

COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT TARMAC DELAY CONTINGENCY PLAN

The Colorado Springs Airport 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 Brett Miller at brett.miller@coloradosprings.gov. Colorado Springs 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, Colorado Springs 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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Contact Information

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Operations Agent on duty (Airport 10) at 719-550-1918 for assistance.

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

Colorado Springs Airport owns and maintains the aircraft loading bridges at the airport. The airport does not operate loading bridges or 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, each airline, ground handler and FBO operation on the airport has provided us with a list of the equipment and resources they have for deplaning passengers and contact information. We provide this inventory and contact information to airlines for their use.

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

The Colorado Springs Airport has one security screening checkpoint that serves the 12 gates in the main concourse. There are 2 jet bridges at the East Terminal Unit (ETU) however, the ETU is not currently in use by the Air Carriers and there is no screening checkpoint.

Out of the 12 gates located on the main concourse, three gates are common use gates that are controlled by the airport and nine gates are under preferential-use, long-term leases to air carriers and are not fully controlled by the airport. We work with our common use tenant air carriers to make gates available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate to the extent practicable. If additional gates are needed, we will direct our tenant air carriers to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at these preferential-use, leased gates during those time periods the gates are not in use or not scheduled to be in use, to the maximum extent practical. The two gates located at the ETU can only be used if approval is received from the TSA and the air carrier can ensure compliance with TSA regulations.

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

Colorado Springs Airports has defined area(s) in the Concourse that can be designated as a sterile area capable of accommodating limited numbers of international passengers. We have coordinated with local CBP officials and developed procedures that will allow (when authorized by CBP) international passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection to be deplaned into this area to the extent practicable

Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan

Colorado Springs Airport will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan through the Colorado Springs Airport website www.flycos.com.