

# Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport has prepared this Emergency Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to Ivan R. Smith C.M. ( [ismith@gatewayairport.com](mailto:ismith@gatewayairport.com) ) Phoenix-Mesa Gateway 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, Phoenix-Mesa Gateway 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).

## **Airport Information**

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Airport Category: Small Hub

## **Contact Information**

In the event of a diversion or other irregular operation events, aircraft operators should contact Airport Operations at 480-988-7570.

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

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport has limited equipment and personnel available to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft. We will utilize this equipment to deplane passengers as soon as 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.

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

The Passenger Terminal at Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport utilizes a common use operating system, with all resources available to air carriers through operating agreements.

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport will take actions to make common use resources available to an air carrier seeking to utilize resources. Such actions may include but are not limited to: directing air carriers to remove aircraft, change boarding gates or change inbound arrival gates, to the maximum extent practicable.

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport has 10 aircraft parking spaces inside the SIDA and provides 10 “level-boarding” passenger ramps to deplane passengers into 10 passenger hold rooms. Additional remote parking locations are available.

Deplaning at remote parking locations requires notification through the number listed above to coordinate personnel and equipment with the fixed base operator, Gateway Aviation Services. Airstair units will be used for remote deplaning. The airport has limited available busing capability.

The airport can accommodate a variety of aircraft; however, notification is required for any aircraft larger than an Airbus A320 or Boeing 737 requesting to park at the passenger terminal.

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

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport does not have a Federal Inspection Station capable of processing air carrier passengers on international flights. The airport has coordinated this contingency plan with local Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the CBP Office at Sky Harbor International Airport.

International passengers who have not cleared customs will remain on board the aircraft until CBP staff are in place and able to process. Airport Operations will notify local CBP Officers as soon as practicable. Sky Harbor Officers will arrive at Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport within 3 hours of notification.

Airport Operations 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, Airport Operations 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 Emergency Contingency Plan**

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan through the following means:

- Posting signs in conspicuous locations in the terminals advising that a plan is on file with the DOT.
- Make the plan available on the Airport website.