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Passenger Counts Finish Strong *--Nearly 3 million fly in December*

A strong December helped Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) finish CY2006 with nearly 36 million total passengers. December's 2,918,978 passengers topped December 2005 by more than 112,000, pushing DTW's year-end count to 35,985,867 total passengers—the second best year in the history of the airport.

“It is truly remarkable that Detroit Metro Airport finished 2006 with only a 1.1% decrease in total passengers from 2005, when the number of aircraft operations (landings and take-offs) decreased by 7.7%,” said Lester Robinson, CEO Wayne County Airport Authority. “This indicates that the airlines are scheduling their aircraft equipment more efficiently and are improving their load factors.”

Two major airlines, Northwest and Delta, filed Chapter 11 September 14, 2005 and operated through 2006 with reduced schedules as part of their comprehensive reorganization plans to return to profitability. More passengers per available seats on those airlines and additional service on other carriers brought passenger numbers up to within 1.1% of DTW's record year. According to preliminary data from Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA), total passenger traffic across North America grew by 0% in 2006.

July turned out to be the busiest month in 2006 at DTW with nearly 3.3 million total passengers closely followed by August.

“Last year, Detroit Metropolitan Airport handled the equivalent number of passengers to every man, woman and child living in Michigan, Ohio, Utah, Wisconsin and Indiana,” said Robinson. “The smooth and efficient operation of the airport with these numbers is a tribute to the dedicated employees of the airlines, TSA, FAA, the Airport Authority and all of our contractors and vendors.”

See attached summary sheet for more details. Please note that these are preliminary numbers and may be subject to subsequent minor adjustments.



DTW Airport Statistics December 2006

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>% Change</u>
YTD Total Passengers	35,985,867	36,383,514	-1.1% Decrease
YTD Total International Passengers	2,947,545	3,077,538	-4.2% Decrease
MTD Total Passengers	2,918,978	2,806,946	4.0% Increase
YTD Operations	481,740	521,899	-7.7% Decrease
MTD Operations	39,795	40,667	-2.1% Decrease

****Please Note: Airport statistics are subject to change as airlines report updates to Wayne County Airport Authority**