



# THE VIRGIN ISLANDS WATER & POWER AUTHORITY CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS NEWS RELEASE

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## **Upcoming Road Closure April 24, 2023, Associated with Midland Underground Project**

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS – The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (“WAPA” or “Authority”) would like to advise the public of a road closure associated with the Midland Underground Project on St. Croix. The road closure will begin April 24, 2023, through April 28, 2023, from 8 AM – 3PM and will occur at the intersection of Centerline Road and Eddie Ortiz Drive (the intersection next to Central High School). Flaggers and signage will be present at all work zones, and motorists are advised to exercise caution.

The Midland Underground Project runs along Route 663 from Melvin Evans Highway, to Queen Mary Highway, and includes the location of the Gregory E. Willocks Substation. This project will replace four overhead distribution lines with underground duct banks. Underground infrastructure significantly decreases the impact of windstorm events to our electrical system and vastly reduces restoration time during such events.

The Authority thanks the community for its understanding and patience.

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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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