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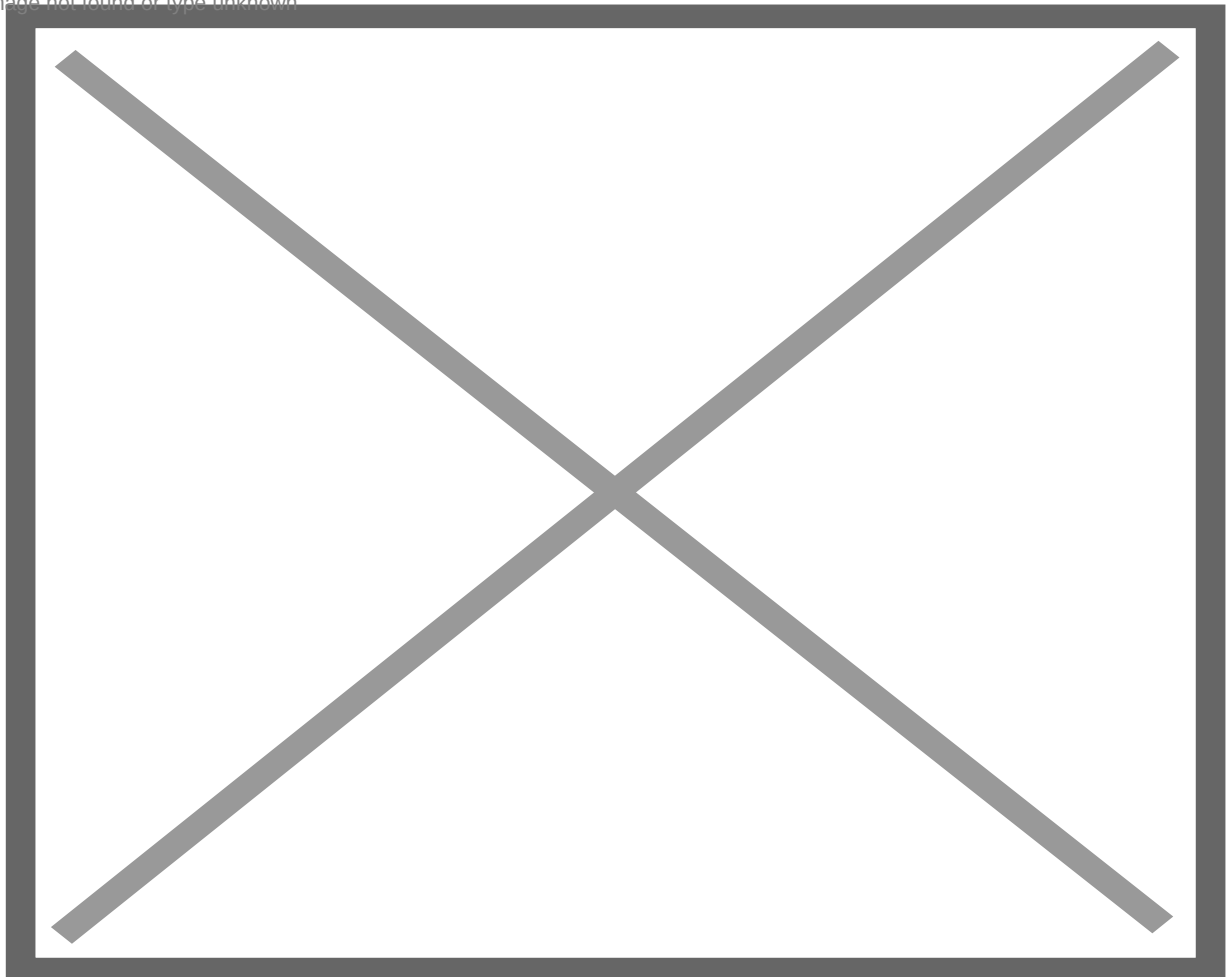
VIPA Sets Aug. 14 Public Meeting on \$22.4 Million St. Croix Container Port Upgrade

VIPA will hold an Aug. 14 public meeting on the \$22.4 million upgrade of St. Croix's Wilfred "Bomba" Allick Marine Terminal, covering structural repairs, mooring and fendering replacement, pavement reconstruction and the project's environmental review.

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Wilfred "Bomba" Allick marine terminal in St. Croix, known locally as the Container Port.
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ST. CROIX — The V.I. Port Authority will hold a public meeting Friday, Aug. 14, on a \$22.4 million federally funded upgrade of the Wilfred "Bomba" Allick Marine Terminal, commonly known as the Container Port, as the project remains in the design phase and VIPA seeks

community input before plans advance.

The meeting is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in VIPA's conference room on the second floor of the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport Terminal on St. Croix.

Residents who cannot attend in person may participate through Microsoft Teams by requesting a meeting invitation from info@viport.com. VIPA is encouraging tenants and other interested members of the public to participate.

The meeting will provide information on the planned construction and give the public an opportunity to comment while the project is still being designed.

VIPA said comments and feedback received during the session will be reviewed and considered for possible incorporation as the design progresses.

Structural Repairs and Container Yard Reconstruction Planned

VIPA Engineering Project Manager Tafari Nelson and representatives of Moffatt & Nichol will present details of the planned terminal improvements, the objectives of the project and the current status of the design.

Amy Dempsey, president of BioImpact Inc., will also present findings from the environmental review conducted on VIPA's behalf and discuss the project's anticipated environmental impacts.

The federal government selected VIPA in the first quarter of 2023 to receive \$22.4 million through the Port Infrastructure Development Program for improvements to the St. Croix marine terminal.

The planned work includes large-scale structural repairs, replacement of deteriorated mooring and fendering equipment and extensive pavement reconstruction throughout the container yard.

VIPA said the improvements are intended to strengthen safety, reliability and operational efficiency at the facility while supporting the continued movement of cargo through St. Croix.