

# Metro Airport

## Six new gates planned

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Officials at Detroit Metro Airport hope six new gates will increase the presence of two airlines there and eventually result in more airline competition and lower fares for travelers.

Wayne County, Southwest Airlines and Spirit Airlines have reached an agreement to expand the concourse A area near the Smith Terminal, county and airline officials announced Monday at a press conference.

Construction will begin next month on the \$11 million project. Since that area is occupied by those two gates, the airport will actually experience a net gain of four gates when they open in August. Once completed, Detroit Metro will house 103 aircraft gates and allow Spirit, currently operating on three different concourses at borrowed gates, to consolidate its operations.

Southwest will operate four of the six new gates, Spirit will operate two.

County Executive Edward McNamara said many people believe Northwest dominates Metro because it flies 70 percent of the passengers, but actually every major U.S. carrier provides service there.

"Northwest has 70 percent because they handle virtually all of the connecting traffic," McNamara said. "Our research indicates that 55 percent of the local traffic - that would be all passengers beginning or ending their trip in Detroit - fly carriers other than Northwest."

"We have always been interested in providing facilities for any airline wishing to provide service at Detroit Metro."

David Katz, airport director, said the expansion plan did not

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evolve from the customer complaints and dissatisfaction due to Northwest Airlines' long flight delays during the snowstorm in early January. Northwest uses Detroit as a hub.

"We worked on negotiations for the past eight months," Katz said. "We believe in offering choices to the public." Katz said county officials successfully negotiated with Northwest to use holding room space in the gate expansion area.

Northwest Airlines officials could not be reached for comment for this story.

Katz compared the expansion to adding a "Pilot Bishop Airport" in concourse A, as the two airlines now could conceivably add 40 new flights a day.

"It's important because of what it will do for competition and what it would do for low fares."

Southwest Airlines will act as the construction manager. Spirit will make payments to Southwest for its share of construction costs. Wayne County will reimburse the airlines with revenue from passenger facility charges. Eventually, Wayne County will own the gates, and the airlines will lease the gates from Wayne County.

Bob Montgomery, director of properties for Southwest Airlines, said that airline was "not prepared" to add flights. "The project will give us flexibility," Montgomery said.

"Since most of our flights are 'O and D' (origination and destination), I don't see us making a connecting flight at Metro," Montgomery said. "I think you will see us trying something with the timing of flights." Studies show the number of passengers varies depending on the time of the flight, which will give Southwest something to work with, Montgomery said.

Ned Homfeld, president and founder of Spirit Airlines, said the company plans to add more routes in 1999. "We've been utilizing gates by other concourses. That limits our ability to expand."

"If other carriers get out late, it hurts our reliability."

The expansion should be seen as "not only a victory for Detroit, but a victory for the flying public," Homfeld said. Spirit has not owned a permanent gate since it inaugurated service from Metro in 1992, instead leasing it from other carriers. Spirit currently flies to 13 cities from Metro, including Atlantic City, Boston, Cleveland, Newark and New York City and several Florida cities.

Southwest flies to Chicago, Nashville and St. Louis, and has additional direct or connecting service to 37 cities.

Barton Malow of Detroit will be the builder, while Giffels, Hoyem and Basco of Troy will be the architectural firm for the project.

Mary Bush.

Fournier, who had been a part-time employee, took over secretarial duties last summer from Carol Murphy, who was forced to

go on a leave of absence due to cancer. Mrs. Murphy died Dec. 28, 1998.

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### FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS - PUBLIC NOTIFICATION TECHNICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM 1999-2000

Each year the Farmington Public Schools offer Technical programs at Farmington (FHS) Harrison (HHS), North Farmington (NHS) High School and at the Oakland Technical Center Southwest Campus (OTC-SW) in Walled Lake. Within the District a shuttle bus transports students from their high school to another building. No class time is lost.

These programs are designed to prepare youth for a broad range of employment and continuing education opportunities. They are offered under the guidance of certified instructors, counselors and cooperative education coordinators. The curriculum is technologically up to date, the equipment is representative of the "state of the art" in business and industry and the laboratories are of optimum size appropriately designed.

If a program is offered at OTC-SW and at the home high school, students are asked to enroll in the home high school for the first year and then transfer to OTC-SW for the advanced program during the second year. Transportation is provided to OTC-SW.

Listed below are the programs being offered this year, their location and their prerequisites. Please refer to your course description book for a complete listing of courses.

PROGRAM	LOCATION	PREREQUISITE
Marketing I	FHS-HHS-NFHS	NONE
Marketing & Store Operations	FHS-HHS-NFHS	NONE
Medical Skills (Science Credit)***	FHS-NFHS	NONE
Word Processing	FHS-HHS-NFHS	Keyboarding/Word Processing
Computer Applications	FHS-HHS-NFHS	Word Processing or Computer App.
Desktop Publishing	FHS-HHS-NFHS	Auto Mechanics or Auto Care
Automotive Technology**	FHS-HHS-NFHS-OTC-SW	NONE
Construction Systems	FHS	Technical Drafting or TECH Draft & Design
(CAD) Architectural**	FHS-HHS-NFHS-OTC-SW	Publications/Proc. or Communications Technology I
(CAD) Engineering**	FHS-HHS-NFHS	
Visual Imaging Technology (Printing)*	FHS	
Graphic Design & Desktop Publishing	OTC-SW	NONE
Engineering Design	OTC-SW	NONE
Electronics Technology	OTC-SW	NONE
Visual Merchandising	OTC-SW	NONE
Auto Body Repair	OTC-SW	NONE
Business Services Technology	OTC-SW	NONE
Health Sciences/Medical	OTC-SW	NONE
Health Sciences/Dental	OTC-SW	NONE
Heavy Equipment and Trucking Technology	OTC-SW	NONE
Floral Design-Sales	OTC-SW	NONE
Culinary Arts/Hospitality	OTC-SW	NONE
Greenhouse Management and Landscaping	OTC-SW	NONE
Welding and Fabrication	OTC-SW	NONE
Machine/Plastics Technology	OTC-SW	NONE

\*First year of course must be taken at home high school, if offered.

\*\*Prerequisites may differ depending on course offerings at each building.

\*\*\*HHS Students may take medical skills at NFHS (shuttle available)

#### LIFE MANAGEMENT CURRICULUM

The life management curriculum (formerly home economics) includes courses designed to help students more effectively cope with the manage their lives in a technological society. The curriculum is futuristic, the facilities are well equipped and the instructional staff is certified and well qualified. The following semester courses are offered at each of the high-schools unless otherwise noted.

COURSE	PREREQUISITE	GRADE
Child Development/Parenting	NONE	10-12
Pre-School Seminar (FHS only)	Child Development	11-12
Fashion Design (FHS only)	NONE	9-12
Teen Issues	NONE	9-10
Family Sociology (Social Studies Credit)	NONE	11-12
Nutrition	NONE	9-12
Interior Design	NONE	10-12
Personal Finance (Math Credit)	NONE	11-12
On Your Own (FHS only)	NONE	12

For Specific Information about the above programs, you may call the Guidance Office at the respective building. Farmington High School (489-3447), Harrison High School (489-3604) and North Farmington High School (489-3511).

In keeping with the Farmington Board of Education policy on non-discrimination, students have equal access to all technical and life management programs regardless of race, religion, handicap, color, sex, or national origin. In addition, the lack of English language shall not be a barrier to admission or participation. For general information about these programs, contact Terry Kleczka, Director, Applied Technology & Career Development, 32789 W. Ten Mile Rd., Farmington (489-3360). Inquiries concerning equal opportunities on the basis of sex should be directed to Susan Zurvalet, Title IX Coordinator, 32500 Shilawasee, Farmington (489-3349). Questions concerning equal opportunities for the handicapped should be directed to: Janice Richards, Section 504 Coordinator at 32789 W. Ten Mile, Farmington (489-3356). Inquiries concerning discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin may be directed to Larry Lobert, Title VI Coordinator, 32400 Shilawasee, Farmington, MI (489-3357).

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## City council offers welcome

The Farmington City Council last Monday officially welcomed new executive secretary JoAnne Fournier, called "a fine addition to the city staff," said Mayor

Mary Bush. Fournier, who had been a part-time employee, took over secretarial duties last summer from Carol Murphy, who was forced to

go on a leave of absence due to cancer. Mrs. Murphy died Dec. 28, 1998.

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