Great Falls International Airport
(GTF)
TARMAC DELAY CONTINGENCY PLAN

GTF has prepared this Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 42301. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to Brian Cowles at brianc@flygtf.com. GTF 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, GTF 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).

GTF 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 406-750-2387 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 passenger processing facilities and limited numbers of aircraft parking positions.

Airport Information

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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 Police/Operations at 406-750-2387 for assistance.

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

GTF 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 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

1 gate at GTF is under common use leases to air carriers and is controlled by the airport. Additionally, 4 gates at GTF are under preferential and/or exclusive leases to air carriers and are not fully 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. If additional gates are needed, we will direct tenant air carriers to make preferential and/or exclusive use gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate, during those time periods when the tenant airline is not using, or not scheduled to use, the gate, to the maximum extent practicable.

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

GTF has defined sterile areas capable of accommodating limited numbers of international passengers. 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

GTF will provide public access to its Tarmac Delay Contingency plan by posting in a conspicuous location on the Airport's website located at http://flygtf.com