



OFFICIAL IRREGULAR OPERATIONS (IROPS) CONTINGENCY PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

The Mobile Airport Authority has prepared this Irregular Operations (IROPS) Contingency Plan for the Mobile Regional Airport pursuant to §42301 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012.

Questions regarding this plan can be directed to Andrew S. Pabst, C.M. at Andrew.Pabst@MobileAirportAuthority.com.

The Mobile Regional Airport is filing this plan with the Department of Transportation because (1) it is a commercial airport and/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, the Mobile 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).

The Mobile Regional Airport has facility and personnel constraints that limit its ability to accommodate excessive diverted flights while maintaining the airport's safe operation. The Mobile Airport Authority strongly encourages aircraft operators to contact the airport's Operations Dept. at [251-639-4680](tel:251-639-4680) or the Airport Police Dept. at [251-639-4682](tel:251-639-4682) for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency. If air carrier diversions are expected, the Mobile Airport Authority requests all operators to notify the Mobile Regional Airport so it can begin making preparations for the event(s).

Specific facility constraints at the Mobile Regional Airport (MOB) include but are not limited to:

- Lack of international processing facilities
- Limited gate parking
- Limited ramp parking positions
- Limited ground support equipment

AIRPORT INFORMATION

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Airport Identifier: MOB
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Airport Category: Non Hub

CONTACT INFORMATION

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Operations Department at [251-639-4680](tel:251-639-4680) for assistance. In the event the Operations Department is not available, please contact the Mobile Airport Authority Police Department at [251-639-4682](tel:251-639-4682).

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

With the exception of its jet bridges, the Mobile Regional Airport does not own or operate any of the equipment needed to safely de-plane 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 its equipment or any equipment owned or operated by air carriers or contract service providers. However, the airport has requested that each airline, ground handler and FBO operation on the airport provide us with a list of the equipment and resources they have for deplaning passengers and contact information. The airport will provide this inventory and contact information 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

All eight gates at the Mobile Regional Airport are owned and controlled by the airport. Of these gates, six have jet bridge access to the terminal. Five of these gates (1, 2, 3, 5, & 7) are currently used under preferential use by the air carriers which operate in and out of the Mobile Regional Airport. The remaining three gates (4, 6, & 8) are common use. The airport, to the maximum extent practicable, will direct the common use gate users to make gates available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate. If additional gates are needed, to the maximum extent practicable, the airport will direct tenant 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 tenant airline is not using, or not scheduled to use, the gates.

PLAN TO PROVIDE A STERILE AREA FOR PASSENGERS WHO HAVE NOT CLEARED UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

The Mobile Regional Airport does not currently have international passenger processing facilities. The airport will coordinate with United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and local 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, the airport 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 IRREGULAR OPERATIONS (IROPS) CONTINGENCY PLAN

The Mobile Regional Airport will provide public access to its IROPS Contingency Plan through one or more of the following means:

- Posting in a conspicuous location on the airport website (<http://www.iflymo.com>)
- Providing notice of the availability of the plan on the airport's social media accounts
- Posting signs in conspicuous locations in the terminals
- Distributing this plan to its air carrier users

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Operators who divert or plan to divert aircraft to the Mobile Regional Airport and will require fuel should also contact the Signature Flight Support FBO (MOB location) at [251-633-5000](tel:251-633-5000).