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VIPA PREPARES BLYDEN TERMINAL FOR RESTAURANT EXPANSION

The Virgin Islands Port Authority has hired TMZ Construction to reinforce the steel beams at the Edward W. Blyden IV Marine Terminal in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas. The work is being done to prepare the facility for the expansion of the outdoor dining area at the Petite Pump Room restaurant on the second floor of the terminal.

The contractor will replace the existing steel, and sandblast and coat other structural elements before encasing the beams in concrete columns. Construction begins today at 5 p.m. and will be conducted daily after the last ferry departs. The project should be completed by December 1. The work being done will not impede travel or affect operations at the port. The total cost of the project is \$31,099.

VIPA thanks the traveling public for its patience as it works to improve the aesthetics and amenities provided at its port facilities.

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