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U.S. Virgin Islands Walkability Institute

Follow-Up Discussion: Webinar Series, Demonstration Sites, & Coalition Growth

Tuesday, January 12 @ 2:00 p.m./ EST 3:00 p.m. AST

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88954265057?pwd=eHhTWkhudWpQbmVhNU16cHFZdFhXQT09;>

Meeting ID: 889 5426 5057 Passcode: 026473

Agenda

- **Welcome & Introductions**

- **Demonstration projects / Quick builds/ Evaluations**
 - COVID-19 impact on evaluations collection, progress?

 - St. Thomas (Perimeter Road)
 - Status: Installation Complete; One pedestrian sign pending installation (include in 3-month post-evaluation)
 - Post-evaluation -Data collection complete January/February 2021
 - Note to UVI's staff for student volunteers. Pedestrian Observation pending
 - Three-month post data collection scheduled for March/April 2021

 - St. Croix (Sunny Isles)
 - Demonstration project from 2017 Walkability Institute
 - Pop-Up project 2021 / virtual community engagement
 - Sunny Isles Pathway Connectivity Pop-Up (3 crosswalks to existing sidewalks)
 - Six-week demonstration
 - Proposed installation date: January 17, 2021 (striping crosswalks, pedestrian signage installation, barrel layout, steel barricades)
 - Pop- Up evaluation component
 - Pedestrian behavior parking lot (Former Chops building (vacant) to Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant)
 - Communication outreach: Public Service Announcement (PSA); Sunny Isles Management tenant letter and questionnaire

 - St. John [Crosswalks: 1) Tennis Courts, Public Parking area; 2) Fire station, Community Center]
 - Pre-evaluation for both crosswalks complete
 - Pending Department of Public Works striping and signage installation

 - Community engagement signage for all three demonstration projects will be installed the week of January 17, 2021



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- **USVI Walkability Institute Webinar series**

- Next Scheduled webinar: Hazard Mitigation Planning; January 29 2021 at 1:00 p.m. AST/ 12:00 p.m. EST (UVI Hazard Mitigation team)
- Future webinar topics and dates
 - Engaging Youth in Creating More Livable, Safe Communities (USVI Department of Education)
 - Possible sequence of webinars to teach students about walkability
 - Could culminate in them assisting/leading pop-up projects
 - **Proposed time frame: October 1- April 2021**
 - Planning and Implementing Pop-up Demonstration Projects (USVI Department of Education)
 - The basics on planning, implementing & evaluating short-term (e.g. ~1 week or less) pop-up projects
 - Could be included in the Youth program “curriculum.”
 - **Proposed time frame: February 1, 2021 – July 2021**

- **Coalition Growth & Development**

- US Virgin Islands Department of Public Safety- Monitor of driver speed at the Sunny Isles Pop Up Demonstration site; future collaboration activities with Office of Highway Safety
- US Virgin Islands Disability Rights Center of the Virgin Islands – Assessment of access for the disabled
- University of the Virgin Islands CELL / Hazard Mitigation Planning team– Assistance with the UVI Hazard Mitigation planning
- USVI Housing and Finance Authority; USVI Walkability Institute Advisory council/panel recommendation
- USVI Economic Development Authority; Vision 2040
- USVI Department of Planning and Natural Resources; Coastal Zone planning
- Enterprise Community Foundation: webinar series focused on the US Virgin Islands (and Puerto Rico) and housing designs for islands communities
- Urban Land Institute Cohort 8 Advisory panel

- **Additional projects**

- AARP’s Complete Streets policy; status
- VITAL’s work
- AARP Livable Communities grant

Next Call: April 13,2021 at 2:00 p.m. EST/ 3:00 p.m. AST

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