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HENRY E ROHLSSEN AIRPORT (STX) TOUR

Welcome to the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport, formerly the Alexander Hamilton Airport. The airport was re-named after Henry E Rohlsen: a Tuskegee Airmen and St. Croix native. As we leave the air carrier apron, you will see the Army National Guard Hangar and AeroMed station. We will now be entering the ARFF AOA entrance. Please join me in a tour of the ARFF facility.

VIPA ARFF (STX): Index C (FAA)

This ARFF facility was completed in 2016. It is not a 24hr station due to current operations. However, ARFF does have the ability to remain for 24hrs or more due to existing lodging in the building. This building houses a communications center. The Current ARFF Fleet includes two 1500 Gallon trucks that can make foam, dispense water, and dry chemical. A third smaller Rapid Intervention Vehicle is on order, and we are awaiting delivery a federally funded new Oskosh truck in Q4 of 2023.

STX AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER

As we continue the tour, if you look left, you can see the STX Air Traffic Control Tower. This is a VIPA owned building and ATC Services are provided under the Federal Contract Tower (FCT) program.

EAGLE AVIATION

Eagle Aviation is an aviation company that is developing a new FBO facility and has started building its hangar structure.

BOHLKE INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS

(BIA) is a third-generation family owned FBO that has been operating out of St. Croix since 1959. BIA is a full service FBO that can provide Charter services, aircraft management and repairs. We will now get off the bus and tour the facility.

MOVEMENT AREA (RUNWAYS AND TAXIWAYS)

Currently, we are continuing in the Movement Area on TWY A. The Airport has six taxiways and a single paved runway with two RWY ends (10/28). The length of the runway is 10004' by 150' wide. Taxiways at the airport do not have shoulders. All runway and taxiway lighting on the airfield are LED. As we enter the runway, we are now traveling East on RWY 10. RWY 10 is a Precision Instrument Runway that has Blast Pads, High Intensity Runway lighting (HIRL), and Precision

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Approach Path Indicators (PAPI). Medium Intensity Approach Lighting System with Runway Alignment (MALS-R), Instrument Landing System (ILS) and recently installed shoulders. We have just crossed the displaced threshold for RWY 28 which is 9003'. This Runway is a non-Precision runway that includes Runway End Identifier Lights. (REILS). Just North of the runway, the Virgin Islands National Guard is planning to build an apron for military operations at the airport. The last rehab of this runway was in 2012 and 2017. The airport underwent a major restripe that was started in spring 2020 and completed in summer 2020. Runway shoulders and edge stripes are scheduled to be painted Q1 2023. The airfield contains three wind cones and an Automated Surface Observation System (ASOS). As we exit back on TWY A, this taxiway is scheduled to undergo rehabilitation beginning April 2023. As we conclude our Movement Area tour, we will now enter the Air Cargo Apron.

CARGO APRON

The Cargo Apron is home to cargo freight forwarders, US Customs and Border Protection. Federal Express, United Parcel Service, and DHL subcontract their package air service through smaller cargo aircraft companies. Cargo Operations occur primarily late afternoon. This apron is also home to the **53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron**, also known by its nickname, *Hurricane Hunters*. The Cargo Apron is capable of support large wide body Cargo aircraft to include an Antonov AN-124 and the US Military's Boeing C5 Super Galaxy. Recently the apron hosted the President of the United States in his Boeing 747 'Air Force One.'

AIR CARRIER APRON

We are now traveling the busiest part of the airport: the air carrier apron. The air carrier apron can accommodate both widebody and narrow body traffic depending on the aircraft mix. The Air Carrier Apron abuts STX' Cargo Apron. In total there are nine (16) dedicated hardstands: nine (9) Air Carrier and Commuter gates combined and seven (7) cargo gates.

COMMUTER ARRIVALS

Commuter Arrivals is the local gateway into STX: from aircraft arriving from not only STT but points down island in the Eastern Caribbean. Facilities in Commuter Arrivals include its own existing bag belt network.

COMMUTER TICKETING

There are eleven (11) counters in the commuter ticketing area. This area is home to small commuter aircraft that operate between STX and STT. Moreover, charter services use these counters for down-island operations in the Easter Caribbean. The prime operator that provides this service at STX is Cape Air. Sea Flight VI also operates inter-island service on-demand.



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MAJOR AIRLINE TICKETING

We have four (4) major airlines represented in the ticketing area with fifteen (15) ticket counters. All passenger services start in this area from curbside with skycap to the processing of passengers for ticketing and departure. Major airlines also have kiosk options for individual; check-in. A bag belt system exists behind the ticket counter to travel a passenger's bag to the CBP Pre-Departure area for additional screening.

US CUSTOMS BORDER PROTECTION PRE-DEPARTURE

Being outside of the *Customs Territory* for the United States, all must declare back to the US mainland when departing STX. This is accomplished in this area where passengers can go through normal processing by providing appropriate credentials to include passports and for US Citizens a Valid DL from a state, territory, or possession.

TSA CHECKPOINT AND RENTAL CAR

The TSA queuing area, checkpoint, and bag room are connected. This is the main separation point for the passenger and any associated items that were checked and must travel in the main luggage compartments under aircraft. TSA is staffed during the operational windows of 6am-6pm. However, upon airline request the checkpoint may remain open for irregular operations to include flight delays and cancellations.

RENTAL CAR

There are four rental car agencies that do direct business with the travelers utilizing STX. These companies are Avis, Centerline, Hertz, and Budget. Car rental pickup occurs curbside. The vehicles are valet curbside by agents of the rental car companies from the rental car lots just west of the terminal facility.

BAGGAGE CLAIM

STX' baggage claim houses one conveyor belt. There is also a Cruise Lounge that is rented for special events: e.g., conferences, meetings, and official greetings. Moreover, the Virgin Islands Department of Tourism maintains a kiosk conducting tastings of locally distilled Cruzan Rum. Livery drivers also make their home curbside at Baggage Claim for arriving passengers. This includes both taxi and limo services.

INBOUND/OUTBOUND BAGGAGE MAKE UP

STX' inbound and outbound baggage make-up is made up of an in-line conveyor system. All domestic bags travel through this network. There are two outbound belts. The airlines two contracted ground handlers are stationed in this area to move passenger luggage to the aircraft for



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departure. One inbound belt travels all domestic arrival bags to the passengers waiting in Baggage Claim.

GATE ARRIVALS CORRIDOR

All domestic arrival utilizes this gate corridor to exit into the Baggage Claim. The space for the domestic arrivals has been enclosed and air conditioned to give the passenger a better arrival experience. This corridor has been widened with expansion to accommodate current and future growth.

CONCOURSE (PRE-CLEARANCE HOLD ROOM)

This concourse has ten (10) Gate podiums all positioned in proximity to the accompanying gate. All podiums have a PA system tied into the overall broadcast network that voices over the entire concourse and TSA Checkpoint exit. There is one main food kiosk in the concourse. Currently, there is a new restaurant being built to replace the kiosk. This main restaurant will provide a wide variety of offerings to include full meals (hot and cold) and Grab-n-Go options. Moreover, a gift shop to also sell liquor and souvenirs is also being developed. The Concourse lounge provides a separation from the main travel waiting area providing the traveling passenger a space to decompress or work on that last email before flight.

FOREIGN ARRIVALS

US Customs and Border Protection processes all foreign arrivals in this facility. Declaration and other international receiving services are performed in this area. Currently commercial charter and General Aviation international arrivals are processed here.

TERMINAL LOBBY

The terminal lobby houses a waiting area for the public. A gift shop and Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) exists on the lower level. Behind the main lobby area are spaces that are available for future development.

FOREIGN/COMMUTER DEPARTURES

All foreign departures are subject to TSA screening. This occurs at a remote checkpoint adjoined to the Gate 2 hold room entrance. When foreign departures are not present, Gate 2 is utilized as an additional commuter departure gate. The same is the case for the hold room for commuter departure Gate 3. Passengers who travel on commuter aircraft can patron a food kiosk prior to departure. Both hot and cold food and beverage options exist.

SECOND FLOOR TERMINAL MID-WING

The second-floor mid-wing houses VIPA's Conference Room, Badging Office, and Communications Hub.



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SECOND FLOOR TERMINAL EAST WING

The second floor of the East wing houses both VIPA and US Customs and Border Protection offices.

SECOND FLOOR TERMINAL WEST WING

The second floor of the West wing houses both VIPA and TSA Offices.

