



TUCSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (TUS)
**2017 TARMAC DELAY
CONTINGENCY PLAN**

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The Tucson International Airport (TUS), operated by the Tucson Airport Authority (TAA), has prepared this Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan pursuant to statute 42301 of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to Jeff Horton at jhorton@flytucson.com. The Tucson International Airport (TUS) is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because:

1. It is a commercial airport
2. This airport may be used by an air carrier described in USC 42301(a)(1) for diversions.

The TUS Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practical, TUS will:

- Provide for 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 and Border Protection (CBP) processes.

TUS has facility constraints that limit its ability to accommodate diverted flights or maintain the airport’s safe operation, and strongly encourages aircraft operators to contact TUS at (520) 573-8182 for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency.

Specific facility constraints include the following:

- Limited gate and ramp parking space;
- Limited resources after hours; and,
- Limited ground-based equipment to help deplane / enplane passengers.

These constraints are noted in the TUS Airport/Facility Directory record which is now called U.S. Chart Supplements. During diversion events TUS 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.

TUCSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - CONTACT INFORMATION	
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Airport Category:	Small
Aircraft operators should contact the Airport Communications Center in the event of diversion or other irregular operations events.	(520) 573-8182

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Deplanement of Passengers Following Excessive Tarmac Delays

TUS 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, TAA personnel have limited training 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.

Sharing of Facilities and Make Gates Available in an Emergency

The gates at TUS have mixed ownership between the TUS airport operator (Tucson Airport Authority (TAA) and the airlines operating at TUS. Nine (9) gates at TUS are exclusively leased to air carriers and owned by the TAA. Six (6) gates at TUS are common use to air carriers and owned by the TAA. Additionally, Two (2) gates at TUS are under exclusive use to air carriers and are owned by the air carriers. TUS will make every accommodation possible to share the facility and make gates available in an emergency. Operators are requested to contact the Airport Communications Center (ACC) at (520) 573-8182 in the event of a diversion or other IROPS event. TUS will direct 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 practical. If additional gates are needed, TUS will direct tenant air carriers to make preferential and/or exclusive 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 gates, to the maximum extent practical. A map is available of this gate configuration upon request.

Provide a Sterile Area for Passengers who have not cleared United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

TUS has defined sterile areas capable of accommodating limited numbers of international passengers. TUS will coordinate with local CBP officials to develop procedures to allow international passengers, who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection, to be deplaned into these sterile areas to the extent practical.

Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan

TUS will provide public access to its Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan through one or more of the following means:

- Post on the airport website (<http://flytucson.com>)
- Provide notice of the availability of the plan on the airport social media accounts.
- Post signs in conspicuous locations in the terminal.
- Advertise the availability of the plan in local newspapers of record.