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**DPW Announces Demolition of Addelita Cancryn Pedestrian Bridge**  
**and Full Road Closure to Begin on Friday, August 28, 2026**

**ST. THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS** — The Virgin Islands Department of Public Works (DPW) is pleased to announce that demolition of the Addelita Cancryn pedestrian bridge on St. Thomas will commence on Friday, August 28, 2026, as the Department moves forward with efforts to address safety concerns surrounding the structure.

A full road closure will take effect at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 28, and will remain in place throughout the demolition process. DPW will notify the public once demolition is complete, the roadway has been cleared, and it is safe to reopen. To facilitate the work safely, WAPA will temporarily de-energize electrical service in the surrounding areas while crews complete the necessary operations.

During the road closure, barricades will be placed along Veterans Drive to restrict access to the area surrounding the Cancryn Bridge. The first barricade will be placed in the westbound lane of Veterans Drive, adjacent to Seaborne Seaplane. Additional barricades will then be placed in front of the bridge intersection, affecting both eastbound and westbound lanes.

The designated alternate routes for motorists will be the Judy M. Gomez Highway and Gasvaerks Gade, adjacent to the GERS building. Motorists are encouraged to refer to the accompanying traffic map for a visual representation of the road closure, barricade locations, and designated routes.

Access to the western side of the Frenchtown neighborhood will remain available. Traffic will be permitted to exit from Western Cemetery Road onto Alphonse J. Stalliard Lane to enter the Frenchtown neighborhood.

The current roadwork on Gasvaerks Gade near the GERS building is scheduled to be completed prior to this road closure.

Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead, allow additional travel time, follow posted signs and traffic-control devices, and use caution when traveling along the designated routes. Please refer to the accompanying traffic map for additional details on the road closure and traffic patterns.

"We are pleased to reach this important milestone and begin the process to remove the Cancryn Bridge," said Acting Commissioner Rueben Jennings. "We understand the concerns that have been raised by the community and motorists who travel beneath the structure. DPW has been working to complete the necessary planning and coordination to move this project forward safely. We appreciate the public's patience and cooperation as this work gets underway."

DPW advises motorists and pedestrians to remain alert and follow all directions from traffic-control personnel throughout the demolition process. The Department will notify the public when the roadway has been cleared and is safe to reopen.

The Department appreciates the community's cooperation as this important work moves forward.

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