

Port Access Road Project July 2017 Update

When completed, the Port Access Road will connect I-26 to the SC Ports Authority's new Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr. Terminal in North Charleston with two inbound and two outbound lanes for all port-related traffic. The new fully directional interchange will also serve local and commercial vehicles with a Bainbridge Avenue connector road, an extension of Stromboli Avenue, associated improvements to local streets, and improved I-26/Meeting Street access ramps.

Environmental Commitments

SCDOT, SCPA, and the Federal Highway Administration are committed to meeting a sustainability triple bottom line by improving social, economic, and environmental outcomes. The Port Access Road Construction, Engineering, and Inspection (CEI) team has a full-time environmental inspector who verifies the Best Management Practices (BMP's) installed by the construction team are maintained in good condition. These BMP's contain stormwater runoff with silt fencing, preserve existing vegetation, and stabilize slopes. Before this project is finished, SCSPA/SCDOT and the Fluor Lane Design-Build Team must fulfill almost 100 environmental commitments.



Photo Above: Drilled shaft casings are required to be painted for the Port Access Road mainline to resist corrosion.



Photo Above: This metal building will be removed from the new right of way.

Demolition Underway

Demolition of buildings within the right of way for the new Port Access Road continues. This month, crews will remove an old communications warehouse on the former navy base, a small building adjacent to Spruill Avenue, and a metal building on the northeast side of the Southern Lumber complex.

Forming Columns

The foundation structures for the new I-26-N. Meeting Street ramps continue to emerge. Now that the rebar cages have been set for the columns which will support these ramps, look for crews to begin placing concrete to complete the ramp columns.



Photo Above: Utility relocation continues. In this photo an electrical contractor moves service from one pole to another.



Photo Above: Rebar column cages stand in anticipation of concrete to be placed in July.

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