens New, Expanded South Cell Phone Waiting Lot

--New lot replaces current waiting lanes along Dingell Drive

Motorists picking-up an arriving passenger at Detroit Metro Airport's McNamara Terminal now have a new, expanded cell phone waiting area. The new, 50-space lot replaces the current waiting area along the inside lane of Dingell Drive, the south access road linking the airport to Eureka Road and I-275, which will be phased-out.

Cell phone waiting lots, which have become popular at airports across the country, were first introduced at Detroit Metro Airport in 2006. These waiting areas help alleviate vehicle congestion at the arrivals curb by providing a safe and free spot for motorists to await a call from their arriving party indicating that they are at the curb with their luggage and ready for pick-up. The cell phone lot also reduces the need for motorists to circle airport roadways while waiting for a passenger that may arrive at the curb later than expected.

"Our cell phone waiting areas have been very popular since day one," said WCAA CEO Lester Robinson. "Especially given heightened security, which forces our airport police to be ever more vigilant in keeping traffic moving at the curb front, this new cell phone lot will give even more motorists a better option than circling airport roadways."

The new cell phone waiting lot is located on the south side of Eureka Road between I-275 and the airport entrance ramp. The lot is clearly marked and easily accessible from both east and westbound Eureka Rd.

The cell phone waiting lot is in an area that causes no security concerns; however, motorists *must* remain in their vehicles. Unattended vehicles may be ticketed and towed.

"We still recommend that the best way to meet an arriving passenger is to park in a short term lot and meet your party in the bag claim," said Robinson. "However, many people simply drive out to the airport and try to sit at the arrivals curb at the time the flight is due to arrive."

In September, Detroit Metro Airport opened a new North Cell Phone Lot on the north side of the airport to accommodate motorists arriving at the airport from I-94. Together with this new South lot, Detroit Metro Airport now offers customers more than 80 convenient parking spaces for motorists awaiting arriving passengers.

A map detailing the location of the new south cell lot can be found at www.metroairport.com.

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