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## WAPA Announces Road Closures for Hannah's Rest Electrical Undergrounding Project

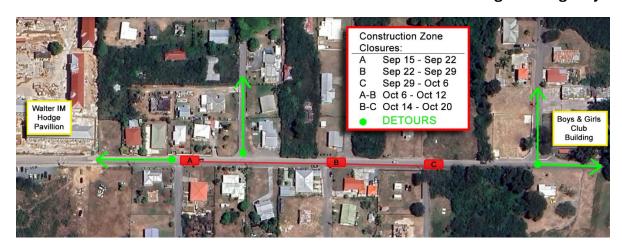


Image: Map of planned Centerline Road closures in Hannah's Rest for the undergrounding project.

St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands (September 12, 2025) — The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority ("WAPA" or "the Authority") is advising motorists of upcoming roadwork on Centerline Road in the Hannah's Rest area. The work is part of the ongoing Hannah's Rest Phase 1 Electrical Undergrounding Project.

From Monday, September 15, 2025, through Monday, October 20, 2025, traffic in both directions will be affected on sections of the roadway between the Walter I.M. Hodge Pavilion and the western Caribbean Centers for Boys and Girls.

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

Motorists are urged to exercise caution, follow posted detour signs, and comply with traffic cones and flaggers to maintain a safe environment for workers and fellow travelers.

WAPA thanks the community for its patience, cooperation, and support as this essential infrastructure project progresses.

The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority Communication's department is committed to reaching, informing, and connecting with the youngest members of the community to the eldest, through meaningful, transparent and effective communication.

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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.