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## News Release

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## Wayne County Airport Authority Statement on the Future of Willow Run Airport

In response to a discussion today in the press regarding the future of Willow Run Airport, Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson provided the following statement:

"In late spring, Airport Authority senior management met to review our strategy for Willow Run Airport and determined that closure of the airport was not a viable option for the foreseeable future. With the budget we have proposed for Willow Run in fiscal year 2010, we believe that the airport will soon approach the break-even point."

Wayne County Airport Authority is an independent entity established by the Michigan State Legislature in 2002 to operate Detroit Metropolitan Airport and Willow Run Airport. While Detroit Metro is Michigan's busiest airport and among the world's busiest air transportation hubs, historic Willow Run Airport serves as an important reliever facility for corporate, cargo and general aviation activity. For more information regarding Willow Run, visit <u>www.willowrunairport.com</u>.

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