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Paving Begins on Queen Mary Highway as Undergrounding Project

Makes Progress

St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands (December 4, 2025) – The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (“WAPA” or “the Authority”) advises motorists that from Monday, December 8 through Friday, December 12, 2025, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., intermittent traffic stops will occur along Queen Mary Highway (Centerline Road) as the Queen Mary Highway Undergrounding Project enters its paving phase.

WAPA’s contractor, Marco St. Croix, will be paving sections of the Queen Mary Highway eastbound lane and associated road crossings, beginning at the intersection of Upper Love Road (Route 69) and continuing to the traffic light at Route 663 (Eddie Ortiz Drive near Central High School).

Temporary lane closures will occur as the roadway is prepared for paving. Drivers are encouraged to plan alternate routes to minimize delays and should observe posted speed limits and follow on-site flaggers’ instructions for safe passage through the work zone.

WAPA appreciates the community’s patience, support and cooperation as the Authority advances this critical undergrounding initiative to enhance the reliability and resilience of electrical service across the territory.

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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.