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Statement by the Wayne County Airport Authority Regarding Approval of a Master Plan for Detroit Metropolitan Airport

In response to repeated requests from local mayors and other officials, including Congressman Dingell, the Wayne County Airport Authority Board has elected to defer its vote on a new Master Plan for Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) until its July 24 meeting.

The Wayne County Airport Authority has been and remains committed to developing a Master Plan for DTW in the most transparent and collaborative fashion possible. Accordingly, the Airport Authority has provided complete responses to all of the questions it has received to date from city residents and government officials concerning the proposed plan. Several mayors and other officials from communities near DTW have accepted the Airport Authority's standing offer to meet with them to discuss details of the proposed plan.

DTW is one of Southeast Michigan's strongest assets and a powerful economic engine. According to a University of Michigan-Dearborn study, the airport has an average annual economic impact of \$7.6 billion on the State of Michigan. The airport stimulates more than 71,000 jobs in the state translating to more than \$2 billion in earnings each year. Looking ahead, the Airport Authority takes seriously its responsibility to ensure that DTW continues to be a source of new economic opportunity for the region well into the future. When fully implemented, the proposed Master Plan for DTW will create numerous new, local jobs. The plan is estimated to cost nearly \$3.6 billion—much of which would be spent directly within the local community.

With so much at stake, the Airport Authority will further its commitment to provide opportunities for collaboration with local communities to cooperatively maximize the economic potential of Southeast Michigan's vital air transportation infrastructure.

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