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VIPA Seeking Contractor to Build a Two-Level Parking Garage at the Urman Victor Fredericks Terminal in Red Hook

Residents and visitors travelling between St. Thomas, St. John and the British Virgin Islands will receive some relief from the congested parking conditions at the Urman Fredericks Marine Terminal at Red Hook on St. Thomas.

Virgin Islands Port Authority Executive Director Carlton Dowe announced today that VIPA has placed advertisements in local newspapers and on its Web site seeking a contractor to build a two-level parking garage at the Fredericks Terminal. “On behalf of the VIPA Board, I want to thank the public for their patience over the years as they encountered limited parking spaces at our terminal in Red Hook. The Port Authority recognizes that the Fredericks Terminal in Red Hook is one of our busiest facilities and the lack of parking is a major inconvenience. We will alleviate most of the parking issues at our facility with this new parking garage,” Dowe said.

The VIPA Board approved bond financing in 2014 which provided funding for this project. The design includes 88 new parking spaces in addition to the 100 existing spaces, and improvements to the drainage and utilities. Upon the request of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, VIPA will also increase the number of parking spaces for physically challenged

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drivers. The bids for the project are due by April 8 and a contractor should be selected within 30 to 60 days after the bids are submitted.

Construction should begin shortly after, said Dowe. VIPA will issue a public notice to alert travelers of any changes to the parking procedures at Red Hook during the construction period. “We hope to have this project completed as soon as possible. This is a significant improvement to our facility that we have been planning for years. The Port Authority is eager to see it become a reality so that we can provide a better traveling experience for our residents and visitors,” said Dowe.

Dowe added that VIPA also has another major improvement underway for the Fredericks Terminal. VIPA is currently awaiting the US Army Corps of Engineer’s approval of a permit to build a US Customs and Border Protection Facility in Red Hook. The US Customs facility at Red Hook is a critical component needed to shorten the length of time it takes to travel between St. Thomas and the British Virgin Islands. This will allow travelers to come directly to St. Thomas without first stopping in St. John to clear Customs. The Port Authority will continue to update the public on this very important project.

For more information on the bid package for the parking garage, the public may download the document under the business section on VIPA’s Web site at www.viport.com, or call VIPA’s engineering office at (340) 774-1629.

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