



News Release

Detroit Metropolitan Airport announces new dining options for North Terminal travelers

-- Restaurants include Atwater Brewery, Anita’s Kitchen and Chick-fil-A

DETROIT (July 23, 2018) – Visitors to Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) can look forward to new dining options in the North Terminal including Metro Detroit favorites and popular national and international brands. The Wayne County Airport Authority Board, which manages Detroit Metropolitan and Willow Run airports, has awarded 10-year contracts to four concessionaires to operate 15 food and beverage concepts in the terminal. Construction will begin this fall.

“For the first time since the North Terminal opened in 2008, we’re completely refreshing our food and beverage program,” said Wayne County Airport Authority Interim CEO Chad Newton. “The concessionaires were selected after a rigorous evaluation process. All four have experience operating at Detroit Metropolitan Airport and exceeded our requirements for partnering with ACDBEs—Airport Concessions Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. We’re confident they will deliver a world-class dining experience for our customers.”

The new line-up of dining options includes Jimmy Buffett’s airport restaurant, Air Margaritaville. It will be the first in the Midwest and only the second in the United States. Also featured are seven Metro Detroit-based restaurants representing communities from Detroit to Ann Arbor and from Ferndale to Dearborn.

Concessionaires	Dining
DTW North Partners, LLC	Air Margaritaville & Detroit Street Café featuring Zingerman’s Coffee* Atwater Brewery* MOD Pizza
HMSHost	Anita’s Kitchen Lebanese Café* Brioche Dorée Cantoro Italian Market Trattoria* Chick-fil-A/Pei Wei Asian Diner Common Grace Coffee Company* Jolly Pumpkin Taphouse* Outback Steakhouse Starbucks®
McDonald’s USA	McDonald’s
NAC-MAC Concessions, LLC	National Coney Island*

* = Metro Detroit-based company

“Most of the North Terminal’s passengers are local residents or visitors to our area; they’re not connecting in Detroit to fly to other cities,” said Wayne County Airport Authority Concessions Director Greg Hatcher. “When they’re in our terminal, we believe passengers will enjoy seeing local brands they love and those that pique their interest.”

The nearly \$21 million transformation will occur in phases to ensure a variety of food options will be available at all times for customers. The first phase will begin with construction in the fall of 2018 and conclude with the opening of new concessions in the spring of 2019. The final phase is expected to wrap up by the spring of 2020. The Wayne County Airport Authority finished updating the retail portion of the North Terminal concessions program by opening the final new store in the fall of 2017. The new dining options are designed to complement the retail program, creating a fresh, exciting and welcoming environment in the terminal.

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) welcomed nearly 35 million passengers in 2017 and is one of the world’s leading air transportation hubs. With service from 14 scheduled passenger airlines, Michigan’s largest airport offers more than 1,100 flights per day to and from more than 140 non-stop destinations on four continents. 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 the **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.

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