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## **VIPA Starts Phase Two of HERA Apron Rehab**

The second phase of repairs to the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport Terminal's apron will begin today, announced Virgin Islands Port Authority Executive Director Carlton Dowe. Dowe said the Port Authority executed a Notice to Proceed with project contractor, Betterroads Asphalt Corporation, LLC. Betterroads will continue the rehabilitation of the HERA Terminal's commuter and jet parking apron to eliminate cracks, trip hazards and stabilize the concrete pavement.

"The first phase of the HERA Terminal Rehabilitation Project cost about \$4.2 million and was completed in December 2014. We are now ready to start the second and final phase of this project. VIPA is committed to completing these repairs in a timely manner to ensure that the airport is safe for both our users and the travelling public," said Dowe. The project should be completed by September 2015, he said.

The second phase of this project is 90 percent funded via a \$4.9 million Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant received by the Port Authority from the US Department of Transportation last year. A total of \$3.9 million from the grant is to be used for airport development on St. Croix. The Port Authority will fund the remaining 10 percent of the apron rehabilitation project from its Fiscal Year 2015 budget.

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**Betterroads Asphalt Corporation, LLC. was hired by VIPA to complete Phase 2 of the HERA Apron Rehabilitation Project on St. Croix.**

