



## **SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN**

SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL 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 Robert A. VanBurg;  
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San Antonio International 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, San Antonio International 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).

The Airport may experience ground delays related to diverted aircraft. The most common aircraft diversion is from American Airlines diverting from Dallas Fort-Worth International Airport and United Airlines diverting from Houston Intercontinental Airport. When aircraft divert to the Airport, there is the possibility of tarmac delay due to an extended ground stop, weather, crew duty-day limit has expired, or other reason. When an aircraft diverts to the Airport, they will be directed by ATCT to either the west RON ramp or south RON ramp and marshaled to park in a designated spot by their respective ground handler. Airport Operations will log the aircrafts in and out times of the RON parking spot and will communicate with the airline on the intentions of the diverted flight.

### **Airport Information**

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Airport Category: Medium Hub

### **Contact Information**

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Operations Supervisor at 210-413-4928 or [ops202@sanantonio.gov](mailto:ops202@sanantonio.gov) for assistance.

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

San Antonio International Airport does not own or operate any ground service equipment and does not require tenants to provide GSE inventories 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**

The leased gates at San Antonio International Airport are under preferential long term lease to air carriers. We have the flexibility to direct a tenant airline to accommodate another air carrier aircraft at its preferentially leased gate in the event that we have first ensured that City Gates are unavailable and there is no operational impact to the tenant airline. If additional gates are needed, we will direct tenant air carriers to make preferential 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**

San Antonio International Airport 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 Emergency Contingency Plan**

San Antonio International Airport will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan through one or more of the following means:

- Posting in a conspicuous location on the airport website
- Providing notice of the availability of the plan on the airport's social media accounts.