



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

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## Weekend Service and Commute Updates as part of Container Port Undergrounding Project

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS – The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (“WAPA” or “Authority”) would like to inform the public of a lane closure and electrical service interruption occurring this weekend on the island of St. Croix, as part of the ongoing Container Port Underground Project.

Beginning tomorrow, February 11, 2023, at 8 AM through Sunday February 12, 2023, at 1 PM, there will be a single lane road closure at the intersection of the Container Port Road and Melvin Evans Highway. The purpose of this lane closure will be to de-energize the transmission line from Richmond to Midland, which will allow contractors to enter manholes and perform repairs associated with the Container Port Underground Project.

In order to allow contractors to safely perform work, Feeders 10A, 8B, 9B, 10B and 9A will be temporarily de-energized at the start of repairs beginning February 11, 2023, at 6 AM for approximately 2 hours, though all feeders will not be impacted at the same time. The lane closure will extend to Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 1 PM to complete work.

Please see map below for outline of traffic control plan. The Authority thanks the community for its cooperation.



Figure 1: Traffic Control Plan

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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.