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Road Leading to and From Estate Tutu Hi-Rise Reopens as V.I.H.A. Completes Demolition of Hurricane-Damaged Buildings

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Map of roadway provided by the V.I. Housing Authority. By. V.I.H.A.

ST. THOMAS — The V.I. Housing Authority announced Thursday that the road leading to and from the Estate Tutu Hi-Rise area (Buildings 10 – 22), also known as “Ras Valley”, will be open from Mon., Feb. 14.

According to the release, due to public safety concerns, the roadways leading into and throughout the demolition site of the hurricane-damaged Estate Tutu Hi-Rise Apartments were previously closed. The closures allowed for the successful demolition of Buildings

10, 11, 12, 14 and 22 without any incidents of harm or damage to motorists or pedestrians traversing the area, said the housing authority.

Motorists may now access the roadway beginning Monday through Estate Tutu Hi-Rise by entering Douglas Drive (in front of the Estate Tutu Hi-Rise's main entrance), then take a left through Laurie Street, and exit on E Street (head north to Mandahl Road) (see Map). This route is one-way only and will be marked with directional signs, according to the release.

This allows motorists and pedestrians the option of utilizing another route into the Annas Retreat residential area, without solely having to use the roadway between Holy Family Church and Foster Plaza.

VIHA said it has completed this phase of its redevelopment plan and is one step closer to reconstructing a safe and affordable community at Estate Tutu – Phase II.

"The Virgin Islands Housing Authority is exceedingly grateful to the neighboring communities of the Estate Tutu Hi-Rise area," stated the release. "This successfully completed demolition project could not have been possible without your continued patience and cooperation."