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WAPA Contractor Continues Work on Emancipation Dr **for the Feeder 8B Underground Electrical Project**

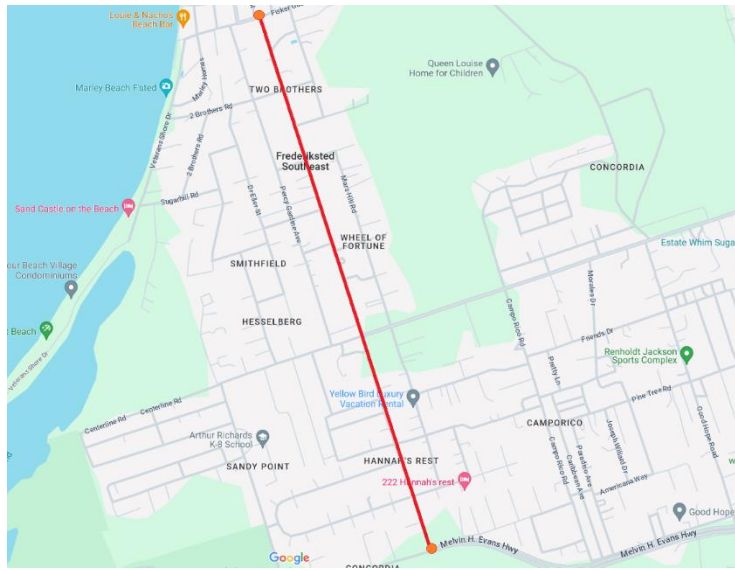


Fig 1. Affected area along Emancipation Dr./Hannah's Rest Road from Melvin. H. Evans Highway into Frederiksted town beginning today through Friday.

ST. CROIX, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS – The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (“WAPA” or “Authority”) announces that Haugland VI, WAPA’s contractor, continues work in manholes on Emancipation Drive (Hannah’s Rest Road). Underground cable pulling and installation work for the Feeder 8B (Emancipation Drive) Underground Project will commence on Thursday, June 6, 2024, and is scheduled to continue through the end of August, with work occurring Monday through Friday.

The project will run along Emancipation Drive from the intersection of Melvin H. Evans Highway to the intersection of Fisher Street, Frederiksted town. During this time, traffic may, at times, be affected by single-lane closures. Flaggers, traffic cones, and signs, will be onsite to direct the flow of traffic. Please drive with caution in the impacted areas and follow the directions of flaggers.

This project is meant to replace a portion of the overhead distribution lines with underground cables. Underground infrastructure significantly decreases the impact of windstorms on our electrical system, greatly reducing environmental debris and restoration time during such events.

The Authority appreciates the community's patience and cooperation as we work to enhance our electrical infrastructure. Please drive with caution in the impacted areas and follow the directions of flaggers and traffic management personnel.

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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.

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