



Princess Juliana International Airport

# THE SXM AIRPORT HORIZON

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## AIRLIFT NUMBERS CONTINUE TO INCREASE WITH AMERICAN AIRLINES INAUGURAL FLIGHT FROM DALLAS (DFW) AND NEW LOCAL HOMEPORTING VENTURE

On Saturday, June 5, 2021, American Airlines made its inaugural flight from Dallas Fort Worth International Airport to St. Maarten Whereby the new air service and the first cruise passengers of the local homeporting were welcomed at SXM Airport. A total of 19 flights with 2,147 passenger arrivals were recorded that day. The non-stop flight from Dallas will run on Saturdays from June 5 through August 14, 2021. The direct flight from Dallas is just under five hours and the new route connects the West Coast to the Caribbean and having chosen St. Maarten clearly shows its potential as a destination.

SXM Airport Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Brian Mingo stated, "Upgrades to the Ministry of Public Health COVID-19 screening and Immigration booths as well as the Arrival Hall facilities were strategically renovated and designed by the Projects, Planning and Systems (PPS), Facility Maintenance and the Operations Departments to accommodate the increased demand for the season. On this path, our diligent staff will continue to improve and progress with this great work."

Minister of TEATT Ludmila de Weever expressed, "Together with our newly launched homeporting venture these flights add a huge boost to our airlift numbers and restores confidence in our island despite the ongoing pandemic. St. Maarten can expect to see increased stay-over arrivals and economic activity and we look forward to welcoming our visitors in a safe and secure way."

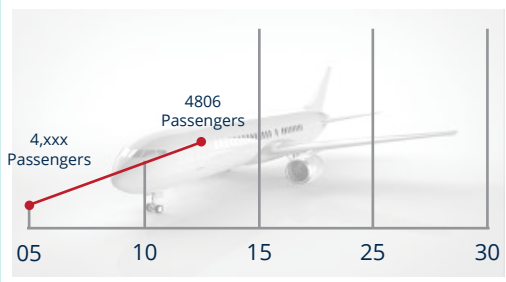
"I am extremely proud of the Airport team and the stakeholders that maintain safety and security while ensuring that the flights and passengers are handled efficiently throughout our facility. The overwhelming feedback from the passengers regarding the ease of travel through the various touchpoints were positive. Saturday was the beginning of the increase in aircraft and passenger movements. This is our busiest summer schedule ever recorded. SXM Airport will continue



SXM Airport CEO, Brian Mingo and Vice Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Directors, Clarence Derby joins in the fun with the cultural welcome greeters

to make the necessary adjustments to ensure that our passenger's journey and experience are positive. I would like to thank all Air Traffic Controllers, Operations, Security, Rescue Firefighters, Immigration Officers, Health Administrators, airline and handlers, ground handlers, fuelers, mechanics, and caterers for their hard work, dedication, and professionalism," stated SXM Airport Chief Operations Officer (COO) Michel Hyman.

### THE TRACKING OF THE PLANES AND PASSENGER NUMBERS GIVE A CLEAR INDICATION OF OUR ISLAND'S RECOVERY



1. During the June 2021 weekend period SXM Airport reached nearly 5,000 passengers
2. SXM Airport is just below the 50% mark compared with 2019 which was the last recorded normal year.
3. Our monthly numbers for May 2021 was just above 60k and the busiest month after the closing due to Covid.
4. In a regular season PJIAE NV does between 120,000 and 150,000 per month, so it shows that we are at our 50% mark.

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# SAFETY AND SECURITY WORKSHOP STARTS AT SXM AIRPORT

The Quality Assurance Department of the Princess Juliana International Airport (SXM) did their due diligence and executed yet another Safety and Security workshop at the aviation-based organization. The syllabus on safety and safety management includes four (4) modules which comprises of Safety Management System, Airside Safety, Security Procedures and Fire Safety. The mandatory gathering is held every two (2) years for all employees and associated stakeholders at the Airport.

According to the Manager of the Quality Assurance and Chairman of the COVID-19 Taskforce, Connally Connor, this Safety and Security workshop comes at the period of the untimely coronavirus, but PJIAE N.V. is continually arming our resilient team with the knowledge of prevention and lifesaving safety patterns. Participants are forbidden to undertake any tasks on the airside without having undertaken the orientation program and the workshop.



The Quality Assurance team at the Safety and Security workshop, as the Manager of the Quality Assurance, Connally Connor addresses the attendees.

“Training and developing employee’s skills and work habits is the strategic focus of our Safety Management System (SMS). This is possible because every person in the organization, from the Chief Executive Officer down believes that increased knowledge and skill makes staff and stakeholders more productive, attentive and safe in their workplace and thus less susceptible to accidents. This is different from training and should not be confused with it. People are trained

to carry out a task but when they are educated about safety, they better comprehend why they are carrying out that specific task. PJIAE N.V. is committed to the challenge to educate all the Airport’s internal and external employees about safety by emphasizing what safety means to the employee, their jobs and how it benefits the passengers, customers and organization,” the Quality Manager summarized.



# TERMINAL BUILDING EVACUATION EXERCISE COMPLETED AT PRINCESS JULIANA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The cooperation from passengers along with the Airport community was effortlessly achieved during a live terminal building evacuation exercise at the Princess Juliana International Airport (SXM) on Thursday, June 3, 2021.

The SXM Airport's Rescue and Firefighting Department (R&FF) prearranged a drill that simulated the immediate response and evacuation procedures, which should be used during all instances of a crisis and emergency within and encompassing the terminal building.

Following the activation of the fire alarm system, both passengers and the Airport community were instructed to evacuate the airside and landside at the SXM Airport following the general evacuation announcement at 8:47 am.

The R&FF long-established that the evacuation exercises are in accordance with the Fire Safety and Evacuation plan of the Airport. Although the general public was put on guard beforehand about the date of the exercise to curb any possible panic, the time of the drill was not disclosed, to

lend to an effective evaluation of a response during an evacuation.

According to the Chief of the Rescue and Firefighting Department, Manilo Penijn, "The biennial exercises were implemented to assess the specific functions relating to the emergency response capabilities of the Airport's emergency preparedness. The management levels which were tested included the Strategic, Tactical, and Operational levels. It is also a requirement within the Aerodrome Manual to perform an emergency evacuation exercise twice a year."

Following the usual debriefing, the exercise was completed in cooperation with the Princess Juliana International Airport Emergency Preparedness Committee. Serving as evaluators



(L to R) – Acting Manager of Quality Assurance, Deshawn York, Chief of Rescue and Firefighting Department, Manilo Penijn, Chief Operations Officer, COO, Michel Hyman and Manager of the Quality Assurance, Connally Connor during the Terminal Building Evacuation Exercise.

were the SXM Airport's Quality Assurance Department and the local Rescue and Firefighting department of the St. Maarten. The emergency evacuation drill was called off at 9:10 am when normal operations were restored.



Rescue and Firefighting team exits the SXM Airport during the Terminal Building Evacuation Exercise.

## NATIONAL BIRD MONUMENT RESTORED AT AIRPORT'S ROUNDABOUT FOLLOWING FULL SPONSORSHIP BY AMERICAN COUPLE AND ORIGINAL SCULPTOR

As part of the "PJIAE Good News" campaign we are delighted to publicize that the "Brown Pelican" trio statues have now been restored at the Princess Juliana International Airport (SXM).

The sculptures were originally erected as beautification for the roundabout at the Airport Road in Simpsonbay in May 2014.



(L to R) – SXM Airport Chief Operations Officer, COO, Michel Hyman, sponsors Jim, and Janet Eddins, and the original sculptor, Michael Maghiro at the unveiling of the renovation of the roundabout in Airport Road, Simpsonbay.

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The extravagant bronze statues which depict the national bird of the island of St. Maarten, the "Brown Pelican" transformed into an eyesore following the destructive 2017 hurricanes, alongside the catastrophic damages caused to the award-winning Airport.

The sphere-based area of the roundabout also showcases the three (3) letter IATA codes to honor all the associated hub partner islands like Anguilla, Dominica, BVI, Saba, St. Eustatius, St. Barths, and Nevis.

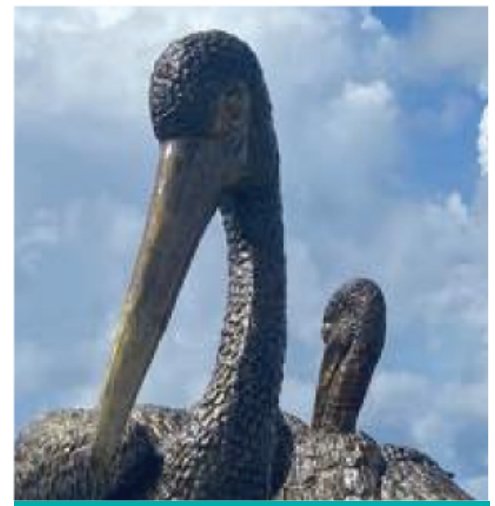
With the 2018 migration back into the Terminal Building's temporary operations, pre-works, and the forthcoming reconstruction all taking prece-

dence, the restoration of the national symbols was put on hold.

The Chief Operations Officer, COO, Michel Hyman declared thanks for the initial coordination by the St. Maarten Tourist Bureau, the sponsorship from the reoccurring American residents out of Blairsville, Atlanta, Jim, and Janet Eddins, and the original sculptor, Michael Maghiro on the efforts to graciously reconstruct the monuments.

The three-months project allowed the sculptor and his team to reattach the replacement pieces, enhance the bronze-themed color, whilst renovating the original style of the statues.

Meanwhile, the renovation of the Airport Terminal Reconstruction Project is on target to be completed by 2023.



The restored national birds monument at the roundabout in Airport Road, Simpsonbay.



## Spectacular Landings

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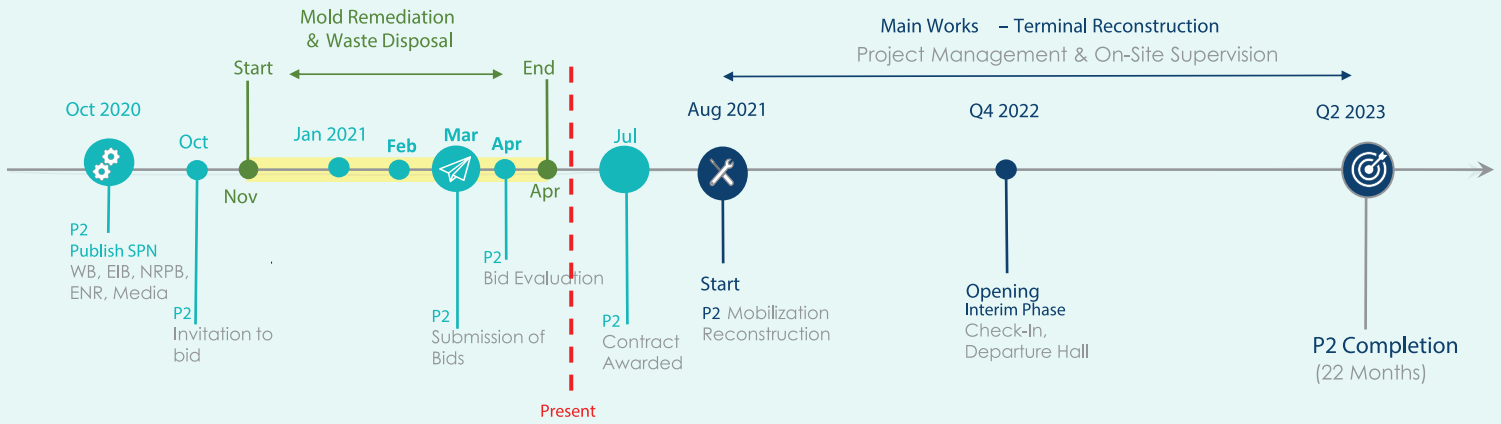
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# Airport Terminal Reconstruction Project Timeline

## Package 2 - Project Timeline (Base Case)



Disclaimer: this timeline is indicative and will be confirmed after bid evaluation process is completed!



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