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Temporary Road Closures Now in Effect for Hannah's Rest Undergrounding Project

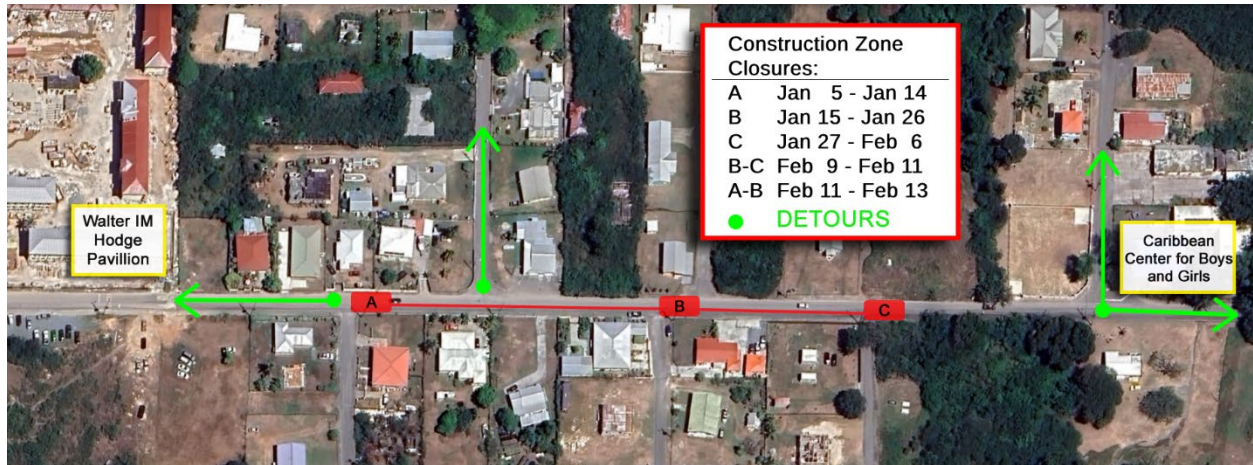


Image: Centerline Road closure map for the Hannah's Rest Electrical Undergrounding Project

St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands (January 5, 2026) — The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (“WAPA” or “the Authority”) advises motorists that roadwork has commenced along Centerline Road in the Hannah’s Rest area as part of the ongoing Hannah’s Rest Phase 1 Electrical Undergrounding Project.

Beginning Monday, January 5, 2026, through Friday, February 13, 2026, traffic in both directions will experience impacts along sections of the roadway between the Walter I.M. Hodge Pavilion and the Caribbean Centers for Boys and Girls of the Virgin Islands in Frederiksted.

These temporary lane closures will allow WAPA’s contractor, J. Benton Construction, to continue installing underground electrical infrastructure. This work is critical to improving service reliability and strengthening the resilience of St. Croix’s electrical grid against storms.

Motorists are encouraged to exercise caution, follow posted detour signage, and adhere to traffic cones and flagger instructions to help ensure a safe environment for workers and the traveling public.

WAPA thanks the community for its patience, cooperation, and continued support as this important infrastructure project moves forward.

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About WAPA: The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority is an autonomous agency of the Virgin Islands Government which produces and distributes electricity and drinking water to residential and commercial customers in the territory. WAPA was created by the Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands in 1964 through Act No. 1248. Today, WAPA generates electrical power at production plants on St. Thomas and St. Croix and distributes electrical service through smart grids to customers on St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John, Hassel Island, and Water Island. Potable water is distributed to almost 13,000 customers through water lines and standpipes. WAPA also has the responsibility of installing and maintaining streetlights.