

FAROES AIRPORT PLAN FOR ECLIPSE MORNING

For eclipse morning 2015 March 20 Friday, the plan we'll submit requesting authorities' approval is that we will depart Stansted (STN) about 0400 in our 44-passenger-business-class-configured Boeing 737-300 jetliner, arrive at Vágar, the Faroe Islands airport (FAE), 62.067n 7.280w, at about 0600 (local time = UT), and proceed immediately to a pre-designated parking position, depending on what the airport controllers allocate to us according to how their own planning comes together which is still in progress as of 2014 June.

We'll remain there until 0845 with the option that, in case weather is favorable, any of our participants who prefer to stay on the ground for the eclipse can exit the aircraft as late as 0830 and walk out through the terminal to the airport parking lot. Most likely if good weather happens there will still be *some* cloudiness, so ground-stayers should access vehicles pre-arranged for mobility on the 20+ kilometers of good Faroese roads of Vágar island where totality will range between about 2m13s and 2m19s.

Even if weather is perfect, aircraft will still fly to airborne observation of the eclipse. At 0845 we expect to begin taxiing for planned takeoff 0855 for rendezvous with the lunar umbra 0940-0943 northwest of Vágar, approx. 3m30s of totality at altitude 35,000+ feet. Then we'll return to Vágar arriving about 1010 to pick up those who stayed earthbound; perhaps refuel; then depart again about 1200, back to Stansted by about 1400.



Airport automobile parking lot is at **J-M/11-12**. Tower is at **D/17** and tower parking lot is at **C-D/16-17**. Hangar is at **U-V/21** and hangar parking lot is at **V-W/20**. Old passenger terminal is at **I-K/13**. New passenger terminal is at **P-R/16**, of which construction now is much further along than shown in this 2011? 2012? Google Maps image, and is projected to be complete by or before 2015 March. By that time construction materials seen here at **M-O/13-14, Q-S/15** etc. should be cleared. Currently there's a gravelly area at **Q-R/19-20**...any chance that will be paved by 2015 March = more aircraft parking spaces?