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Marvin A. Blyden
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Committee Report—Committee on Housing, Transportation, & Telecommunications

The Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications convened on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 9:49 a.m. in the Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers on St. Thomas to receive telecommunication updates on the status and future of providers and their services, status of broadband, implementation, and the overall future of telecommunications in the territory. Additionally, we received updates on public transportation, road constructions, and repairs from the Department of Public Works.

Legislative Attendance

Committee Members Present	Non-Committee Members Present
Senator Marvin Blyden, Chair	Senator Novelle E. Francis
Senator Marise James, Vice Chair	Senator Donna Frett-Gregory
Senator Angel L. Bolques, Jr.	Senator Kenneth L. Gittens
Senator Samuel Carrion	Senator Diane T. Capehart
Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff	Senator Javan James, Sr.
Senator Ray Fonseca	
Senator Carla Joseph	

Invited Testifiers

The Honorable Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works	Ms. Geraldine Pitt, CEO, Viya, Inc.
Mr. Stephan Adams, CEO, Virgin Islands Next Generation Network (viNGN)	Mr. Mark Hodge, Legal Counsel, T-Mobile, VI
Mr. Rupert Ross, Director, V.I. Bureau of Information Technology	Mr. Douglas Canton, Ms. Rhea Hodge, and Ms. Rosa White Cromwell, St. Croix Government Retirees, Inc
Mr. Bala Balakrishnan, General Manager, Liberty Mobile VI	

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The following individuals presented testimony:

- The Honorable Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works
- Mr. Stephan Adams, CEO, Virgin Islands Next Generation Network (viNGN)
- Mr. Rupert Ross, Director, V.I. Bureau of Information Technology
- Mr. Bala Balakrishnan, General Manager, Liberty Mobile VI
- Ms. Geraldine Pitt, CEO, Viya, Inc.
- Mr. Mark Hodge, Legal Counsel, T-Mobile, VI
- Mr. Douglas Canton and Ms. Rhea Hodge, St. Croix Government Retirees, Inc.

The Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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