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Traffic Adjustments Planned Along Crown Bay Road for Feeder 9A Undergrounding Project



Image: Section of Crown Bay Road scheduled for underground electrical work from November 12 through November 27, 2026.

ST. THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (November 10, 2026) – The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority ("WAPA" or "the Authority") advises the public that its contractor, Haugland Virgin Islands (HVI), will continue underground electrical infrastructure work along Crown Bay Road near the Virgin Islands Port Authority (VIPA) facilities from Thursday, November 12, through Friday, November 27, 2026.

This week's work will take place from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and will include excavation, installation of underground electrical duct banks and associated structures, backfilling, compaction, and roadway restoration.

Temporary lane restrictions and traffic-control measures will be in effect within the active work area. Access to all entrances, driveways, and parking areas will be maintained throughout construction. Where necessary, lane closures will be limited to half the roadway width, with restoration completed before work advances to the next section.

Construction activities will be coordinated with VIPA and on-site personnel to maintain access to port entrances and accommodate ongoing port operations. Motorists and commercial drivers should allow additional travel time, exercise caution, and follow posted signs and directions from traffic-control personnel. Pedestrians should use designated access routes around the work area.

While this phase of work is scheduled through November 27, construction along Crown Bay Road will continue in phases, with overall project activities expected to extend through February 2027. The schedule is subject to field conditions, weather, and coordination with port operations.

The $12.8 million Feeder 9A Underground Electrical Project is funded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) 406 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The project is part of WAPA's ongoing efforts to strengthen the territory's electrical infrastructure and improve the reliability and resiliency of the distribution system.

WAPA appreciates the cooperation of residents, businesses, port users, and visitors as construction progresses. The Authority recognizes the importance of maintaining access to the area while this work advances to strengthen St. Thomas's electrical infrastructure.

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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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