

# Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport TARMAC DELAY CONTINGENCY PLAN

Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport has prepared this Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to Thomas E. Heanue at [tom.heanue@flypib.com](mailto:tom.heanue@flypib.com). Hattiesburg-Laurel 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, Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional 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).

Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport 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 601-545-3111 or 601-408-9313 for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency. Specific facility constraints include the following:

- Sterile area restricted to a maximum capacity of 100 passengers.
- Single gate/secure area restricts IROPS during regularly scheduled commercial flights.

## Airport Information

Name of Airport: Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport (PIB)

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Airport Category: Large Hub  Medium Hub  Small Hub  Non Hub

## Contact Information

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Public Safety Officer on duty at 601-408-9313 for assistance.

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

Hattiesburg-Laurel 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. 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**

The gate(s) at Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport are under common use gate leases, permits, or agreements to air carriers and are controlled by the airport. We direct 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**

Hattiesburg-Laurel 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 practicable.

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

Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport will provide public access to its Tarmac Delay Contingency plan by posting in a conspicuous location on the Airport's website (<http://www.flypib.com>).