

GAINESVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT (GNV) TARMAC DELAY CONTINGENCY PLAN

The Gainesville Regional Airport has prepared this Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 42301. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to the Airport Operations Manager at info@flygainesville.com. The Gainesville Regional Airport 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 49 U.S.C. § 42301(a)(1) for diversions.

This plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, GNV 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).

The Gainesville Regional Airport 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 Operations Department at (352) 262-6691 for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency. Specific facility constraints include a lack of international passenger processing facilities, limited ramp parking apron, and limited terminal passenger space.

Airport Information

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Contact Information

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Operations department at (352) 262-6691 for assistance. For diverted flights after normal business hours, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Fire Department at (352) 373-8859.

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

The Gainesville Regional Airport has limited equipment and personnel needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft. We will utilize this equipment to deplane passengers as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines at the contact number listed above. We will also 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.

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

The gates at Gainesville Regional Airport are under preferential lease 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 preferential use lease. We may be able to direct a tenant airline to accommodate another air carrier aircraft at its preferentially leased 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.

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

The Gainesville Regional Airport does not have international passenger processing facilities. We will coordinate with CBP and local 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. Once these efforts are complete, we will coordinate with CBP officials to develop procedures that will allow international passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection to be deplaned into these sterile areas to the extent practicable.

Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan

The Gainesville Regional Airport will provide public access to its Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan by posting in a conspicuous location on www.flygainesville.com.