



News Release

Virgin Islands Port Authority
Office of the Executive Director
Public Relations Department
P.O. Box 301707
St. Thomas, VI 00803-1707

Tel: (340) 774-1629
Tel: (340) 714-6640 / 714-6639
Fax: (340) 714-1492 / 774-0025
E-mail: info@viport.com
Internet: www.viport.com

For Immediate Release
October 24, 2016

Contact: Monifa Marrero Brathwaite
Public Information Officer

VIPA Announces Red Hook Commuter Parking Lot Closure; **Temporary Lot Opens Nov. 14**

The Virgin Islands Port Authority will temporarily close the commuter parking lot at the Urman V. Fredericks Marine Terminal in Red Hook to begin construction of a two-level parking garage, announced VIPA Executive Director Carlton Dowe. **The Port Authority will provide paid commuter parking beginning Monday, November 14 at Parcel C Estate Nazareth, No. 1 Red Hook Quarter – located adjacent to the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School field.**

Parking rates at the temporary lot will be \$1 per hour or \$6 per day. Paid shuttle service to the ferry terminal will be available at a cost of \$1 per trip. The UVF Terminal and barge ramp will remain open and fully operational during the construction of the parking garage. Commuter parking will not be allowed at the UVF Terminal during the construction, which is expected to be completed by Nov. 2017.

The UVF Terminal is one of the busiest seaports in the US Virgin Islands. The new two-level parking garage will provide much needed additional parking spaces to alleviate some of the parking issues at the port. VIPA is also adding more parking for physically challenged drivers and improving drainage and utilities. Dowe apologized for any inconveniences caused, and asked for the public's patience as the Port Authority works to improve its port facilities. He also asks the public to exercise caution when traversing near the construction site. For more information, contact VIPA's public relations office at (340) 774-1629 ext. 6640 or MBrathwaite@viport.com.

###