

Runway improvement at St. George



The city of St. George and the island's existing runway.

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Many things have occurred this year which have improved air service for the community of St. George.

On May 3, 1983, a Northern Air Cargo DC-6 landed on St. George Island's 3,000-foot runway. This test flight initiated additional air cargo service for the island, thereby improving mail and cargo service this summer.

On September 1, 1983, the Civil Aeronautics Board approved weekly air service to St. George via Cold Bay by Peninsula Airways. This was accomplished through the efforts of St. George Tanaq Corporation and Peninsula Airways executives.

With extension work currently underway, the existing runway at St. George should measure over 4,000 feet in length. This improvement will essentially increase the accessibility of the Island and the safety of the airport.

The Tanaq Corporation is presently researching funding sources and has taken action to determine the necessary improvements which need to be made to runway facilities so that the airport meets Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certification requirements.

To support the developing economy on St. George, it is essential the community has the facilities to accommodate large cargo and passenger planes.