



# Airport Irregular Operations (IROPS) Contingency Plan Fort Wayne International Airport



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### IROPS Plan Distribution List

Unifi (handles Delta & United)  
Envoy Air  
FAA – Air Traffic Control Tower  
Tailwind Concessions Inc.  
Fort Wayne-AlLEN County Airport Authority  
Transportation Security Administration  
Trego Dugan (handles Allegiant)  
US Customs and Border Protection

Record of Revisions

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### Introduction

Fort Wayne-AlLEN County Airport Authority (FWACAA) 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 Katie Scherer, Operations Manager, at [kscherer@fwairport.com](mailto:kscherer@fwairport.com). This plan is being filed with the Department of Transportation because the Fort Wayne International Airport is a commercial service airport and may be used by an air carrier described in USC §42301(a)(1) for diversions.

The plan describes how, following excessive tarmac delays and to the extent practicable, FWACAA will provide for:

- The deplanement of passengers;
- The sharing of facilities and gate availability; and
- A sterile area following excessive tarmac delays for passengers who have not yet cleared United States Customs & Border Protection (CBP).

FWACAA 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 FWACAA Public Safety Department (PSD) at (260) 747-2624 for prior coordination of diverted flights, except in the case of a declared in-flight emergency. While this notification does not force the air carrier to take any further action at the time of notification, it allows FWACAA staff time to prepare for a future request for assistance or support from the air carriers. The notification also allows FWACAA to provide up-to-date information to passengers and the flying public.

### Airport Information

Name of Airport:	Fort Wayne International Airport (FWA)
Name and title of person preparing this plan:	John Schoenle, Operations Supervisor
Preparer phone number:	260-446-3434
Preparer e-mail address:	<a href="mailto:OperationsSpecialists@fwairport.com">OperationsSpecialists@fwairport.com</a>
Airport Category:	Non-Hub

### Use of Terms

The following is a list of terms and definitions that are used throughout this plan:

Irregular Operations (IROPS)- The term IROPS event is intended to describe those exceptional events that require actions and/or capabilities beyond those considered usual by Fort Wayne International Airport's aviation service providers. Generally speaking, an impact of these events is the occurrence of:

- Unexpected People
- In unexpected places
- At unexpected times

Passengers- Includes people traveling, service animals in the cabin, and live cargo onboard aircraft and in the terminal area.

Customers- Includes both passengers and other non-aviation personnel such as meeters and greeters who are in the terminal area.

FAA- Federal Aviation Administration

CBP- Customs and Border Protection

TSA- Transportation Security Administration

Aviation Service Providers- May include FAA, CBP, TSA, along with concessionaires and ground transportation agencies.

FWACAA and/or Airport- Fort Wayne-Alle County Airport Authority

PSD- FWACAA Public Safety Department

FWA- Fort Wayne International Airport

Contact Information

In the event of diversion or other irregular operations events, aircraft operators should contact Airport Operations at **260-446-3434\*** for assistance. It is imperative that notifications be made to Airport Operations in a timely manner. FWACAA requests initial notifications of possible excessive tarmac delays as soon as possible.

After initial contact is made, FWACAA also expects to be notified by the air carrier at any time that an aircraft with passengers on board has been on the ground for one (1) hour so that preparations may be made to deplane if necessary. It is also expected that the air carrier will have personnel on-site if the air carrier is represented at the Fort Wayne International Airport.

Upon notification of irregular operations events, FWACAA Operations personnel or PSD will advise representatives of airport entities to coordinate response.

<b>Fort Wayne-Alten County Airport Authority</b>
<b>Ground Service Providers</b>
Envoy/American Eagle
Unifi (Delta & United)
Trego Dugan (Allegiant)
Fort Wayne Aero Center
<b>Government Agencies</b>
FAA Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT)
TSA
CBP
<b>Tenants</b>
Tailwind concessions

\*Outside of Airport Operations’ normal business hours, the phone number above is forwarded to PSD.

### Deplanement of Passengers Following Excessive Tarmac Delays

FWACAA has a limited amount of personnel and airport-owned equipment on hand to assist with the safe deplanement of passengers from one air carrier aircraft at a time. However, there may be instances when the Airport is not able to provide these resources. Therefore, the Airport encourages all air carriers to ensure that they are able to provide the required equipment and personnel to deplane their passengers during an IROPS event, should it be necessary to do so. Airport personnel will not operate equipment owned or operated by air carriers, contract service providers, or other airport tenants.

FWACAA Airport Operations Specialist on duty or PSD will facilitate communication with air carriers, ground handlers, fixed-based operators and other who may have the necessary equipment and personnel to safely deplane passengers to assist air carriers that have incurred excessive tarmac delays. The Airport Operations Specialist on duty or PSD will facilitate communication as soon as practicable after receiving requests from such airlines experiencing excessive tarmac delays at the contact number listed above.

Upon notification that an aircraft may require removal of passengers in compliance with this plan, FWACAA personnel shall coordinate with the local air carrier representatives (if available) or with the flight crew of the aircraft if there is no airline ground crew on site. This coordination will include:

- Time limit for deplaning diverted aircraft passengers
  - Domestic: Three (3) hours
  - International: Four (4) hours
- Flight Status
  - Diversion, domestic, or international
- FWA Services Required
  - Fuel, medical, other, etc.
- Gate or parking area location operations
  - Unloading, parking, fueling, remote location

### Plan to Share Facilities and Make Gates Available in an Emergency

The gates at the Fort Wayne International Airport are owned by the FWACAA and provided for use by the air carriers on a "per use" basis. These gates are available on a "first come, first served" basis with preference given to the gates commonly used and assigned to specific air carriers. FWA directs air carriers to make gates and other facilities available to an air carrier seeking to deplane at a gate, to the maximum extent practicable. Priority use of gates and passenger boarding bridges shall be given to aircraft approaching the end of the designated time limit or aircraft involved in a medical or other emergency.

The Fort Wayne Aero Center, owned and operated by the FWACAA, owns 2 mobile boarding ramps capable of deplaning aircraft up to and including up to the B757 (and similar sized aircraft) and several parking areas other than the air carrier apron that may be used for ground loading/unloading. FWACAA personnel are unable on their own to provide for the removal of passengers from aircraft. Additional FWACAA personnel are not trained to assist in the removal of passengers using equipment owned or operated by air carriers or contract service providers. Airlines experiencing or anticipating excessive tarmac delays should contact FWACAA PSD as soon as the condition is identified by their personnel. FWACAA personnel will then provide a list of airlines, ground handlers, fixed base operators and other who may have the necessary equipment and personnel to safely remove passengers of airlines.

FWA has restrictions on gate use for certain air carriers with large aircraft. The airport is unable to accommodate aircraft larger than an A321/MD80 at any accessible gates. Larger aircraft will need to deplane passengers utilizing the mobile boarding ramp (able to support aircraft up to a B757) provided by the Airport.



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

The Fort Wayne International Airport has one defined sterile area capable of accommodating limited numbers of international passengers. FWACAA will coordinate with local CBP officials to allow international passengers who have not yet cleared United States Custom and Border Protection to be deplaned into the designated sterile area to the maximum extent practicable and/or as needed.

The location of the sterile area will be at the children's play area located on the second floor of the airport terminal. The sterile area will be physically blocked off from the rest of the terminal in advance of passengers being deplaned in order to prevent unauthorized entrance or exit. The sterile area has a family restroom and vending machine within it, to which passengers will have exclusive access. See Exhibit G for the restaurant diversion menu.

### Public Access to this Irregular Operations (IROPS) Emergency Contingency Plan

This emergency contingency plan will be posted on Fort Wayne International Airport's website: [www.fwairport.com](http://www.fwairport.com)

### Important Phone Numbers

Public Safety Department: 260-747-2624

Airport Operations: 260-446-3434 (will forward to PSD if not monitored)

Local United States Customs and Border Protection: 260-747-7276 (Local Office)  
317-248-4060 (Indianapolis Office)

Transportation Security Administration: 260-478-0904 (FWA Checkpoint)  
1-866-289-9673 (National)

Exhibit A: Contact Information

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## Exhibit B: IROPS Checklists

### **Operations**

#### Before Aircraft Diversion Event (as soon as known):

- Remind airline ground handler that Airport Operations (260-446-3434) is the point of contact
- Obtain all available information from the responsible airline ground handler/aircraft
  - Airline and flight number
  - Original departure and destination airports
    - Confirm if international or domestic
  - Approximate arrival and departure times
  - Diversion cause
  - Intentions of the diverting aircraft (gas & go, passengers deplaning, extended delay, etc.)
- Determine if diversion aircraft requires specific equipment/resources
  - Stage all needed equipment/resources in advance
- \*If the flight is international, have the airline confirm if passengers were pre-cleared at origin airport using the contacts on page 10.
- Relay all known information to PSD
- Communicate aircraft intentions and impacts with related parties
  - Restaurant, TSA, other airlines, CBP, ATCT, FBO

#### During Aircraft Diversion Event:

- Continuous communications with airline ground handler (at least every ½ hour)
- If necessary, assist airline ground handler:
  - Determine gate assignment
  - Retrieve boarding ramp
  - Food/beverage needs
  - Transportation/lodging needs
  - Security (TSA/CBP/PSD)
  - FIDS update-immediate update by airlines through "daily schedule"
  - Social media updates
- \*Establish a sterile area for international passengers if they are deplaning (does not apply to pre-cleared flights).
  - Passengers must have access to food and restrooms.
- \*Ensure proper Regulated Garbage supplies are available and refuse produced from international passengers is quarantined.
- Communicate to related parties with information updates and offer assistance

- Fill out aircraft diversion log

After Aircraft Diversion Event:

- Debrief internally with Operations Supervisor/Manager on all available information
- \*Incinerate any Regulated Garbage.
- Debrief with airline ground handler on successes, failures, and areas of improvement
- If necessary, initiate conference call and disseminate debrief notes with all parties as “lessons learned/action items”

### Public Safety

Before Aircraft Diversion Event (if notified prior to aircraft landing):

- Notify Operations Specialist on duty
  - If operations on duty, notify the airline that Operations will be the point of contact for all diversion related information.
  - **If operations is not on duty, use the checklist above.**
- If warranted, notify additional personnel or entities such as:
  - Restaurant
  - Fort Wayne Aero Center
  - INANG
  - Etc.\*

\*-If the plan is for the aircraft to have an extended delay at FWA, then determine if resources to accommodate would be necessary. If it is determined they will be necessary, begin call back procedures
- Contact the on-call manager if diversion occurs after hours.

During Aircraft Diversion Event:

- If not notified prior to landing, go through the steps in the before stage
- Obtain additional information about the aircraft
  - Tail number
  - Time landed
  - Any other pertinent information
  - Fill out and submit diversion form
- Inform airlines that if they need assistance, we can help if requested

After Aircraft Diversion Event:

- OIC – obtain feedback from officers regarding what went well, what didn't and any changes that need to be made (similar to post incident discussion)
- OIC joins the post diversion conference call and provide input

### Airlines

Before Aircraft Diversion Event (as soon as known):

- Notify Airport Operations at 260-446-3434 of the following:
  - Airline and flight number if available
  - Original departure and destination airports
  - Approximate arrival time
  - \*If it is an international flight, provide the status of whether the passengers have already cleared customs to Airport Operations prior to any deplanement.
- Approximate departure time if available
- Cause of diversion
- Intentions of diverting aircraft
  - Examples: gas & go, passengers deplaning, extended delay, etc.

During Aircraft Diversion Event:

- Continue to communicate aircraft intentions with Airport Operations (260-446-3434) (at least every ½ hour)
- If necessary, Airport Operations can coordinate the following accommodations:
  - Aircraft gate assignment
  - Passenger boarding ramp
  - Food, transportation, lodging
  - Security (TSA, PSD, CBP)
- \*If passengers deplane, all garbage shall be collected before passengers deplane. Garbage collected by the airlines will then be collected by Airport Operations.

After Aircraft Diversion Event:

- Airline Supervisor-obtain feedback from employees about what went well, what did not go well, and changes that could be made to improve the next response

Airline Manager and Supervisors join "Post Diversion: call with Airport Authority

**Exhibit C: Terminal Gate Usage and Limitations**

All gates are shared use and first come first served

	Gate Service Chart							
Gate #	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10A
ERJ-135	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ERJ-145	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CRJ-200	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CRJ-550	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CRJ-700	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CRJ-900	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MD88	X	X	X	X				
MD90	X	X	X	X				
EMB-170	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
EMB-175	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
EMB-175W	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
EMB-190	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
EMB-195	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
B717	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
A220-100	X	X	X	X				X
A220-300	X	X	X	X				X
A319S	X	X	X	X				X
A320S	X	X	X	X				X
A321S	X	X	X	X				
B737-7SSW	X	X	X	X				X
B737-8SSW	X	X	X	X				X
B737-9SSW	X	X	X	X				
B757-2W								
B757-3W								
B787-8								
A330-2								
A330-3								
B777-2ER/LR								
B777-300ER								
B747-400								

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Typical Aircraft Types at FWA and Capable Terminal Gates

Type	Gates
A319	4, 5, 6, 7, 10A
A320-100/200	4, 5, 6, 7, 10A
A321-100/200	4, 5, 6, 7
CRJ-100/200	ALL
CRJ-700/900	ALL
ERJ-145	ALL
E75W	ALL

Boarding Ramp	Minimum Height	Maximum Height	Example Aircraft
Small	50"	115"	ERJ 135/145, CRJ-100/30, MD-80, ERJ 170/180, 737
Large	80"	169"	MD-80, 757, 767, A319/320, ERJ 170/190, 737

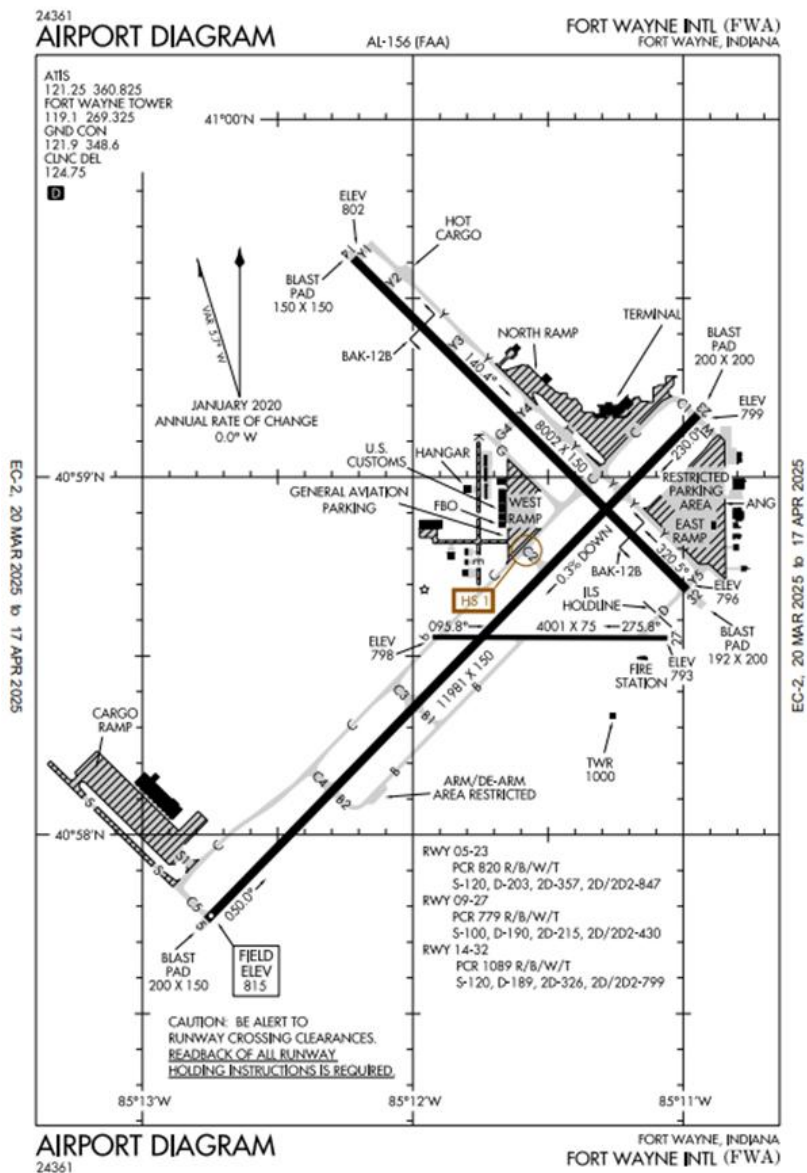
### Remote Parking

East RP 1	N/A	No	CRJ 2/5/7 ERJ 135/145/170/175	95'	Remote Parking
East RP 2	N/A	No	CRJ 2/5/7 ERJ 135/145/170/175	95'	Remote Parking
West RP 1	N/A	No	CRJ 2/5/7 ERJ 135/145/170/175	95'	Remote Parking
West RP2	N/A	No	CRJ 2/5/7/9 ERJ 135/145 B737-7/8 A220-100/300 ERJ 170/175/190/195 A319/320	140'	Remote Parking

## Exhibit D: Terminal Diversion Overflow Parking Map

In the event of high volumes of air carrier diversions, FWACAA may initiate overflow parking procedures. Depicted below are parking priorities once all terminal gates are occupied. Gate priority is given on a first come-first served basis.

1. West Ramp
2. Cargo Ramp
3. RWY 9/27
4. Crosswind RWY
5. Crosswind TWY



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### Exhibit E: Equipment Availability and Limitations

<b>Envoy</b>	<b>Limits</b>	<b>Unifi</b>	<b>Limits</b>
Air Start-Bottle		Air Conditioning (2)	
Bag Cart (10)		Lavatory Service Cart (2)	
Bag Tractor (5)		Bag Cart (12)	
Battery Charger		Bag Tractor (7)	
Belt Loader (4)		Belt Loader (3)	
Valet Bag Cart (2)		Passenger Steps	Max DC-10
CRJ Towbar	700	Heater (3)	
CRJ Towbar	200	Aircraft Tow Tractor (2)	Diesel- E190 Max
De-Ice Truck (2)		De-Ice Truck (2)	
ERJ Stairs	Embraer All	Glycol Storage Tank (2)	
ERJ Tow Bar	E135, E140, E145	GPU (2)	CRJ
Fire Extinguisher (2)		Ladder	
GPU Rectifier		Loading Bridge Adapter (3)	CRJ
Jet Bridge Adaptor (3)		Loading Stand	
Lavatory Service Cart		Passenger Steps-NME	
Load Stand		Snow Removal Equipment	
Maintenance Stand		Standby Cart (4)	
PCA-GPU	24 Volts	Towbar	MD-80
Pushback Tractor (2)	Regional Jets Only	Towbar	CRJ200, CRJ700, CRJ900
<b>Trego Dugan</b>	<b>Limits</b>	Towbar	E135, E145
A320 Towbar		Towbar	E170, E190
Bag Cart (12)		Trailer	
Lavatory Service Cart		Air Start	1-Huffer
Pushback Tractor		ADA Lift	
Aircraft Tug (3)			
Walk Behind Belt Loader (2)			

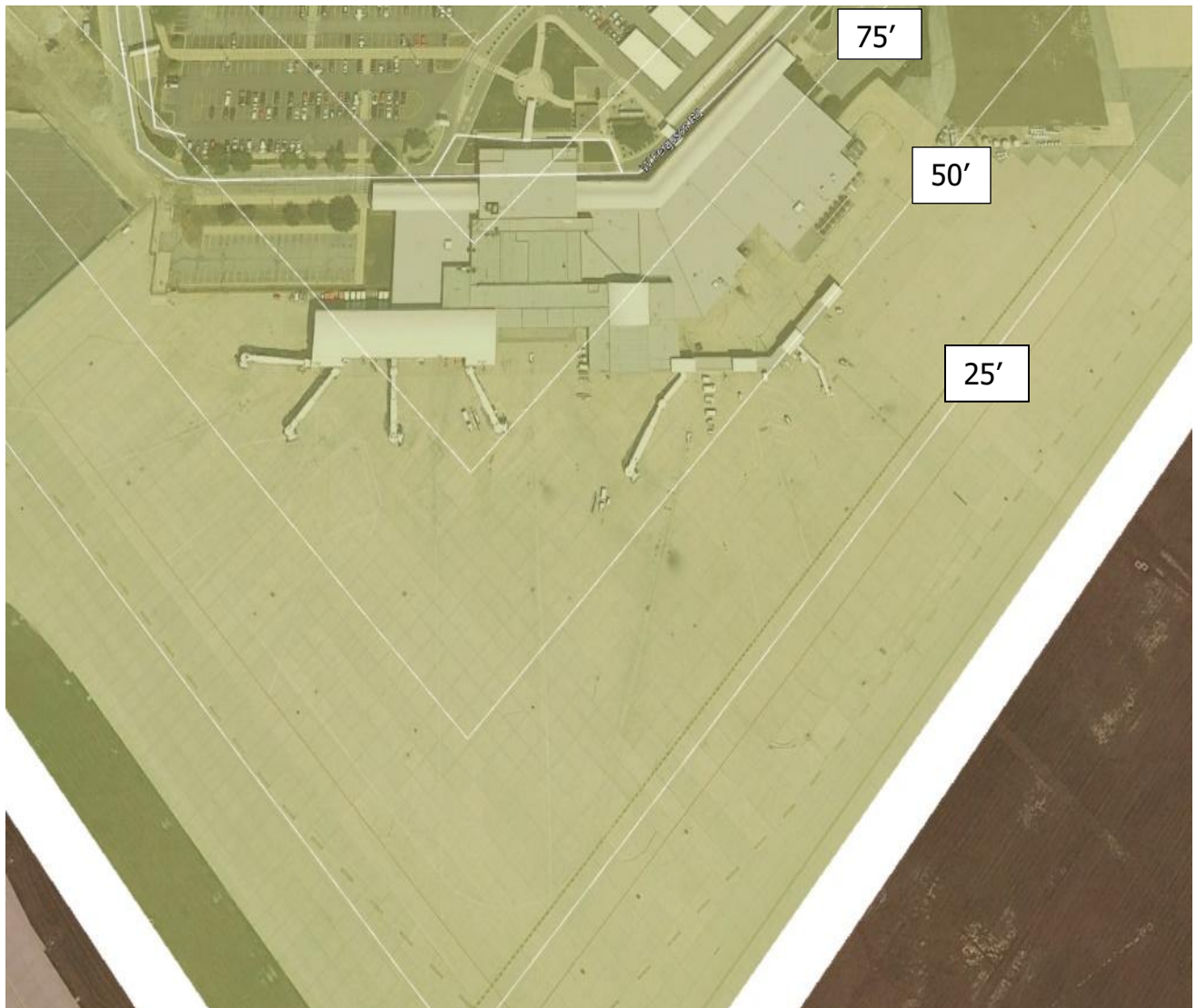
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<u>Aero Center</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>UPS</u>
Lavatory Service Cart		B767 Crew Stairs (2)
Bag Cart 1		Wide Body Belt Loader
Bag Tractor 1		2000 Gallon Deicer Truck
Potable Water Cart		300/500 Gallon Fuel Cart
Tug 8K (2)		Fire Extinguisher
Tug 12K	Global 6500/CRJ 900	GPU
Lektro Tug	75,000 lbs	Aircraft Heater
De-Ice Truck (2)		Cargo Loader 220" (2)
Glycol Storage Tank (2)		Elevator Lift Platform
GPU (2)	3 pin	Portable Light Unit (2)
Ladders		Air Start; 250 PPM
Golf Cart		B757 Towbar
Jet Fuel Trucks 5K (2)		A300 Towbar
Jet Fuel Truck 7K		B767 Towbar
Avgas Truck 1500 gallon		Airbus Tail stand
Snow Removal Equipment		Tug (4)
Tow Heads	Up to G650/Global 6500	Omni Dolly
Tow Pin Set	Assorted	<b>FedEx</b>
Fort Lift		Aircraft Tug (2)
		B757 Crew Stairs (2)
		Towbar
		Aircraft Loader (2)
		Belt Loader (3)
		Ground Power Unit
		Baggage Cart (2)
		Deicer (2)
		Forklift
		Tug (5)
		Heating/Ventilating Unit

Exhibit F: FAR Part 77 Imaginary Surfaces Maps

Obstructions inside the depicted surfaces must be accompanied by a NOTAM communicating the obstruction location and airport conditions.

**Terminal Ramp**



**West Ramp**



**Air Trade Center**



## Exhibit G: Restaurant Diversion Menu

### **Tailwind Concessions Inc.**

Note- If the restaurant is closed, call back procedures, if staff is available, will take approximately 1 hour. Most items can be ready in less than 15 minutes.

- Hot Foods
  - All attempts to accommodate hot food requests will be made if staff is available and the delay is significant
- Cold Foods
  - Cold cut sandwiches
  - Bag of chips
- Bottled Beverages
  - Available at all times in vending machines
  - Restaurant/bar will open as staffing permits

### Exhibit I: Airport Tenant Contingency Plans

The following air carriers have IROPS plans on file with FWA:

- Envoy
- Allegiant
- Delta
- JetBlue
- Frontier
- United