



# Melbourne Orlando International Airport Tarmac Delay Contingency Plan

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Melbourne Orlando International Airport (MLB) has prepared this Contingency Plan pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. Questions regarding this plan can be directed to Cliff Graham, Airport Director of Operations & Maintenance at [Cgraham@mlbair.com](mailto:Cgraham@mlbair.com). Melbourne Orlando 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, Melbourne Orlando International Airport will:

- Provide for the deplanement of passengers
- Provide for the sharing of facilities and make gates available at the airport
- 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:	<b>Non Hub</b>

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

In the event of diversion or other irregular flight operations, and as a result of some facility constraints that may limit MLB's ability to accommodate diverted flights, aircraft operators should contact:

**Primary:** Amanda Moyer, Airport Ground Services Manager (321.288.1859)

**Secondary:** Cliff Graham, Director of Operations and Maintenance (321.288.0084)

MLB strongly encourages aircraft operators to make contact for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency.

## **PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEPLANEMENT OF PASSENGERS FOLLOWING EXCESSIVE TARMAC DELAYS**

Melbourne Orlando International Airport 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. 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**

Gates 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 at Melbourne Orlando International Airport are under common use leases to air carriers and are controlled by the airport. Additionally, gates (1) and (4) at Melbourne Orlando International Airport are under preferential and/or exclusive leases to air carriers and are not fully controlled by the airport. We will direct our common use gate lessees, permittees or users to make gates available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate, to the maximum extent practicable. If additional gates are needed, we will direct tenant air carriers to make preferential and/or exclusive use 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.

Further, Melbourne Orlando International Airport 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**

Melbourne Orlando International Airport has defined sterile areas capable of accommodating limited numbers of international passengers. In coordination with local CBP officials, MLB has developed procedures that will allow international passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs and Border Protection to be deplaned into this sterile area to the extent practicable.

## **PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE AIRPORT TARMAC CONTINGENCY PLAN**

Orlando Melbourne International Airport will provide public access to its Tarmac Contingency Plan through the following means:

- Posting in a conspicuous location on the airport website (<http://www.mlair.com>)