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THE PLANNING AND
DESIGNING PHASE IS
COMPLETE, IT'S TIME TO
EXECUTE OUR AMBITIONS!

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CONSTRUCTION CAN OFFICIALLY BEGIN

AAA's management under the supervision of the Supervisory Board decided to continue with the execution of and investment in the Gateway 2030 project, in a phased approach. A phased approach will help to better control and manage the execution and will give the opportunity to embed new insights in next phases during this multiyear project. AAA publicly announced that the execution of the first phase will start, the so-called Gateway 2030 Phase 1A.

The Gateway Phase 1A will consist of:

- 1) The construction of a new baggage hall.
- 2) The implementation of a new baggage handling system.
- 3) The expansion of the US Check-in Hall, accompanied by
- 4) The necessary airside and landside connections.



DEMOLISHING OF OLD STRUCTURES

The last few months the PMO team together with the Development & Technology Unit started on the Pre works, preparing for Phase 1A. This entails the clearing of several technical rooms on the ground floor of building D (building where gate 7 and 8 are located). Namely the former pump room, former chiller room, former generator room, and relocating electrical panels. Also, the old Transformer Building, old Main Gate and the low voltage room have been cleared. All these locations became obsolete after completion of the New Utility building.

During Phase 1A the ground floor of building D will be demolished and become an underpass connecting with the aprons.



TEST PILING

In the past two weeks you may also have seen a pile driver on site. With this equipment several test piles are being placed to test the strength and hardness of the ground. This is necessary to make sure the right piles are ordered. These piles will in turn form part of the preparation of the foundation of the new buildings for the Baggage Hall and Check-in Hall.

At AUA Airport and in Aruba in general, piles are not piled but drilled. This is mainly due to the local ground conditions, but it has the preferable side effect that it does not create extra vibrations and sound for the surroundings.



GROUND WORKS

When passing the building site these past weeks you may have seen a lot of ground works. To make sure all underground utilities are in place, test excavations were executed, and more will be done in the coming weeks. The contractor also started leveling out the area. To do so, the Contractors Parking was relocated to the former Wild Parking area. The perimeter fence next to the old main gate has also been relocated.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Behind the scenes the team is working on all process documents to assure safety and quality within the project.
- More ground and utility works will be done. Including the placement of new pits and ducts and additional sewage lines.
- In coordination with DOW, speedbumps will be placed on the access road to the construction site.
- Additional site offices at PMO site as well as on the construction site will be placed.
- This is all done to get ready for the official construction commencement date of June 26, 2021