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Queen Street Underground Project Advances to Next Phase on November 4

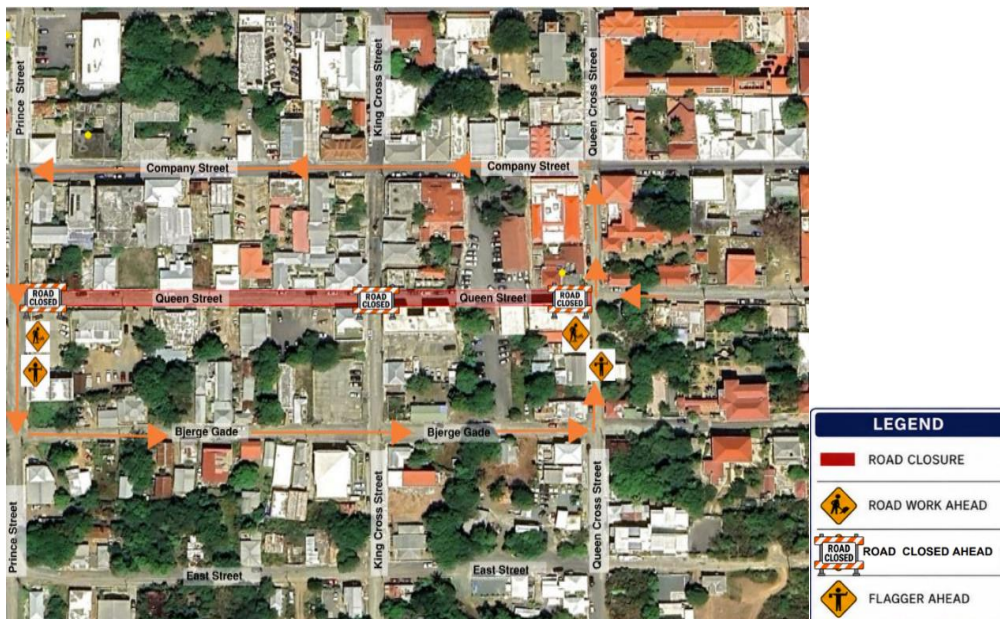


Image: Map showing road closures, traffic detours, and the construction area for the next phase of the Queen Street Underground Electrical Project in Christiansted, St. Croix.

ST. CROIX, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (October 29, 2026) – The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (“WAPA” or “the Authority”) advises the public that the next phase of the Queen Street (Feeder 1A) Underground Electrical Project will begin Wednesday, November 4, 2026, with construction advancing along Queen Street (Fred Thomas Drive) in Christiansted.

Beginning November 4, Queen Street will be closed between Prince Street and Queen Cross Street. Motorists should follow the posted detours:

- **Westbound traffic on Queen Street** will be detoured north onto Queen Cross Street, then west onto Company Street.
- **Southbound traffic on King Cross Street** will be directed west onto Company Street, where motorists can turn left onto Prince Street to continue north.
- **King Cross Street** will be temporarily affected by work at the Queen Street intersection and will reopen once construction at the intersection is complete.

Motorists are encouraged to slow down, use caution, follow posted detours, and obey traffic control personnel while traveling through the area.

Construction will take place Monday through Saturday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WAPA asks motorists to remove vehicles parked within active construction zones before work reaches the area. Vehicles left in closed sections may be towed at the owners' expense. The Authority also requests that abandoned or inoperable vehicles along Queen Street be removed as soon as possible to help keep construction moving safely and efficiently.

Businesses will remain open throughout the project, and pedestrian access to homes and commercial properties will be maintained. However, roadside parking will be temporarily limited near active work areas.

The \$5.3 million Queen Street Underground Electrical Project, funded through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), began construction on July 27, 2026. The project is replacing overhead electrical infrastructure along Queen Street with a new underground system designed to improve service reliability and strengthen the electrical grid against severe weather. This initiative is part of WAPA's ongoing efforts to modernize and strengthen the territory's electrical infrastructure.

Construction is expected to continue into early 2027. WAPA appreciates the community's cooperation as work progresses.

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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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