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VIPA Reminds Public Of Parking Options For St. John Festival Goers Departing At Red Hook Ferry Terminal

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ST. THOMAS -- The Virgin Islands Port Authority on Friday reminded the public of available parking options for those traveling from the Urman V. Fredericks Marine Terminal in Red Hook to Cruz Bay for the St. John Festival activities.

Port Authority Executive Director David Mapp said V.I.P.A. has provided paid parking at Parcel C Estate Nazareth, No. 1 Red Hook Quarter (located adjacent to the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School field) since the closure of the parking lot at the terminal last November. The fee to park at VIPA's temporary lot is \$1 per hour. Parking over four hours will be charged at the daily rate of \$6. Paid shuttle service to the ferry terminal is provided by East End Taxi until 11 p.m. at a cost of \$1 per trip, according to the release.

The lot at the UVF Terminal is closed to complete a two-level parking garage to provide more parking space and alleviate congestion at this busy seaport. VIPA is also adding additional parking spaces for physically challenged drivers and improving drainage and utilities. Commuter parking is not allowed at the UVF Terminal during the construction. However, the terminal and barge ramp remain open and fully operational. Mapp said due to a late start in the construction, the completion of the parking garage is now expected by January 2018.

Mr. Mapp apologized for any inconveniences caused and asked for the public's patience as the Port Authority works to improve its port facilities. He also asked the public to exercise caution when traversing near the construction site.

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