

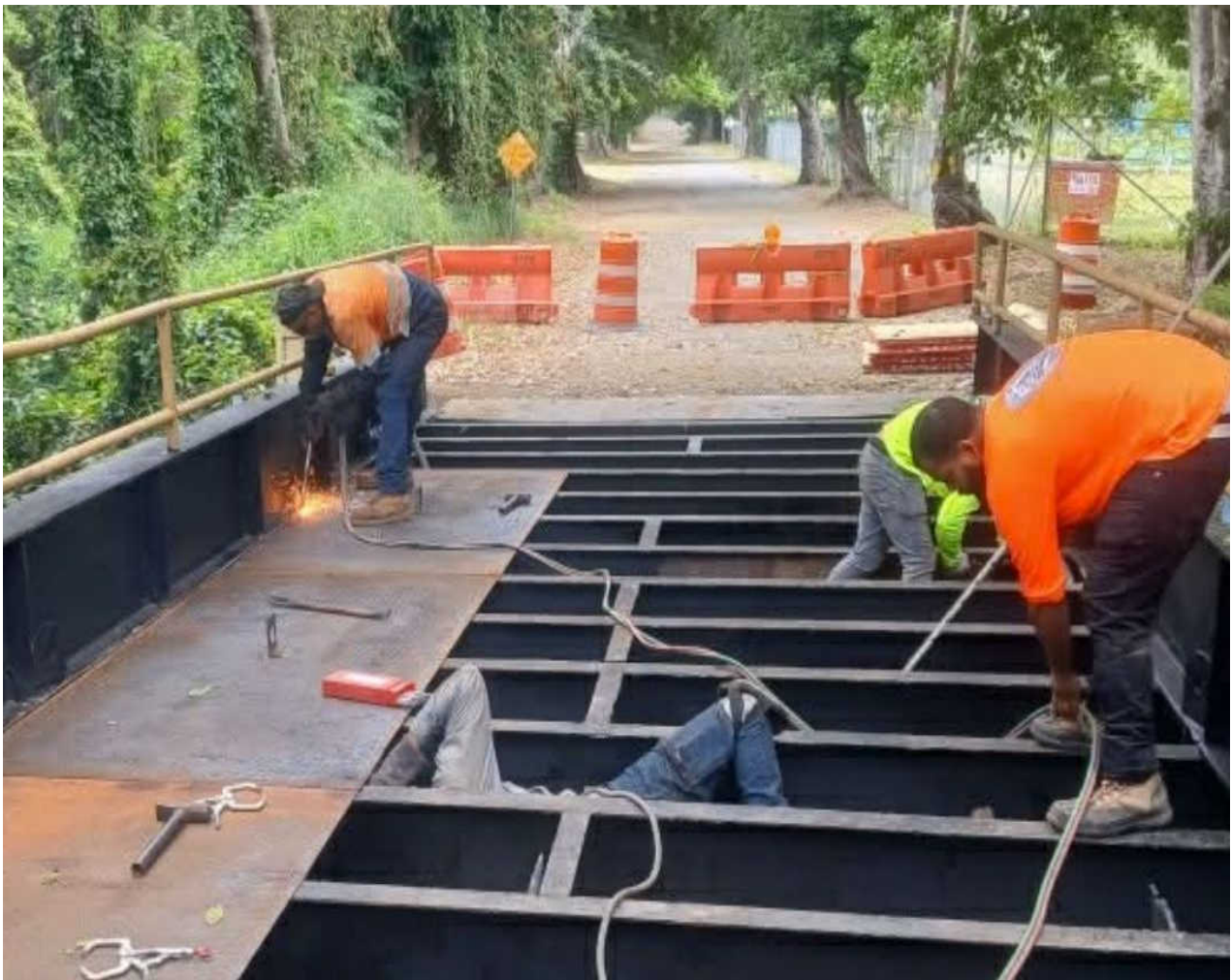
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Public Works Completes Road Projects Across USVI as New Paving and Bridge Work Moves Forward

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The V.I. Department of Public Works says several road rehabilitation and infrastructure projects have now been completed across St. Thomas, St. John, and St. Croix, while additional paving and bridge work is either underway or scheduled to begin in the coming days.

The projects include completed roadway repairs in Savan, Bolongo, Skyline, Midland Road, and Estate Diamond Ruby, temporary repairs to the Spring Gut bridge on St. Croix, and upcoming paving work in Bovoni and at the East Airport intersection along Melvin Evans Highway. According to the Bryan administration, the projects are part of a broader effort to modernize the territory's transportation network using a mix of local and federal funding.

"These are not just projects—we are delivering long-overdue infrastructure improvements that our communities have been waiting on for years," Governor Albert Bryan Jr. said. "We have secured the funding, we have worked through the challenges, and now we are executing. Every road we pave and every repair we complete, is about improving daily life for our residents and ensuring our infrastructure keeps pace with the needs of this territory. We are moving forward, and we are not slowing down."

In the St. Thomas-St. John district, DPW contractors recently completed roadway rehabilitation along Irvin "Brownie" Brown Drive in Savan, along with repairs to sections of Estate Bolongo and Valdemar A. Hill Sr. Drive, also known as Skyline.

According to DPW, those roads serve as key connectors for residents, businesses, and emergency services, and the completed work is intended to improve safety, accessibility, and drivability.

The department also said paving operations have recently begun along segments of Frydendahl Drive near Coki Point as part of phased roadway improvements in high-traffic areas.

Looking ahead, DPW announced that paving work is scheduled in parts of Bovoni, including sections of Benburin "Benny" Stephens Drive, Bovoni Hill, and Nadir Terrace, also known as Lima Road.

According to the release, those repairs are scheduled to begin Wednesday, May 6, 2026, and continue through Friday, May 13, 2026, between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. each day.

"Recognizing this is a high-traffic area, we are asking motorists and pedestrians to exercise caution when traveling through the area," said DPW Commissioner Derek Gabriel. "Residents should also expect temporary impacts to on-street parking and property access during construction."

On St. John, DPW contractors completed repairs in April to the Wharf Bypass and sections of Fish Fry Drive. The department said the work improved traffic flow and access in an area frequently used by both residents and visitors.

DPW also said additional paving task orders for portions of Cruz Bay and Coral Bay are being finalized, with that work expected to be completed this summer.

In the St. Croix district, contractors completed temporary repairs to the Spring Gut bridge, which DPW said will maintain safe access until a permanent replacement is carried out later this year under Phase 1 of the Spring Gut Improvements project funded through GARVEE Bonds.

The department also recently completed repairs along Midland Road and in the Estate Diamond Ruby community.

DPW further announced that asphalt rehabilitation work at the East Airport intersection along Melvin Evans Highway, Route 66, is scheduled to begin Thursday, May 7, and continue through Saturday, May 9, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. daily.

During construction, the East Airport intersection will be closed to all traffic.

According to DPW, the project includes shoulder grading to improve drainage, milling of deteriorated asphalt, full resurfacing of the roadway, and restriping of the intersection.

Detours will be established at the Industrial Park and Diageo intersections.

The department strongly encouraged motorists to avoid the area during work hours and use alternate routes. DPW advised travelers to use Route 70, Queen Mary Highway, to bypass the East Airport intersection.

Westbound traffic will be detoured at the Diageo intersection via Route 663 to access Route 70, while eastbound traffic will be redirected at the Industrial Park intersection via Route 669 to reach Route 70.

Airport access, according to DPW, should be made through West Airport Road, Route 64, via the West Airport intersection on Melvin Evans Highway.

The department said it appreciates the public's patience as the projects continue.

"Every project we advance is about improving quality of life for our residents," Gabriel said. "From neighborhood roads to major corridors, we are committed to delivering infrastructure that is safer, more resilient, and reflective of the needs of our communities."