



Virgin Islands Department of Public Works

Road Improvements on Raphune Hill Road (Route 38)

Proposed Project:

In cooperation with the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works (VI DPW), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division, is preparing plans for the improvement of Raphune Hill Road (Route 38) between the intersection with Centerline Road (Route 313) and its intersection with Route 381 for a distance of approximately a half of a mile. The proposed improvements would widen Route 38 from two-lanes to four-lanes and realign portions of Route 38 as well as approximately 1,000 feet of Route 381 north from its intersection with Route 38. Additionally, intersection improvements along the project corridor are proposed for safety and capacity considerations.

NEPA Process:

In order to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the FHWA is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) and soliciting input to assist in determining what, if any, impacts the proposed project or undertaking may have upon the area's natural and cultural resources. Critical components of meeting the requirements of the NEPA and NHPA are public participation and input in the documentation and decision making process.

Please contact Mr. Wystan Benjamin, Federal-Aid Program Manager, VI DPW at (340) 774-2622 or Mr. Jomo McClean, Design Program Manager, VI DPW, at (340) 774-2622 for any questions related to this announcement.

Public Information Meeting:

**A public information meeting has been scheduled for:
Thursday, January 10, 2013
between the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM
at the Lockhart Elementary School Auditorium
#41 Estate Thomas
Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas**

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with information regarding this project's scope, preliminary design, temporary and permanent impacts as well as acquisition of private property for road right-of-way. Representatives of VI DPW and FHWA will be available to informally discuss specific issues and answer questions during the open forum portion of the meeting.

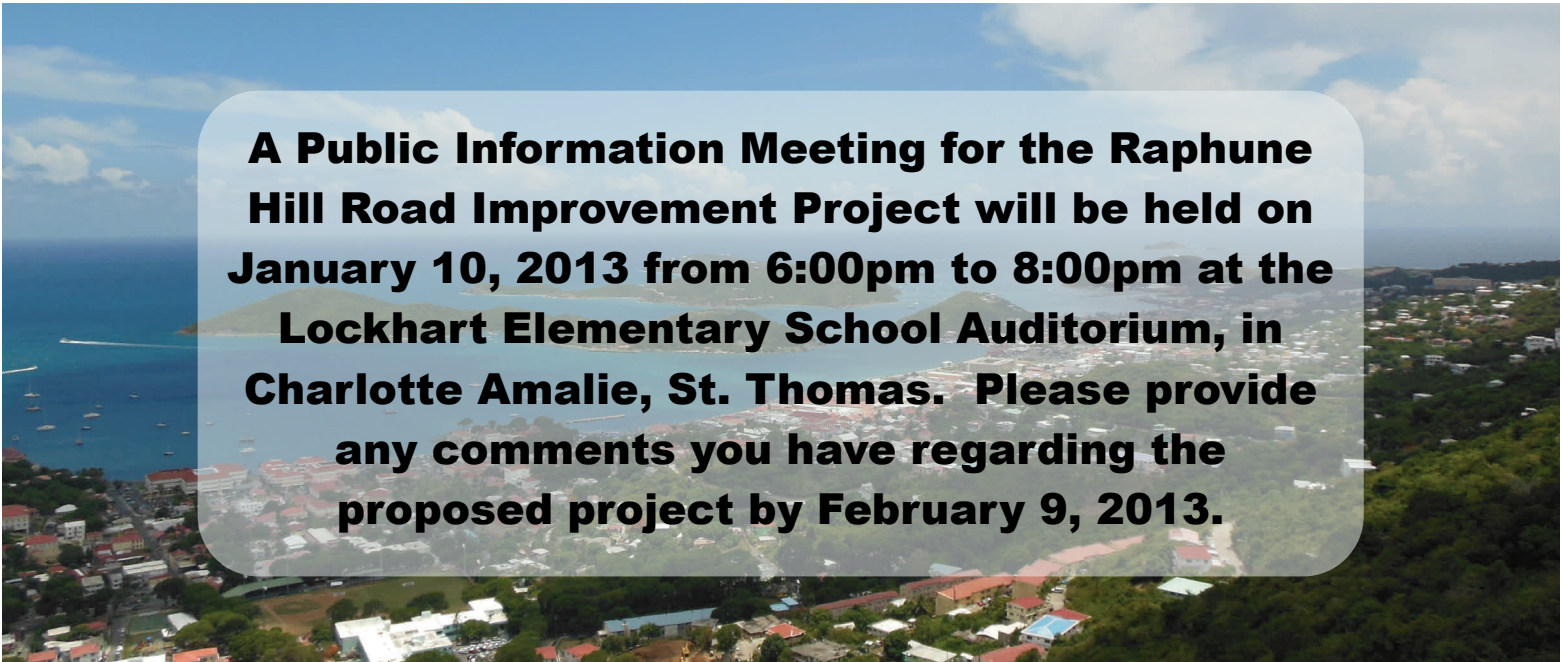
Preliminary design plans and general information regarding the proposed project will be available for viewing and to aid in discussing details of the possible effects on adjacent properties. All interested citizens, interest groups and businesses are invited to attend the public information meeting. The public information meeting provides a setting in which the VI DPW and FHWA can present the proposed project to the general public. Beginning on January 10, 2013 the information presented at the public meeting can be viewed at www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/environment.aspx

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An aerial photograph of Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, showing the town built on a hillside overlooking the ocean. A semi-transparent white box with rounded corners is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the following text:

A Public Information Meeting for the Raphune Hill Road Improvement Project will be held on January 10, 2013 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Lockhart Elementary School Auditorium, in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas. Please provide any comments you have regarding the proposed project by February 9, 2013.