

News Release

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Public Hearing scheduled at Willow Run Airport *--Little used runway topic of session*

YPSILANTI, Mich. (July 25, 2013)--A little-used runway at **Willow Run Airport** (YIP) will be permanently closed and removed to enhance safety and save on maintenance costs. Less than 2.5 percent of all flights use Runway 14-32, which runs diagonally across the airfield from northwest to southeast. Willow Run will still have plenty of airfield capacity with three available runways.

“The proposed closure of Runway 14-32 eliminates two runway intersections, which will improve airfield safety,” said **Tom Naughton, Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) CEO**. “The closure also saves an estimated \$150,000 annually in operational costs.”

Citizens are welcome to attend a **Public Hearing on August 21, 2013, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at 801 Willow Run Airport, third-floor conference room. The hearing will be an open house format, allowing citizens to stop by anytime between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with information about the proposed project and answer questions about the environmental, economic, and social effects of the proposed project.

Wayne County Airport Authority has completed--and **Federal Aviation Administration** (FAA) has approved for public distribution--a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Closure of Runway 14-32 at Willow Run. The Draft EA describes the alternatives considered and the probable economic, social, and environmental effects of the proposed project. The Draft EA is available for review at the following locations:

- Willow Run Airport Administration Office (801 Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti)
- Jacobsen/Daniels Associates (121 S. Pearl St., Ypsilanti)
- Fred C. Fischer Library (167 Fourth St., Belleville)
- Ypsilanti District Library (229 West Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti)
- Ypsilanti District Library (5577 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti)
- The Airport Authority’s website (<http://www.wcaa.us>)

Written comments or questions on the proposed project will be accepted through **Friday, September 6, 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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