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WAPA Announces Start of Queen Street Underground Electrical Project in Christiansted

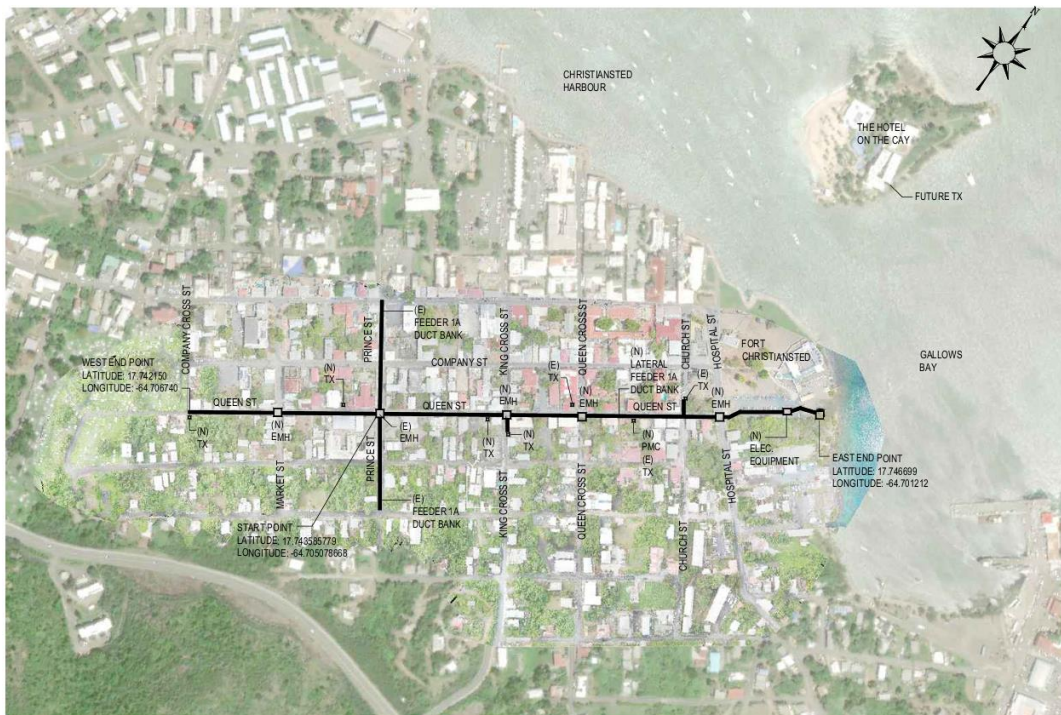


Fig. 1: Map of the Queen Street (Feeder 1A) Underground Electrical Project area in Christiansted Town, St. Croix.

ST. CROIX, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (May 4, 2026) – The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (“WAPA” or the “Authority”) is informing the public of the upcoming Queen Street (Feeder 1A) Underground Electrical Project in Christiansted Town, with construction anticipated to begin in mid-May 2026. This project is part of WAPA’s ongoing efforts to strengthen system resilience and improve service reliability by transitioning electrical infrastructure from overhead to underground.

Haugland Virgin Islands, the awarded contractor, will carry out the project on behalf of WAPA. Initial activities will include material staging and site preparation, followed by full construction shortly thereafter.

The project will replace the existing overhead electrical distribution system with a new underground system. Work will include the installation of underground primary distribution lines utilizing concrete-encased duct banks, along with associated infrastructure such as manholes, handholes, pad-mounted switchgear, primary sectionalizing cabinets, primary metering cabinets, and pad-mounted transformers. Construction is currently anticipated to be completed by January 2027.

To facilitate construction, road closures will be implemented in phases, with work progressing in blocks or sections throughout Christiansted Town/Downtown Christiansted. Traffic control plans will be in place, and detour signage will direct motorists safely around active work zones. Drivers should anticipate delays, follow posted signage, and comply with instructions from traffic management personnel.

There may be occasional disruptions to electrical service during certain phases of the project. The Authority will minimize any inconvenience and notify affected areas/customers via [WAPA alerts](#).

WAPA apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciates the community's cooperation and support as the Authority continues to modernize and strengthen the territory's electrical distribution system.

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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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