

South Bend International Airport
TARMAC DELAY CONTINGENCY PLAN

South Bend International 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 Patrick Mac Carthaigh at pmaccarthaigh@sbnair.com. South Bend International Airport is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because (1) it is the operator of 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, South Bend International Airport will:

- Provide for the deplanement of passengers;
- Provide for the sharing of facilities and make gates available at the airport in an emergency; and
- Provide a sterile area for passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs & Border Protection (CBP).

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 Airport Operations at (574) 340-7320.

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

SBN 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.

Upon being contacted at the number listed above, Operations 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. It is incumbent upon the air carriers or contract service providers to make arrangements needed to safely deplane passengers.

Plan to Provide for the Sharing of Facilities and Make Gates Available at the Airport in an Emergency

Upon being contacted at the number listed above, Airport Operations will coordinate with the airline to make a gate available to deplane passengers. SBN has 7 gates, which are controlled by SBN and designated as Common Use. SBN will make common use gates available for emergency operations.

SBN has limited additional ramp space for remote parking of aircraft.

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

SBN has defined sterile areas capable of accommodating limited numbers of international passengers. SBN will work with local CBP officials to ensure international passengers who have not yet cleared United States CBP are deplaned in these sterile areas.

Regulated Garbage Processing

In the event that an international flight is diverted to SBN and responding CBP officers determine that regulated garbage on board the aircraft must be removed and managed, Operations shall assist the airline by providing a list of ground handlers authorized to handle and dispose of regulated garbage at SBN.

Public Access to the Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan

SBN will provide public access to its Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan by posting it on the Airport website – www.SBNair.com.