

# GRAND JUNCTION REGIONAL AIRPORT

## TARMAC DELAY CONTINGENCY PLAN

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The Grand Junction Regional Airport (GJT) has prepared this Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. GJT 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, GJT 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).

Except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency, GJT strongly encourages aircraft operators to coordinate diverted flights with airport operations and their respective ground handler's, or the airport's FBO, prior to arrival to ensure availability of resources. Specific information regarding facilities is noted in the Airport/Facility Directory record.

### AIRPORT INFORMATION

**Name of Airport:** Grand Junction Regional Airport (GJT)  
**Owner/Operator:** Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority  
**Airport Address:** 2828 Walker Field Drive  
Grand Junction, CO 81506  
**Executive Director:** Kip Turner  
**Contact Phone:** (970)244-9100  
**Contact Email:** [kturner@gjairport.com](mailto:kturner@gjairport.com)

**Airport Category:** Non-Hub Primary

In the event of a diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact Airport Operations at (970)260-7164 for assistance.

Questions or comments regarding this plan can be directed to:

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248-8580  
[tbalbier@gjairport.com](mailto:tbalbier@gjairport.com)

### PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEPLANEMENT OF PASSENGERS FOLLOWING EXCESSIVE TARMAC DELAYS

GJT 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,

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airport personnel are not trained to assist in the deplanement of passengers using equipment owned or operated by air carriers or contract service providers. GJT will provide a list of airlines, ground handlers, Fixed Base Operators (FBO) and others who may have the necessary equipment and personnel to safely deplane passengers to air carriers as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such air carriers 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 boarding gates at GJT are under common use gate lease permits, or agreements to air carriers and are controlled by the airport. GJT directs our common use air carrier users to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate to the maximum extent practicable.

#### **PLAN TO PROVIDE A STERILE AREA FOR PASSENGERS WHO HAVE NOT CLEARED UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION.**

GJT does not have international passenger processing facilities. GJT will coordinate with local CBP and 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, GJT 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.

#### **PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN**

GJT 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's website [www.gjairport.com](http://www.gjairport.com)
- Providing a copy for review at the airport's administration offices.