

**Public Information Meeting – Thursday, August 17, 2006**  
**TO ANNOUNCE START OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE**  
**CHRISTIANSTED BY-PASS**

and Notice of Pre-Bid Meeting and Bid Date for Contractors  
Christiansted, St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands

**Proposed Project:**

The Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are about to commence construction of Phase I of the Christiansted By-Pass around the south side of Christiansted. Phase I of the By-Pass is proposed to run from existing Contentment Road (Route 70) in the area of Contentment, east to a terminus at the intersection of Hospital Street/East End Road (Route 75) and Mt. Welcome Road (Route 753). The length of the Phase I work is approximately 1.21 miles. This work has been identified as Project VI NH-66(008). Numerous public meetings have been held during the design stage of this project. Input provided by the public has been included in the current final design. All right-of-way acquisition has been completed. The bypass is on a new location and includes construction of two 12 feet wide lanes, paved shoulders, and a sidewalk with curb along the north side. An additional passing lane will be constructed in the east end of the project. Necessary drainage structures will be installed in the appropriate locations. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in the fall of 2006.

**Public Information Meeting:**

A public information meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, August 17, 2006 between the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM at the American Legion Post #85 located on Hospital Street in Christiansted, St. Croix. The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with information regarding the scope, timing and phasing of the proposed roadway construction project. The DPW will provide a project overview presentation beginning at 6:00 PM. A short question and answer session will follow the presentation. Information will be shared regarding the project's temporary impact on vehicular and pedestrian access and circulation. Representatives of DPW and FHWA will be available to informally discuss specific issues and answer questions during the open forum portion of the meeting.

Design plans and general information regarding the proposed project will be available for viewing and to aid in discussing details of the possible effects on adjacent properties. All interested citizens, interest groups and businesses are invited to attend the public information meeting. The public information meeting provides a setting in which the DPW can present the proposed project to the general public. Beginning on August 1, 2006 the plans and notices to be presented at the public meeting are available at

[www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/public%20notices/index.htm](http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/public%20notices/index.htm). The pre-Bid meeting for contractors will be held on August 18, 2006 and the current deadline for submission of bids to construct the By-Pass is August 31, 2006. For more information related to the pre-Bid meeting and bidding on the construction contract see [www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/procurement/obtain](http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/procurement/obtain) bid documents/FEDBIZ Ready/St. Croix, US Virgin Islands/Christiansted By-Pass.

Please contact Mr. Aloy Nielsen, Deputy Commissioner, DPW, at (340) 773-1290 ext 2248 or Mr. Wystan Benjamin, Federal-Aid Program Manager, DPW at (340) 776-4844 for any questions related to this announcement.

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