

USVI AIRPORT & SEAPORTS

Presented by the Virgin Islands Port Authority
March 13, 2024



Aviation Division

Taxiway Alpha West Reconstruction

Project Details:

(a) Removal of 58,000 square yards of asphalt from the taxiway and replacing the asphalt with Portland cement concrete (PCC), providing a smoother surface area, better durability than asphalt, and requires less maintenance.

(b) Upgrade the existing light-emitting diode (LED) system on the airfield.

Project Contractor: Grace Civil LLC

Status: Active project started April 5, 2023, with completion expected by the second quarter of 2024

Cost: \$29.9 million



Henry E. Rohlsen Airport (STX)

Taxiways A & B Rehabilitation

Taxiways A and B at HERA are being rehabilitated. This entails milling and paving along Taxiway A from the west edge of Taxiway B to about 3,740 feet east near the west edge of the terminal's apron.

Status: Completion is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2024.

Cost: \$7 million



Cyril E. King Airport (STT)

Parking & Transportation Center

VIPA is building a multi-level parking garage that will provide space for taxis, and rental car operations over 550 parking spaces.

Status: Partial opening in April 2024, and full completion by the end of CY 2024.

Contractor: AT Construction Solutions

Cost: \$32 million funded via a \$20 million U.S. Economic Development Administration grant (federal). The remainder is funded by VIPA's operations budget and car rental facility fees.

Groundbreaking May 26, 2021




July 2023
Concrete Pour





**PARTIAL OPENING
APRIL 2024**

**DALE A. GREGORY
TRANSPORTATION CENTER
CYRIL E. KING AIRPORT, ST. THOMAS**

Modernizing the USVI's Airports

 VIPA is moving forward with its plans to use the proven successful public/private partnership method to finance the modernization and improvement of the Cyril E. King Airport and Henry E. Rohlsen Airport terminals.

 **The VIPA Airports P3 Project is NOT a privatization project.** Under the public private partnership, the Virgin Islands Port Authority will continue to own the airports and will continue to be the holder of the airports' operation certificates.

 **Project Status:** On February 15, 2024, VIPA received multiple compliant proposals in response to its Airports P3 Request for Proposals that was issued in June 2023. The proposals are being reviewed over the next several weeks and a recommendation will be presented to the VIPA Board.

Connecting to the USVI via Air

New Air Lift to the USVI



- **Cape Air:** St. Thomas/Nevis eight flights a week started February 2023.
- **Fly the Whale:** St. Croix/St. Thomas daily flights started April 27, 2023.
- **Frontier:** nonstop service between Orlando and St. Croix starting May 2024.
- **Sky High Aviation Dominicana:** Dominican Republic/St. Thomas - twice weekly flights started March 27, 2023, and Dominican Republic/St. Croix - twice weekly flights started December 13, 2023.
- **Silver Airways:** St. Croix/St. Thomas/San Juan Silver Airways resumed air lift connecting St. Croix and St. Thomas and offers flights between the USVI and San Juan.



Marine Division

Ann E. Abramson Marine Facility

Service Pier Repairs

VIPA is repairing the service pier at the Abramson cruise ship dock used by tour operators, divers, and other small vessels.

Status: Active project, started in February 2023 and will be completed by the fourth quarter of 2024.

Contractor: Eleven Construction

Cost: \$2.05 million funded via an appropriation requested by Governor Albert Bryan Jr. from the Legislature of the Virgin Islands.



Ann E. Abramson Marine Facility, St. Croix

New Cruise Pier Storm Panels

VIPA is replacing damaged storm panels that protect the cruise ship pier at the Ann E. Abramson Marine Facility.

Contractor:

Tang How Brothers

Status: Started February 2023, active project, expected completion by second quarter of 2024

Cost: \$400,000 – an appropriation from the Legislature via [Act 8473](#).



Christiansted St. Croix

Schooner Bay Channel

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District is beginning preparation of an Integrated Feasibility Study and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document to address maneuverability, dimension, and safety concerns in the Schooner Channel and Gallows Bay in the Christiansted Harbor.

The Army Corps has taken the lead in this project, and VIPA has signed a cost-sharing agreement.

VIPA and the US Army Corps of Engineers hosted a joint public meeting on January 9, 2024, in St. Croix to update the community on the status of the Christiansted Harbor Navigation Feasibility Study.



Gordon A. Finch Molasses Pier, St. Croix

Paving New Cargo Terminal Parking Lot

Project Details: VIPA completed the construction of a \$12.2 million cargo facility in June 2022. The parking lot at this facility is being paved to facilitate the safe movement of large cargo trucks.

Status: Active project, to be completed by the second quarter of 2024.

Contractor: Consolidated Asphalt and Civil Works

Cost: **\$679,250** appropriated by the USVI Legislature [via Act 8649](#).



All five bays have commitments from tenants to rent this 19,000-square-foot terminal.

Wilfred “Bomba” Allick Port & Transshipment Center, St. Croix

New Cargo Terminal

Project Details: Built a new, 42,000-square-foot facility with ten bays – seven of which already have commitments from tenants to occupy.

New facility replaces the old warehouse that was destroyed in the 2017 hurricanes.

Status: Expected to open by second quarter of 2024

Contractor: Lemartec, USVI

Cost: \$15.9 million



Urman V. Fredericks Marine Terminal

Restrooms Renovation

- **Project Details** The male and female restrooms at the Urman Fredericks Marine Terminal in Red Hook have been recently renovated.
- **Status:** Started in February 2023 and completed in December 2023.
- **Contractor:** Continental Construction
- **Cost:** \$210,000, funded by VIPA



Boynes Dock Renovations

- **Project Details:** Renovating the primary port of entry for St. John, USVI
 - ❖ Adding a male and female restroom
 - ❖ Installing a canopy adjacent to the existing terminal
 - ❖ Resurfacing the pier; and
 - ❖ Adding an electrical room and an emergency power generator.
- **Status:** Active project started April 2023 and estimated to be completed by June 2024
- **Contractor:** Rodriguez & Garland
- **Cost: \$1.5 million** funded primarily by the U.S. Virgin Islands Legislature St. John Capital Improvement Fund ([Act No. 8401](#) and [Act No. 8644](#))



Dredging for Larger Cruise Ships in St. Thomas

Charlotte Amalie Harbor

VIPA will dredge the entrance channel to Charlotte Amalie Harbor and its turning basin to allow safe entry for vessels entering the harbor and berthing at the West Indian Company (WICO) Dock.

Expected Start Date – January 2025, provided all USACE permits are in place.

Expected completion: 15 months from the start of the project.



Cargo Facility Improvement

CROWN BAY CARGO PORT - STT

\$21.9 million was awarded by the U.S Maritime Administration (MARAD) in October 2020 for the reconstruction and modernization of cargo handling and storage infrastructure at the Crown Bay Cargo Facility on St. Thomas in October 2020.

VIPA partnered with Tropical Shipping and Crowley to receive this grant. Tropical and Crowley paid the matching funds required.



Cargo Facility Expansion

- Act 8512 transferred the former Cancryn Property to the Virgin Islands Port Authority.
- Land is being used to expand the existing cargo port located at the rear of this property.
- Another section of this property is leased by cargo companies to store containerized cargo.
- A portion of this property is occupied by WAPA to store equipment. WAPA has been asked to vacate the property.



Wilfred "Bomba" Allick Port and Transshipment Center

Cargo Facility Improvement

CONTAINERPORT - STX

\$22.4 million was awarded by MARAD to the Virgin Islands Port Authority for the reconstruction and modernization of the Wilfred "Bomba" Allick Terminal in St. Croix.

VIPA partnered with Tropical Shipping to receive this grant. Tropical paid the matching funds required.



Public / Private Partnership

Partnering with Royal Caribbean

Icon of the Seas Inaugural Call and Document Signing

The world's largest ship visited St. Thomas for the first time on January 31, 2024. Royal Caribbean's Icon of the Seas included the USVI in its maiden voyage and has made several calls to St. Thomas since then.

VIPA, Royal Caribbean Group, and Cruise Terminals International also executed three agreements on January 31, 2024, that will transform the territory's cruise industry and secure the USVI's position as a premier cruise destination in the Caribbean.



Ann E. Abramson Marine Facility, Frederiksted, St. Croix

Partnering with Royal Caribbean

Increased Cruise Calls & Visitors to St. Croix



Enighed Pond, Cruz Bay , St. John

Multi-purpose Facility Design

VIPA is designing a multi-purpose facility for community gatherings and cultural events on St. John on VIPA-owned land at Enighed Pond.

Status: Schematic design is in progress

Design Consultant: Moffatt & Nichol

Cost: Approximately \$400,000 for the design only – appropriation from Legislature via [Act No. 8473](#)



Victor Sewer Marine Facility, St. John

Cruz Bay Fish Market Design & Build

Project Details: Design and build a fish market in Cruz Bay at the Victor Sewer Marine Facility.

Status: Planning work completed, working to execute design phase

Design Consultant: Moffatt & Nichol

Cost: \$920,000 – design & build
appropriation from the Legislature via
[Act No. 8515](#)



The Virgin Islands Port Authority



GATEWAYS TO THE
U. S. VIRGIN ISLANDS
AND ITS ECONOMY

-ESTABLISHED 1969-

VIPA is an autonomous, self-sustaining, U.S. Virgin Islands government agency. The Authority is managed by a nine-member Board of Governors that sets policies. The Executive Director oversees the day-to-day operations of the Authority.

- **Created** by the USVI Legislature and manages the two airports and most of the public seaports in the USVI since 1969.
- **Mandate:** to maintain and develop the airports and seaports of the USVI to accommodate the current and future demands of its users.
- **Mission:** Facilitate travel, commerce and aid in fostering tourism and economic growth via our ports.
- **Stakeholders** include the USVI community, our facility users, tenants, neighboring Caribbean islands, our federal regulatory agencies and the global aviation and marine industry.

Funding USVI Port Operations

VIPA is an autonomous, self-sustaining agency; therefore, the Authority does not receive an annual budget allotment from the USVI Government.



Revenue VIPA funds its operations primarily via tenant rentals and port user fees.



Federal Grants are awarded to VIPA. (U.S. Department of Transportation/FAA, U.S. Coast Guard, etc.)



Passenger Facility Charges (PFC's) approved by the FAA are added to airline tickets to be used for airport improvement.



Legislative Allotments for a specific project may be provided via the USVI Legislature.



Bonds VIPA floated bonds with a BBB+ Bond Rating in Fiscal Year 2014 to fund marine port improvements.

Board of Governors

(1) Mr. Willard A. John

St. Croix

Chairman of the Board

(2) The Honorable Derek Gabriel

Commissioner of the Department of Public Works

Vice-Chairman of the Board

(3) Mr. Kevin Rodriguez

Chairman of the USVI Economic Development Authority Board

Secretary of the Board

(4) The Honorable Ariel Smith

Attorney General of the U.S. Virgin Islands

(5) The Honorable Joseph B. Boschulte

Commissioner of the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Tourism

(6) Ms. Leona A. Smith

St. John Representative

(7) Mr. Celestino A. White Sr.

St. Thomas Representative

(8) Vacant

St. Thomas Representative

(9) Vacant

St. Croix Representative



Gateways to the U.S. Virgin Islands and its Economy

www.viport.com

**CARLTON DOWE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

TEL: (340) 774-1629

E-MAIL: CDOWE@VIPORT.COM

