

News Release

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Information Meeting scheduled for runway project at Detroit Metropolitan Airport

--Draft Environmental Assessment available at seven locations

Detroit, Mich. (July 31, 2013)--A **Public Information Meeting** has been scheduled by **Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA)** to provide information to citizens about a proposed project to displace the threshold (move the aircraft touchdown zone) 500 feet to the north on Runway 4R-22L at **Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW)**. Runway 4R-22L is more than 12,000 feet long.

“This project improves the margin of safety for aircraft operations at Detroit Metropolitan Airport and has no discernible impact outside of the airport fence,” said **WCAA CEO Tom Naughton**. “However, in the interest of fostering open communication, we are partnering with **Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)** to conduct this public meeting to provide the public with information and answer questions about the proposed project.”

The Public Information Meeting will be held at the **Detroit Metro Airport Marriott**, located at 30559 Flynn Drive, in Romulus, Michigan on **Tuesday, August 13th, 2013**. An open house format will allow citizens to stop by anytime from **6 p.m. until 8 p.m.**

Runway 4R-22L is undergoing a three-year, full-depth reconstruction. As the Airport Authority reconstructs this runway, it is required to meet current FAA design standards. In part, these standards require the displacement of the landing threshold on the 4R end of the runway. This will require all north-flow arrivals (arriving from the south) to land 500 feet north of the current threshold. Most narrow-body aircraft departing to the north will begin their take-off roll 500 feet north of the current threshold. Wide-body and jumbo aircraft will depart at the current threshold (no change).

This change will not affect south-flow (landing from the north or departing to the south) operations which make up 68% of operations (landings and take-offs). The Runway 4R threshold displacement will affect the north-flow operations of approximately 30%. West flow or crosswind operations account for the remaining 2%.

This change is needed to meet current FAA guidelines and reduce risk of incursion. The project occurs entirely within airport property and thus requires no acquisition of land,

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homes or businesses and does not impact any of the 21 environmental resource categories, including aircraft generated noise.

Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) has completed and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has approved for public distribution, a **Draft Environmental Assessment** (EA) for this project. The draft EA describes the probable economic, social, and environmental effects of the proposed project and the alternatives considered. The Draft EA is available for review at the following locations:

- Detroit Metro Airport Administration Office (Smith Terminal-Mezzanine)
- Jacobsen Daniels Associates (121 Pearl Street, Ypsilanti)
- Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, Romulus)
- Wayne Public Library (3737 South Wayne Road, Wayne)
- Taylor Community Library (12303 Pardee Road, Taylor)
- John F Kennedy Library (24602 VanBorn Road, Dearborn Heights)
- www.wcaa.us/About/PublicNotices.aspx

Written comments or questions on the proposed project will be accepted through close of business on **Friday, August 30, 2013** and may be sent to:

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Reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired will be provided upon three (3) days' notice to Kristy Exner, Wayne County Airport Authority at (734) 247-2223 or by e-mail to kristy.exner@wcaa.us

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See drawings at http://bit.ly/DTW_Rwy4R-22L_DT.

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