

# **RICK HUSBAND AMARILLO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TARMAC DELAY CONTINGENCY PLAN**

Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport (AMA) has prepared this Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to the Director of Aviation, Michael Conner, C.M., at Michael.Conner@amarillo.gov. AMA is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because (1) it is a commercial airport or (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, AMA 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).

AMA has facility constraints that limit our ability to accommodate diverted flights or maintain the airport's safe operation and strongly encourages aircraft operators to contact the airport at (806) 335-4403 for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency. Specific facility constraints include the following: limited jet bridge availability, limited ramp capacity, and limited terminal square footage. We have noted these constraints in AMA's Airport/Facility Directory record. During diversion events AMA issues NOTAMS regarding its ability to accommodate diverted flights to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the airport and its ability to serve the civil aviation needs of the public during irregular operations events.

## **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 events, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Operations Center (AOC) at (806) 335-4403 for assistance.

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

AMA owns airstairs but does not own or operate any of the equipment needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft, 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. AMA has requested that each airline, ground handler, and FBO operation on the airport provide us with a list of the equipment and resources they have for deplaning passengers and contact information. We will provide this inventory and contact information to airlines as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines experiencing excessive tarmac delays at the contact number listed above.

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

The gates at AMA are under common use gate leases, permits, or agreements to air carriers and are controlled by the airport. We direct our common use air carrier users to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate, to the maximum extent practicable. Air carriers seeking to deplane at a gate are strongly encouraged to contact the AOC to coordinate gate availability. AMA's gates are restricted to ADG III aircraft and below.

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

AMA does not have international passenger processing facilities. We will coordinate with local CBP and law enforcement officials to identify suitable areas and procedures for establishing a temporary sterile area into which international passengers on diverted aircraft who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection can be deplaned.

## **Public Access to the Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan**

AMA will provide public access to its Tarmac Delay Contingency plan by posting in a conspicuous location on the Airport's website (<http://airport.amarillo.gov>).