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# News Release

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**Statements by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson in response to the U.S. Department of Transportation's preliminary award of authority today to Delta Air Lines for new non-stop service between Detroit Metro Airport and Tokyo's Haneda airport:**

"This is great news as yet another important international non-stop destination is added to the departures board at Detroit Metropolitan Airport," said **Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano**. "A truly impressive array of non-stop service to Europe, the Far East, Canada and Latin America is a key asset in the development of the Detroit Region Aerotropolis. Congratulations to Delta Air Lines!"

"Detroit is a reliable and convenient connecting hub for customers in eastern and central states," said **Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson**. "For that reason, DOT has made the correct decision. But in addition, non-stop service to Tokyo's close-in airport will give the Detroit region a great economic development advantage and more choices for our customers."

*News releases from Delta Air Lines and DOT follow.*

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