

Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport (VPS) Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan

Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport (VPS) 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 Mike Stenson, Deputy Director at mstenson@co.okaloosa.fl.us. Destin-Fort Walton Beach 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 USC 42301(a)(1) for diversions.

This plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, Destin-Fort Walton Beach 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

- Name of Airport: Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport
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- Date of submission of plan: May 11, 2017
- Airport Category: Small Hub

Contact Information

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Operations Center at (850) 651-7166 for assistance.

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

Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport has limited equipment and personnel needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft. Additionally airport personnel are not trained to assist in the deplanement of passengers. We will 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

Five gates at Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport are under preferential lease to air carriers and are not fully controlled by the airport during those 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 times when the airline is not using, or not scheduled to use, the gate. 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 times the gates are not in use or not scheduled to be in use, to the maximum extent practicable. Two gates and two ground level aircraft parking positions are under common use leases to air carriers and are controlled by the airport.

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

Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport does not have international passenger processing facilities. As we are a tenant on a joint-use military airfield, primary responsibility for international passengers on an emergency diverted aircraft who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection rests with Eglin AFB. In the unlikely event of an emergency international diversion on the commercial side (i.e. Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport), we will coordinate with law enforcement officials and local CBP 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 Emergency Contingency Plan

Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan through one or more of the following means:

- Posting in a conspicuous location on the airport website (<http://www.FlyVPS.com>)