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AIRPORT EXTENDED TARMAC DELAY CONTINGENCY PLAN



Huntsville International Airport

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Huntsville International Airport (KHSV) has prepared this Emergency Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to Ryan Gardner, Senior Manager – Airport Operations, at rgardner@hsvairport.org. Huntsville International Airport is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because (1) it is a commercial airport and (2) this airport may be used by an air carrier described in USC 42301(a)(1) for diversions.

This plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, Huntsville International Airport will:

- Provide for the deplanement of passengers;
- Provide for the sharing of facilities and make gates available at the airport; and
- Provide a sterile area following excessive tarmac delays for passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs & Border Protection (CBP).

Airport Information

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Airport Category: Large Hub Medium Hub Small Hub Non Hub

Contact Information

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations event, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Communications Center for assistance using the numbers supplied in the Airport Emergency Plan.

Plan to Provide for the Deplanement of Passengers Following Excessive Tarmac Delays

Huntsville International Airport owns multiple jet bridges that are operated by individual air carriers and can be used to deplane passengers following an excessive tarmac delay. However, the Airport does not own or operate any of the equipment needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft at a remote parking location and is, therefore, unable on its own to provide for the deplanement of passengers. Additionally, airport personnel are not trained to assist in the deplanement of passengers using equipment owned or operated by air carriers or contract service providers. We will provide a list of airlines, ground handlers, fixed base operators and others who may have the necessary equipment and personnel to safely deplane passengers to airlines as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines experiencing excessive tarmac delays at the contact number listed above.

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Plan to Provide for the Sharing of Facilities and Make Gates Available in an Emergency

The gates at Huntsville International Airport are under a preferential use structure to air carriers and are not fully controlled by the airport during those time periods when the tenant's usage of that gate meets the usage specified in the airport's Statement of Policy. We may be able to direct a tenant airline to accommodate another air carrier aircraft at its preferentially utilized gate during those time periods when the tenant airline is not using, or not scheduled to use, the gates. We will direct our tenant air carriers to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate during those time periods the gates are not in use or not scheduled to be in use, to the maximum extent practicable.

The airport is generally unable to safely accommodate aircraft larger than Boeing 767-series at our gates. Larger aircraft will need to deplane passengers from remote parking positions and the airport will make these parking positions available for airline use as needed.

Plan to Provide a Sterile Area for Passengers Who Have Not Cleared United States Customs and Border Protection

Huntsville International Airport does not have international passenger processing facilities. However, through coordination with the local Customs and Border Protection Office, we have identified an area inside the airport concourse that can be used as a temporary sterile area. In the event that international passengers on diverted aircraft who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection need to deplane, the airport has procedures in place to establish this temporary sterile area in coordination with Customs and Border Protection.

Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan

Huntsville International Airport will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan through one or more of the following means:

- Posting in a conspicuous location on the airport website (<http://www.hsvairport.org>).
- Providing notice of the availability of the plan on the airport's social media accounts.
- Posting signs in conspicuous locations in the terminals.
- Advertising the availability of the plan in local newspapers of record.