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New Airport Authority Headquarters Building to be named in honor of Michael Berry

--Airport Authority offices will move from Detroit Metro Airport's Smith Building to a significantly more efficient administration facility in 2017

DETROIT (April 16, 2015) – At a board meeting yesterday, the Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) passed a resolution to name a new WCAA headquarters building in honor of former Wayne County Road Commission Chairman Michael Berry. The facility, currently under design, will be constructed adjacent to the North Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW), and is anticipated to open in 2017.

Michael Berry is a respected and distinguished attorney, philanthropist and community member who was elected to the Wayne County Road Commission in 1967 and served as Chairman for ten years. “Michael Berry saw the importance of expanding Detroit Metropolitan Airport, and with his vision, was instrumental in facilitating development that allowed our airport to grow and prosper,” said Airport Authority CEO Thomas Naughton.

The former Berry International Terminal, which still bears his name, was decommissioned in 2008, when the airport's North Terminal opened. “Naming our new administration offices in honor of Mr. Berry allows his legacy and vision to continue on,” said Naughton.

Construction on the *Michael Berry Building – Wayne County Airport Authority Headquarters* is anticipated to begin towards the end of this year. The new headquarters will incorporate sustainable design elements that complement the architecture of the adjacent North Terminal and will realize dramatic operating efficiencies, from the airport's current office space in the former Smith Terminal. The new facility will be approximately 84,000 s.f., versus the nearly 305,000 s.f. Smith Building, which was constructed in 1957.

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) welcomed more than 32 million passengers in 2014 and is one of the world's leading air transportation hubs. With service from 13 scheduled passenger airlines, Michigan's largest airport offers more than 1,100 flights per day to and from nearly 150 non-stop destinations on four continents. In 2010, DTW ranked highest in overall customer satisfaction among large airports in the J.D. Power and Associates North America Airport Satisfaction Study. With two award-winning passenger terminals, six jet runways, and an onsite AAA Four-Diamond Westin Hotel, DTW is among the world's most efficient, customer friendly and operationally capable airports in North America. DTW is operated by Wayne County Airport Authority, which also operates nearby Willow Run Airport—an important corporate, cargo and general aviation facility. The Airport Authority is entirely self-sustaining and does not receive tax dollars to support airport operations. Visit www.metroairport.com for more information.