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## Bon Anniversaire!

*--Detroit Metro Airport celebrates one year of service by Air France*

Air France began nonstop service between Detroit and Paris on June 13, 2005 – one year ago. Since that time, nearly 100,000 passengers have crossed the Atlantic between the two cities on Air France's Airbus A330-200 aircraft.

"Air France is a valued airline partner at Detroit Metro Airport," said Lester Robinson, CEO of the Wayne County Airport Authority. "We are excited to celebrate one year of successful service, and look forward to many, many more."

Paris ranks as one of Detroit's top international destinations. The nonstop flight operates daily in the summer and allows connections from Air France's Charles de Gaulle hub to over 120 destinations throughout Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia. In Detroit, passengers arriving on Air France experience the award winning McNamara Terminal—a first-class facility that provides easy connections to flights operated by Northwest and other SkyTeam partners.

"Air France's service is an important link for both business and leisure travelers," said Robinson. "Nonstop flights stimulate economic growth and play a key role in both community and business development."

Air France is the most recent in a long history of links between Detroit and France. Detroiters are reminded everyday of the city's French heritage by the city's name itself and many street names with French origins. More recently, French investment in the Detroit region has blossomed – over 100 French companies are located in metropolitan area.

"It is with great pride that we mark this important milestone. We look forward to finding ways to better serve the Detroit community," said Marie-Joseph Malé, Air France vice-president and general manager U.S.

The one-year anniversary of Detroit service coincides with the celebration of sixty years of transatlantic service by Air France. Detroit is proud to be the newest member of Air France's North American network.

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