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Detroit Metro Airport is awarded \$14 Million in Airport Improvement Funds *--Runways to be repaired and enhanced*

Michigan Congressman Joe Knollenberg and Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson announced this morning that Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) will be receiving \$14 million in federal funding for airport improvement projects.

Addressing the media in the ticketing lobby of DTW's McNamara Terminal, Representative Knollenberg listed the projects these earmarked transportation grants will help to fund:

- \$6 million for Multilateration Surveillance Technology Equipment
- \$5 million for runway 3R/21L rehabilitation
- \$2 million for runway 3L/21R capacity enhancements
- \$1 million for aircraft deicing fluid disposal infrastructure

"These projects will contribute to the safe and efficient operation of Detroit Metro Airport," said Rep. Knollenberg, who serves as Chairman of the US House Transportation Treasury Appropriations Committee. "Because it is a major connecting hub airport, improvements in Detroit will have a significant beneficial impact on aviation elsewhere in the nation."

"We are pleased that Representative Knollenberg and other Members of Congress recognize the importance of these projects and are providing earmarked transportation funds to help pay for them," said Lester Robinson.

THE PROJECTS

Multilateration Surveillance Technology will help DTW improve arrival capacity

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during low visibility conditions by significantly improving air traffic control's ability to monitor aircraft on final approach. Equipment upgrades would enhance DTW's low-visibility arrival rate from 72 to 96 aircraft per hour—taking full advantage of DTW's four parallel runways. ***Estimated project cost: \$8 million. Amount from this grant: \$6 million.***

Runway 3R/21L Rehabilitation: The runway and associated taxiways require major rehabilitation consisting of the total replacement of the top 17" of concrete and 9" of underlying asphalt as well as the repair and resurfacing of the asphalt shoulders. ***Estimated project cost: \$74 million. Amount from this grant: \$5 million.***

Runway 3L/21R Capacity Enhancements Primary focus will be on installing the appropriate navigational aids to improve the efficiency of this runway while other runways are undergoing rehabilitation. The project includes lengthening the runway as well as the extension of four associated taxiways, rehabilitation of centerline lighting, construction of a hold pad, drainage, shoulders, pavement markings and signage. ***Estimated project cost: \$35 million. Amount from this grant: \$2 million.***

Aircraft deicing fluid disposal infrastructure The Wayne County Airport Authority recycles the majority of the spent fluid which is sprayed by airlines to deice aircraft. However, some of this spent fluid is too dilute to recycle and DTW is improving its infrastructure to dispose of it. ***Estimated project cost: \$7 million. Amount from this grant: \$1 million.***

Other sources of funding include the Federal Aviation Administration, airline rates and charges and passenger facility charges.

“In its recent history, Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport has focused primarily on new capacity with the construction of new runways, taxiways, terminals and gates,” said Robinson. “Now we need more focus on preserving and enhancing existing infrastructure for the continued safe and efficient operation of the airport.”

DTW is the 9th busiest airport in North America in landings and take-offs and 11th in passengers.

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