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AGENDA

Committee on Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications

Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Chambers
St. Thomas, VI

10:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Reading of the Agenda

BLOCK I

Update and discussion on the Virgin Islands Housing Authority's (VIHA) public housing operations, including vacant units, waiting lists, maintenance, habitability, resident safety and voucher utilization. Testimony will address the 188 vacant units identified in the FY2027 Post Audit, landlord participation, inspection delays, housing access and displacement prevention. The Committee will review redevelopment and homeownership projects, including Donoe, Tutu, Walter I.M. Hodge, senior housing and Williams Delight, with attention to financing, timelines, affordability, resident relocation and the impact of VIHFA's HUD suspension. The Committee will also examine resident services, VIHA's financial condition and workforce capacity, including funding, Capital Fund expenditures, staffing, recruitment, retention and labor relations.

INVITED TESTIFIER

- Dwayne Alexander, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Housing Authority

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LUNCH - 1:00PM

BLOCK II – 2:00 PM

Overview and discussion on the Department of Public Works' (DPW) roads, drainage and transportation operations, including roadway projects, flooding, storm drainage and federal funding. Testimony will address project delivery, road repair priorities, VITRAN, paratransit and ferry service, traffic safety, ADA accessibility, maintenance and excavation permits. The Committee will also review Gasvaerks Gade and other priority repairs, workforce vacancies, contracting, vendor payments and project oversight. Finally, DPW will provide an update on implementation of Section 9 of Act No. 9100 regarding fees and procedures for non-commercial advertising signs on public roads.

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- Reuben Jennings, Acting Commissioner, Department of Public Works