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## **Romulus joins Aerotropolis partnership**

**Wayne County** -- Romulus has joined a regional corporation that will develop about 60,000 acres of land in Wayne and Washtenaw Counties surrounding Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports.

On Monday night, the Romulus City Council unanimously approved an intergovernmental agreement to join the Aerotropolis Development Corporation. Other members include the cities of Belleville, Taylor and Ypsilanti; the townships of Huron, Van Buren and Ypsilanti and Washtenaw County.

The Aerotropolis, or Airport City, concept involves the clustering of air-commerce-linked businesses near the airports. The local communities are part of a public-private sector partnership to spearhead the development, which is expected to eventually create 64,000 new jobs and \$10 billion in annual economic impact.

“We are pleased that Romulus is on board,” said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. “The pieces are now in place for us to begin aggressively moving forward with our vision to create a world-class airport city.”

The regional corporation agreement will be submitted this week to the Wayne County Commission for approval. A vote is expected by the end of the month.

“This agreement creates an unprecedented level of regional collaboration in our state,” said Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert. “We are excited about the economic development opportunities the Development Corporation and potential legislation present for our city and the region.”

The Aerotropolis partnership is expected to seek development incentives from the State Legislature that will help attract businesses to the airport region. To learn more about the Detroit Region Aerotropolis, visit [www.detroitregionaerotropolis.com](http://www.detroitregionaerotropolis.com).

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