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# Port Authority to Travelers: Expect Longer Wait Times During Tourism High Season, Arrive 2-3 Hours Ahead of Flight

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**The Cyril E. King Airport in St. Thomas, USVI. By. THE V.I. PORT AUTHORITY**

The V.I. Port Authority said over the weekend that it anticipates extended wait times for travelers during arrival and departure at the Cyril E. King Airport as the tourism season begins to peak on St. Thomas. The airport's commercial tarmac at gate five is currently being repaired, and this may cause some delays for arriving jets during arriving from noon through 4:00 p.m., said VIPA Executive Director Dowe.

The tourism high season in the Caribbean starts mid-December and lasts through mid-April. The CEKA apron project is expected to be completed in January, said Mr. Dowe.

The authority also reminded the public of the ongoing construction of the [multi-level parking and transportation center](#) at the airport. Parking spaces are limited during construction, and residents have been asked to arrange to be dropped off and picked up when traveling via CEKA.

Mr. Dowe also advised travelers to arrive for their flight at least two and a half to three hours prior to their departure time. “VIPA apologizes in advance for any inconveniences, and we ask for the public’s continued patience as we work to improve the arrival and departure experience at our airport,” he said.

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