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Traffic Flow Adjusted on Queen Mary Highway as Undergrounding Project Advances



Image: Map of Queen Mary Highway/Centerline Rd. section reopening on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, and new section closing on Thursday, August 14, 2025.

ST. CROIX, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (August 8, 2025) – The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (“WAPA” or “the Authority”) announces a shift in construction activity and upcoming traffic changes as the Queen Mary Highway Electrical Underground Project advances.

On Wednesday, August 13, 2025, the stretch of Queen Mary Highway/Centerline Road from the Castle Burke traffic light at East Airport Road to the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI)/St. Croix Educational Complex High School (SCECHS) traffic light will reopen in time for the first day of school.

Starting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 14, 2025, construction will shift to the next segment of Queen Mary Highway/Centerline Road, stretching from the UVI/SCECHS/St. Croix Career and

Technical Education Center (CTEC) traffic light to Industrial Road/Upper Love Road. In this area, both eastbound and westbound lanes will be closed to traffic through Saturday, August 23, 2025. Once this segment begins, the westbound traffic entering Queen Mary Highway at the Castle Burke traffic light/East Airport Road will be limited to accessing UVI, CTEC, and the St. Croix Educational Complex.

Any necessary traffic changes will be clearly marked to ensure drivers can navigate safely through the area. To receive timely updates on this project and other important announcements, sign up for WAPA Alerts. You can receive notifications directly to your mobile device and/or email by registering at: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736728730#/signup>.

WAPA thanks the public for their patience and cooperation as we work to make our electrical infrastructure more resilient.

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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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