



Grand Junction Regional Airport (GJT)

## TARMAC DELAY CONTINGENCY PLAN

Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority (GJRAA) has prepared this Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 42301. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to Dylan Heberlein at [dheberlein@gjairport.com](mailto:dheberlein@gjairport.com). GJRAA 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 49 U.S.C. § 42301(a)(1) for diversions.

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

GJT 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 at 970-260-7164 for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency. Specific facility constraints include the following: lack of international processing facilities, limited gate parking, limited ramp parking positions, limited ground support equipment, and secured boarding area limits (max. 685). GJRAA issues Notices to Air Missions (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: Non Hub

### Contact Information

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

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

### **Tarmac Delays**

GJRAA 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**

3 loading bridges and 5 parking spots with associated gates at GJT are under common use leases to air carriers and are 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.

### **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. We 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, 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.

#### **Public Access to the Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan**

GJRAA will provide public access to its Tarmac Delay Contingency plan by posting in a conspicuous location on the Airport's website: <https://www.gjairport.com/documents> .