

BELLINGHAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BLI) TARMAC DELAY CONTINGENCY PLAN

The Port of Bellingham as sponsor of Bellingham International Airport (BLI) has updated its extended ground delay, aka Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to the Department of Aviation at AirportOffice@portofbellingham.com.

The Port shall be filing this plan with the Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration because BLI is a commercial airport.

This plan describes how, following excessive gate/tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, Bellingham International Airport will:

- *Provide for the safe deboarding /deplaning of passengers;*
- *Provide for the sharing of facilities and make gates available at the airport; and*
- *Provide a sterile area for contained international or domestic passengers following excessive tarmac delays for passengers to await re-accommodation.*

Airport Information

Name of Airport: Bellingham International Airport

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Airport Category: Non-Hub

Contact Information: In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact Airport Operations at (360) 739-1944 for assistance.

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

Bellingham International Airport as a non-hub, has limited equipment and personnel needed to safely deplane passengers from air carrier aircraft. Airport personnel will

utilize this equipment to deplane passengers as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines at the contact number listed above. Airport operations personnel may seek assistance from regularly operating airlines, permitted ground handler(s), fixed base operator(s) and maintenance provider(s) that may have the necessary equipment and personnel to safely deplane passengers.

Plan to Provide for Use of Shared (non-exclusive) Terminal Hold-room and Available Gates

All eight terminal frontage gates at Bellingham International Airport are controlled by the airport with five provided to BLI based carriers on a preferential non-exclusive terms. Unoccupied gates shall be made available for use under irregular operations. If necessary due to severity of the ground stop, the Airport shall make available portions of Taxiway H to accommodate aircraft. If additional gates are needed, to the maximum extent practicable operations personnel will request based air carriers to make preferential use gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate, during those time periods when the based airline is not using, or not scheduled to use the gate.

Plan to Provide a Sterile Area for Passengers Who Have Not Cleared USCBP

Bellingham International Airport does not have in-terminal Foreign Inspection Services (FIS). The terminal adjacent (south) Customs and Border Protection facility used to clear non-commercial general aviation aircraft will be contacted to provide assistance. Airport Operations personal 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

Bellingham International Airport shall provide public access to its Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan by posting in on the Port's airport's website (www.FlyBli.com)