

# Williamsport Regional Airport Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan

The Williamsport Regional Airport has prepared this contingency plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Question regarding this plan can be directed to Jonathan Baker at [iptjbaker@comcast.net](mailto:iptjbaker@comcast.net). The Williamsport Regional 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, The Williamsport Regional Airport will:

- Provide for the de-planement of passengers:
- Provide for sharing of facilities and make gate available at the airport, and
- Provide a sterile area following excessive tarmac delays for passengers who have not yet cleared Customs & Border Protection (CBP).

The Williamsport Regional Airport has facility constraints that limit our ability to accommodate diverted flight and strongly encourage aircraft operator to contact the airport at (570)368-2444 for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared emergency. Specific facility constraints include the following, (adequate size of sterile area)(hours of operations) published in the directory. During diversion events the Williamsport Regional Airport issues NOTAMs regarding its ability to accommodate diverted flights to ensure the safe and efficient operations 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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## **Contact Information**

In the event of a diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Director of Operations and Safety (Jonathan Baker) at (570)279-2162 or [iptjbaker@comcast.net](mailto:iptjbaker@comcast.net)

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

The Williamsport Regional Airport 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. 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 request from such airlines experiencing excessive tarmac delays at the contact phone number above.

## **Plan to provide for the Sharing of Facilities and Make Gate Available in an Emergency**

The gates at the Williamsport Regional are under common use leases to air carriers and are controlled by the airport. We will direct our common use air carriers, users to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate, to the maximum extent practical.

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

The Williamsport Regional Airport 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 practical.

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

The Williamsport Regional will provide public access to its Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan by posting this on the airports web site at [www.flyipt.com](http://www.flyipt.com).