

# Temporary lots open to handle Metro parking

The county has closed two levels of the parking deck at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport because they are unsafe, said Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara.

Two temporary gravel parking lots have been completed and will replace approximately 2,000 parking spaces taken out of service in the parking deck. A third lot, which will be paved, will be ready in about six weeks, according to county officials.

The Red Lot, located at the corner of Lucas Drive and East Service Drive, will provide 1,000 spaces. The Orange Lot, located on East Service Drive between the Northwest and Delta hangars, will offer 1,200 spaces.

McNAMARA SAID the parking deck deteriorated more than county

**These temporary gravel lots will cost \$2 per day and will remain in service until an enlarged, 2,800-space, paved Green Lot opens in August.**

officials originally anticipated. The deck has been closed for "study and rehabilitation" over the past six months.

"We are closing the entire second and third levels to conduct a more comprehensive evaluation," said McNamara Tuesday in a prepared statement.

McNamara said in order to minimize confusion and traffic flow problems which will result from the opening of the temporary lots, the airport has set up a hot line 942-3838. Callers will be advised as to which parking lots are available and how to get to the new lots.

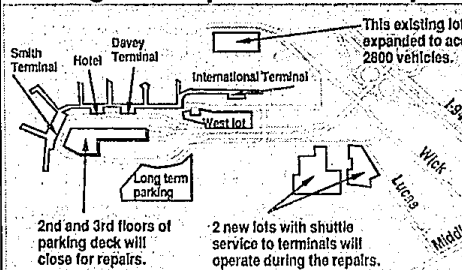
Wayne County is seeking environmental approval to update its master

plan for future airport projects. In addition to a new south access road to ease traffic congestion, more parking is proposed. Prior to the addition of these temporary lots, there were 15,000 parking spaces, 4,700 of which were in the parking deck.

Gregory Dobson, manager of field services for Albert Kahn Associates, engineering consultants for the project, found nothing unusual in the condition of the parking deck.

"Any open-air concrete structure which is constantly exposed to moisture and salt will suffer this kind of deterioration. Other parking decks over 20 years old in cold weather climates like Michigan are also undergoing replacement or rehabilitation," said Dobson.

## Parking deck repair at Metro Airport



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