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**Queen Mary Highway Underground Electrical Project — Eastbound Lane
Closure Begins Tomorrow**



Fig. 1: Section 1 of the eastbound lane closures, starting from the Castle Burke community (“Trailer Park”) traffic light and extending through the Aureo Diaz Heights intersection, just before the Superior Court.

ST. CROIX, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (April 3, 2025) – The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (“WAPA” or the “Authority”) informs the motoring public that section I of the eastbound lane of Queen Mary Highway (Centerline Road) will be closed starting Friday, April 4, 2025, at 9:00 AM as part of the Queen Mary Highway Electrical Undergrounding Project. The westbound lane will remain open.

The affected area will extend on the eastbound lane from Castle Burke community traffic light through the Aureo Diaz Heights intersection before the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands. This closure is necessary as WAPA transitions the power distribution for Feeder 9B from overhead to underground, enhancing the reliability and resilience of the electrical system.

Detour signs will be posted to direct motorists safely to alternate routes. Drivers should anticipate possible delays, follow all posted signage, and comply with instructions from flaggers and traffic management personnel.

WAPA will issue additional public notices as the project progresses along Queen Mary Highway (Centerline Road). The Authority apologizes for any inconvenience and appreciates the community's patience and cooperation as we work to strengthen the territory's electrical distribution and transmission system.

The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority Communication's department is committed to reaching, informing, and connecting with the youngest members of the community to the eldest, through meaningful, transparent and effective communication.

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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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