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AGENDA

Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications

Wednesday, April 23, 2025
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers
St. Thomas, VI

9:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Reading of the Agenda

BLOCK I

Update and discussion on the current status of infrastructure projects and future development plans, with an emphasis on the strategic use of federal broadband funding. Topics include challenges in coordinating between telecommunications providers and government agencies—particularly around permitting, access to utility poles, conduits, and related infrastructure. Additional issues include inter-provider challenges, such as the portability of telephone numbers.

For public sector organizations, the discussion will address the status of efforts around interoperability, cybersecurity, and the management and upkeep of government websites and digital portals used for conducting official business and communicating with the public.

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INVITED TESTIFIERS

- Derek Gabriel, Commissioner, Department of Public Works
- Ravindra Maywahlall, Country Manager, Liberty, USVI
- Karl Knight, Chief Executive Officer, Virgin Islands Water & Power Authority
- Attorney Ileana Canellas, Managing Corporate Counsel, T-Mobile, Puerto Rico
- Stephan Adams, Chief Executive Officer, Virgin Islands Next Generation Network
- Geraldine Pitt, Chief Executive Officer, Viya
- Julio Rhymer, Director, Office of Management and Budget
- Rupert Ross, Director, Bureau of Information Technology

LUNCH

BLOCK II

Continuation of Block I.