



SANTA BARBARA AIRPORT
2023 Tarmac Delay Emergency Contingency Plan

Santa Barbara Airport 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 Christopher Hastert, Airport Director, chastert@santabarbaraca.gov. Santa Barbara Airport is filing this Plan with the Department of Transportation because (1) SBA is a commercial airport or (2) SBA 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, Santa Barbara 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).

Santa Barbara Airport (SBA) has facility constraints that limit our ability to accommodate diverted flights or maintain the Airport's safe operation and strongly encourages aircraft operators to contact the Airport Security Operations Center at 805.681.4803 for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency. Specific facility constraints include the following:

- Unable to accommodate, park, or service large aircraft, B-767 or larger
- Limited number of aircraft parking positions (12 total)
- Lack of both international passenger processing facilities and CBP personnel on Airport

These constraints are noted in SBA's Airport Chart Supplement record. During diversion events SBA issues NOTAMs as required regarding its ability to accommodate diverted flights to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the Airport and its ability to serve the civil aviation needs of the public during irregular operations events.

Airport Information

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Contact Information

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact the Airport Security Operations Center (SOC) at 805.681.4803 for assistance.

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

Santa Barbara Airport 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. However, SBA has requested that each airline, ground handler and FBO operation on the Airport provide the Airport with a list of the equipment and resources they have for deplaning passengers and contact information. SBA 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

The gates at SBA are under preferential lease to air carriers and are not fully controlled by the Airport during those time periods when the tenant's usage of that gate meets the usage specified in the preferential use lease. SBA may be able to direct a tenant airline to accommodate another air carrier aircraft at its preferentially leased gate during those time periods when the tenant airline is not using, or not scheduled to use, the gates. SBA will direct tenant air carriers to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate during those time periods the gates are not in use or not scheduled to be in use, to the maximum extent practicable.

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

The United States Customs and Border Protection officials are located in Los Angeles, approximately 90 miles south of Santa Barbara Airport. SBA does not have international passenger processing facilities. SBA will coordinate with CBP in Los Angeles 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, SBA will coordinate with 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 Emergency Contingency Plan

SBA will provide public access to its emergency contingency plan through one or more of the following means:

- Posting in a conspicuous location on the Airport website www.FlySBA.com
- Providing notice of the availability of the plan on the Airport's social media accounts.
- Posting signs in conspicuous locations in the Airline Terminal.