

# **Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority Nashville International Airport TARMAC DELAY CONTINGENCY PLAN**

The Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority owner of Nashville International Airport 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 Adam Floyd, Assistant Vice President of Operations at Adam.Floyd@flynashville.com. Nashville International Airport is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because it is a commercial airport.

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

Nashville International 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 office at 615-275-1612 for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency. Specific facility constraints include the following: (1) a limited number of common use gates; (2) a limited number of remote aircraft parking positions; (3) limited transportation options for remote parking. During diversion events Nashville International Airport 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 Office at 615-275-1612 for assistance.

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

Nashville International Airport 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. However, we have 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**

Five gates at Nashville International Airport are under common use leases to air carriers and are controlled by the airport. Additionally, forty gates at Nashville International Airport are under preferential use leases to air carriers and are not fully controlled by the airport. We will direct our common use gate lessees, permittees or users to make gates available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate, to the maximum extent practicable. If additional gates are needed, we will direct tenant air carriers to make preferential use gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate, during those time periods when the tenant airline is not using, or not scheduled to use, the gate, to the maximum extent practicable.

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

Nashville International Airport has defined sterile areas capable of accommodating limited numbers of international passengers. We will coordinate with local 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.

Nashville International Airport will provide public access to its Tarmac Delay Contingency plan by posting in a conspicuous location on the Airport's website <http://www.flynashville.com>.