

# **SAN ANGELO REGIONAL AIRPORT TARMAC DELAY CONTINGENCY PLAN 2022**

San Angelo Regional Airport (SJT) 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 Jeremy Valgardson at [Jeremy.valgardson@cosatx.us](mailto:Jeremy.valgardson@cosatx.us). SJT is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because it is a commercial airport.

This plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, San Angelo Regional 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).

SJT has facility constraints that limit our ability to accommodate diverted flights and strongly encourages aircraft operators to contact the airport for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency. Specific facility constraints include the following: limited amount of jet bridges (2) Limited availability to mobile loading bridges and air stairs; no onsite Customs services for international travelers; limited capacity in terminal sterile area.

## **Airport Information**

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Airport Category: Non-Hub

## **Contact Information**

In the event of diversion, or other irregular operations events, American Airlines/Envoy aircraft should contact the SJT Envoy ground station via VHF radio on 131.950 or (325) 949-2480.

All other air carriers should contact the local FBO's for ground handling services:

- Ranger Aviation: (325) 949-3773 (24/7 Operation)
- Skyline Aviation: (325) 944-8858

In any event airport operations can be contacted to coordinate ground handling services at (325) 659-6409 or [jeremy.valgardson@cosatx.us](mailto:jeremy.valgardson@cosatx.us) (after hours (325) 481-2736).

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

SJT owns the jetbridges, but does not 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.

If passengers are brought into the sterile area, it is the responsibility of the signatory airline or contracting agency to ensure that all passengers remain in the sterile area; or coordinate with local TSA to provide screening services to anyone that needs reentry. The TSA checkpoint is not open 24/7. If a problem arises after hours, the local airline, contracting agency, or airport management may coordinate after hour's response from TSA.

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

The gates at SJT are common use gates and available to any air carrier and are under full control by the airport. We will work with our signatory air carriers to make gates available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate to the extent practicable. Air stairs may be used for ramp side deplaning.

The two jetbridges at SJT can accommodate an aircraft up to but no larger than a 737-800. Any aircraft larger than a 737-800 will need to be deplaned ramp side using air stairs from the local airlines or contracting agencies listed above. SJT does not have ADA mobile ramp capabilities outside of the two jetbridges.

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

SJT does not have international passenger processing facilities. At the time of an international diverted flights arrival, we will coordinate with CBP, TSA, and local law enforcement officials to create a suitable area and procedures for establishing a temporary sterile area into which international passengers who have not yet cleared US Customs and Border Protection can be deplaned. The large hangar bay located at 8502 Hangar Road may be used as a temporary sterile area until otherwise directed by US CBP officials.

## **Public Access to the Emergency Contingency Plan**

SJT will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan by providing notice of the availability of the plan on the airports website:

<https://www.cosatx.us/departments-services/airport>