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## News Release

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## Wayne County Airport Authority Announces Public Information Workshop for Willow Run Airport

Workshop Scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2009 Holiday Inn Express Hotel, 46194 North I-94 Service Dr., Belleville, MI 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) staff and the consultant team of Barnard Dunkelberg & Company will hold the second in a series of public information workshops for the Willow Run Airport Part 150 Noise Study on Wednesday, June 3, 2009. The workshop is open to the public and will be held at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel, 46194 North I-94 Service Drive in Belleville from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this workshop is to provide information to the public about the Part 150 Noise Study process and to present 19 possible noise abatement alternatives which could help reduce aircraft noise in the neighborhoods surrounding Willow Run Airport.

"It is not necessary to be present exactly at 5:00 p.m. since the workshop will be held in an informal, walk through style with various stations set up to view the Part 150 Noise Study proposed alternatives and exhibits," said WCAA CEO Lester Robinson. "There will not be a formal presentation, but Airport staff and the consultant team will be available at these stations to explain the various noise abatement alternatives and answer questions about the Study."

The proposed noise abatement alternatives presented to the public range from possible changes in flight track options, such as adjusting departure and landing procedures, to extending runways and constructing a Ground Run-up Enclosure for aircraft engine run-ups. It is important to note that these alternatives are not final recommendations, but are feasible alternatives for further study and consideration.

The federally-funded Part 150 Noise Study is voluntary and is being conducted by the Authority to identify and evaluate current and future noise effects caused by aircraft operations at Willow Run Airport. The ultimate goal of the Study is to work in conjunction with surrounding communities, aviation experts and airport neighbors to establish a balanced, cost effective and comprehensive Noise Compatibility Program for the Airport and surrounding communities.

The Part 150 Noise Study is expected to be completed and approved by the Wayne County Airport Authority by the end of 2009. It will then be submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for review and approval. Once approved, projects within the Noise Compatibility Program are eligible for federal funding.

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