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MAIN STREET | POST OFFICE SQUARE

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MAIN STREET ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

HISTORY

The intent of the Main Street Enhancement Project was to beautify and revitalize Main Street (Route 308), and other arteries in the Downtown Charlotte Amalie area. Developing a modern infrastructure, placing underground utilities and creating a pedestrian friendly atmosphere was also paramount. This project was funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Interior (DOI) to the tune of $15,322,533. The overall scope included underground utilities, drainage improvements, installation of a new potable water distribution line, widening of the sidewalks, new historic lighting, improvements to Post Office Square, and beautification improvements. Blue bit stone sidewalks and Eurocobble pavers are distinctive fixtures that make this project unique.

The project initially began in January 2016. Although it faced many challenges, including the impact of the 2017 hurricanes Irma and Maria, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the ability to procure materials in a timely manner, all stakeholders pushed through to ensure completion.

The Department of Public Works recognized the economic impact this project would have on Main Street vendors, and partnered with stakeholders of the St. Thomas–St. John Chamber of Commerce; Downtown Revitalization, Inc.; the V.I. Police Department and the Administrator's Office to limit the amount of construction activity during peak tourist seasons. Major work activities were also completed during the night shift, as much as possible.

Due to the poor conditions of the existing underground utilities, the scope of work expanded to include replacement and installation of new utilities. In addition, WAPA, VIWMA, VIYA and VINGN requested additional services to be incorporated, to modernize the current system. DPW worked in tandem with these agencies to ensure the deteriorated underground infrastructure was replaced or repaired as part of the enhancement project.

The department is proud of the enhancements made and looks forward to residents and visitors enjoying the beauty, history and culture that this project brings to the district.

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PROGRAM

Mistress of Ceremony

Renée C. Exius

Opening Prayer

Pastor Ronald D. Walker Jr.
Word of Faith International Christian Center

Welcome

Derek Gabriel
Commissioner Designee, Department of Public Works

Remarks

John P. Woods
Principal, Jaredian Design Group
Vice President, Chamber of Commerce

Andy Smith
President, Island Roads Corporation

Mario Leonard
President, Downtown Revitalization, Inc.

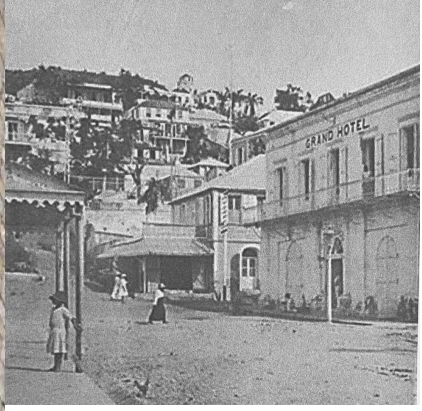
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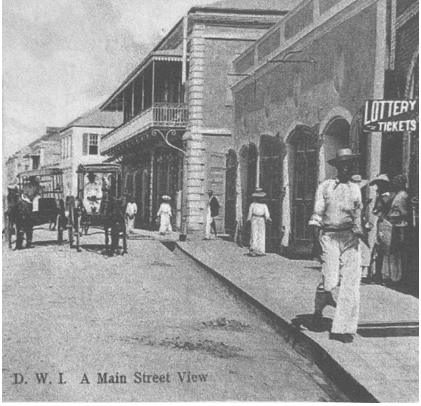
Honorable Tregenza A. Roach, Esq.
Lieutenant Governor of the Virgin Islands

Honorable Albert Bryan Jr.
Governor of the Virgin Islands

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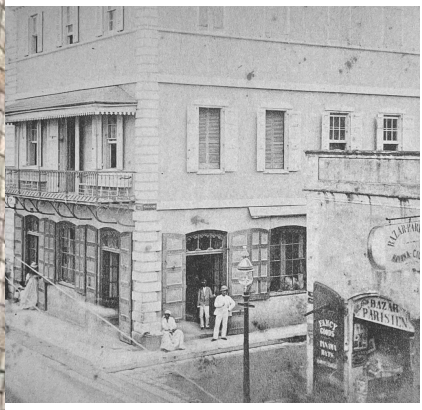
Ceremonial First Stroll
Derek Gabriel, Commissioner Designee





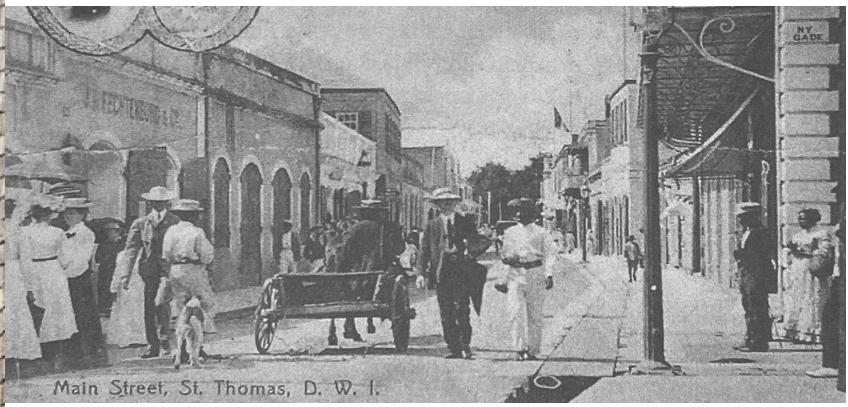
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Department of Interior

Department of Planning & Natural Resources

Virgin Islands State Historic Preservation Office

Virgin Islands Water & Power Authority

Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority

Virgin Islands Next Generation Network

VIYA

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