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# News Release

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## Airport Passenger Counts Increase for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter *--LCC's and NWA lead the way*

Passenger counts at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) have increased 2% compared to the first three months of 2006 according to preliminary data released by DTW's Division of Financial Planning and Analysis. A total of 8,470,844 passengers arrived or departed DTW in the first three months of 2007.

“The primary drivers of the 2% jump include a strong performance by low-cost carriers and a resurgence by hub carrier Northwest Airlines,” said Lester Robinson, CEO of the Wayne County Airport Authority.

Total passengers in the month of March increased 2.9% over March 2006 and international passengers are up 0.6% for the quarter.

Operations (aircraft arrivals and departures) continue to decline, down 2.2% for the quarter and 2.7% for the month indicating continuing improvements in load factors for the airlines. A total of 115,474 aircraft landings and take-offs have occurred on DTW's six runways during the first quarter of 2007.

“Activity at the airport is responsible for more than 71,000 jobs in Michigan and an estimated economic impact of \$7.6 billion,” said Robinson. “That's why we are so encouraged by continued passenger growth at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.”

*See attached summary sheet.*