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DPW Addresses Addelita Cancryn Bridge Concerns, Advances Demolition Planning

ST. THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS — The Virgin Islands Department of Public Works (DPW) is actively advancing efforts toward the removal of the Addelita Cancryn pedestrian bridge in St. Thomas in response to ongoing concerns regarding the structure and its potential impact on public safety.

DPW has begun coordinating the steps necessary to safely demolish the bridge, including evaluating the structure and demolition requirements, identifying applicable permitting and regulatory requirements, determining procurement and funding needs, and coordinating with the appropriate government agencies and stakeholders. These activities must be completed before demolition can be scheduled and safely carried out.

"We understand the concerns surrounding this bridge, particularly for motorists traveling beneath it, and we recognize the public's desire to see it addressed," said Acting Commissioner Rueben Jennings. "Our goal is to safely remove the structure. At the same time, demolition requires proper planning, coordination, and authorization, and we do not want to announce a timeline before those requirements have been addressed. What I can assure the public is that DPW is actively working to move the process forward."

As pre-demolition planning progresses, DPW is also evaluating appropriate measures to address public safety in and around the area until the structure can be removed.

Though a demolition date has not yet been established, the department will provide additional information as key milestones are completed, and a reliable schedule can be determined. Prior to demolition, DPW will also notify the public of anticipated traffic impacts and any required road closures, detours, or other changes affecting motorists.

DPW remains committed to protecting the traveling public and maintaining the safety and integrity of the Territory's transportation infrastructure. The Department will continue to provide updates as the demolition process advances.

