

## Final Phase of Frederiksted Road Improvements Begins With Work Planned on King, Queen, Strand and Fisher Streets

DPW and contractor Marco St. Croix Inc. have begun mobilizing for milling, reconstruction and paving in Frederiksted, including work near the King Street temporary bridge north of the Midre Cummings facility.

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The Bryan administration has begun the final phase of road improvements in Frederiksted town, with initial mobilization underway for milling, reconstruction and paving on King Street, Queen Street, Strand Street and portions of Fisher Street.

The work is being carried out through the V.I. Department of Public Works by contractor Marco St. Croix Inc. Government House said the project is part of the administration's broader effort to

improve road conditions, strengthen public infrastructure and support the ongoing revitalization of Frederiksted.

Crews have begun preparation work, including staging equipment, assessing work areas and preparing traffic control measures ahead of active road construction.

Once construction begins, the project will include milling deteriorated roadway surfaces, rebuilding and preparing road sections where needed, and paving the streets to provide safer, smoother and more reliable driving surfaces for residents, businesses and visitors, according to the release.

The project will also address the temporary bridge on King Street, located just north of the Midre Cummings Recreational and Youth Facility. Government House said that portion of the work is especially important for traffic circulation in the area and for residents and families who regularly travel near the park, the waterfront and surrounding neighborhoods.

Governor Albert Bryan Jr. said the project is part of a broader effort to strengthen the territory's historic towns through targeted infrastructure investments that support housing, commerce, public activity and long-term economic development.

“Our administration’s investments in roads, utilities, public spaces and community infrastructure are about more than fixing what is broken. They are part of a larger effort to bring new life and new opportunity into our historic towns,” Governor Bryan said. “In Frederiksted, as in Charlotte Amalie, Christiansted and Cruz Bay, we are working to create the conditions for more housing, more business activity, more foot traffic and more confidence from residents and investors.”

Government House said the paving of King Street, Queen Street, Strand Street and portions of Fisher Street represents a significant milestone for Frederiksted. Once completed, the project will bring to completion the repaving of Frederiksted town streets advanced under the Bryan-Roach Administration, following years of coordinated work to address road conditions throughout the town.

Public Works Commissioner Derek Gabriel said the project reflects DPW’s continued effort to move infrastructure work from planning into construction while coordinating with residents, businesses and motorists to limit disruption.

“We understand how important these streets are to the daily movement of Frederiksted,” Gabriel said. “Our team is working with the contractor to move carefully and efficiently, particularly in areas where traffic, drainage, utilities and pedestrian activity must all be considered. We are asking the public to remain patient and attentive as this work gets underway.”

According to the release, during construction, motorists should expect temporary traffic changes, equipment movement, lane restrictions and possible delays in and around the affected streets. DPW said additional traffic advisories will be provided as the work progresses.

The department is urging motorists to follow posted signs, observe traffic control measures, obey flaggers and use caution when traveling through active work zones.

Governor Bryan said he is excited to see the final phase of the road reconstruction and repaving project fully complete road restoration in the historic town of Frederiksted.

