



THE VIRGIN ISLANDS WATER & POWER AUTHORITY CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS NEWS RELEASE

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MIDLAND UNDERGROUND PROJECT CONTINUES

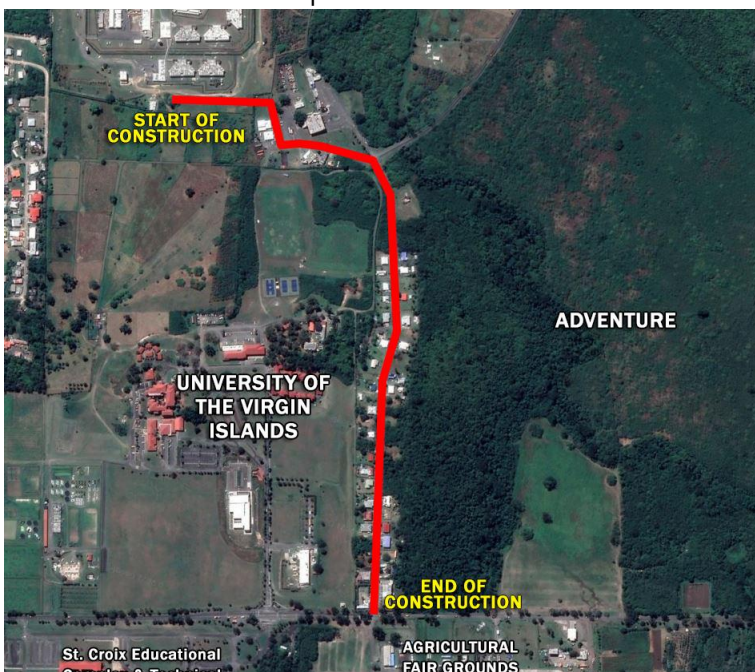
The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority would like to advise the public that beginning on May 2, 2022, road construction activities will resume on the Midland Road (Route 663) from the Melvin H. Evans Highway to the Queen Mary Highway. Motorists are advised to exercise extreme caution in those areas as portions of the south-bound lane may be closed off to traffic and full road closure may occur often. Flaggers will be on site to assist with traffic control. The purpose of the road closure is to allow WAPA's contractor, VI Paving, to install underground electrical conduits to transition the existing overhead service underground.

This one of several federally funded undergrounding projects that will remove overhead electrical infrastructure transitioning to underground territory wide. Customers can expect widespread undergrounding projects in the upcoming years. Undergrounding our electrical grid will minimize damage from windstorms and ensure more efficient post-storm service restoration. Once completed, underground electrical service will be provided to the Central High School and other critical facilities along the route. Provisions are also being made for future expansion into lateral streets.

The initial road closures will occur between the entrances at Cruz St. and Saldana St. along the Midland Rd. Headed South, traffic will be detoured down Cruz St, Colon St, Saldana St, and then back onto Midland Road, and in the opposite direction when headed north. The road closures will occur from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM daily.

Further traffic updates will be provided as the construction activities progress.

See detour route map.



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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