

# MIDAMERICA ST LOUIS AIRPORT TARMAC DELAY CONTINGENCY PLAN

MidAmerica St. Louis 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 Rich Burke at richard.burke@flymidamerica.com. MidAmerica Airport is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because (1) it is a commercial airport and (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, MidAmerica 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).

MidAmerica 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 Operations Center (AOC) at 618-566-5227 for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency. Airport Terminal Services (ATS) may also be contracted at 618-566-5265. Our facility constraints include a limited number of passenger boarding bridges, less than daily TSA presence, and limited hours that ATS is present. We have noted these constraints in MidAmerica Airport's Airport/Facility Directory record.

## Airport Information

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Airport Category: Large Hub  Medium Hub  Small Hub  Non Hub

## Contact Information<sup>1</sup>

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Operations Center at 618-566-5227.

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

MidAmerica Airport has limited equipment and personnel needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft. We will utilize this equipment to deplane passengers as soon as

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practicable after receiving requests from such airlines at the contact number listed above. We will also 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. If TSA personnel are not present, MidAmerica Airport will have to coordinate with the Moline Transportation Security Coordination Center (TSCC) prior to offload of passengers into the sterile area.

### **Plan to Provide for the Sharing of Facilities and Make Gates Available in an Emergency**

The gates at MidAmerica 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**

MidAmerica 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**

MidAmerica Airport will provide public access to its Tarmac Delay Contingency plan by posting in a conspicuous location on the airport's website <http://www.flymidamerica.com>.