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## Traffic Detours on Queen Mary Highway Extended as WAPA Underground Project Moves Forward

**Motorists on St. Croix will face continued detours through mid-September as WAPA confirmed that Queen Mary Highway remains closed in both directions for underground electrical work between UVI/SCECHS/CTEC and Industrial Road, part of its resiliency push.**

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Detour signage on Centerline Road between Upper Love and Golden Grove, near the stoplights by UVI and the St. Croix Educational Complex, where J. Benton Construction is carrying out WAPA's undergrounding work. By. ERNICE GILBERT, V.I. CONSORTIUM.

ST. CROIX — Motorists traveling along Queen Mary Highway/Centerline Road should expect continued detours through mid-September, as the V.I. Water and Power Authority confirmed that

traffic adjustments will remain in place while contractor J. Benton Construction carries out the installation phase of its Electrical Underground Project.

The closure, which began on August 14, affects the stretch of roadway between the University of the Virgin Islands/St. Croix Educational Complex High School/Career and Technical Education Center traffic light and Industrial Road/Upper Love Road. The road is closed in both directions until this stage of the project is complete.

Traffic entering Queen Mary Highway at the Castle Burke traffic light/East Airport Road will continue to be limited to accessing UVI, CTEC, and the St. Croix Educational Complex. WAPA said all changes are clearly marked to guide drivers safely through the area.

In thanking the community for its patience, WAPA said the undergrounding work is part of efforts to build a more resilient electrical infrastructure. The Authority emphasized that its communications department is committed to connecting with residents “from the youngest members of the community to the eldest, through meaningful, transparent and effective communication.