



Port Access Road Project July 2018 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.



Mainline Progress

Marching towards the Cooper River from Meeting and Spruill, the 0.8 mile long Port Access Road mainline will carry traffic to and from the I-26 interchange and the new Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr. Terminal.

For the mainline, more than 90% of the 890 pipe piles have been driven to grade, almost 70% of the 104 columns and 32% of the 80 pier caps have been poured, and the Shipyard Creek construction trestle, which will enable crews to install the drilled shafts closest to the new Port Terminal, is nearing completion.



Above: Mainline Columns and Pier Caps march towards Meeting and Spruill.

Above: The same lines of columns and pier caps in the top photo progress towards the new Hugh K. Leatherman Sr. terminal on the Cooper River.

While crash walls still need to be constructed for the rail lines under the mainline ramps to and from I-26, the crash walls adjacent to the rail lines south of Cooper Yard and parallel to Meeting and Spruill have been completed. Formed with concrete and steel, crash walls have been installed to protect the project's substructure and adjacent roads from a possible train derailment.



Above: Thick concrete crash walls are being constructed around all of the columns adjacent to train tracks.

King Street Extension is Now Open

Thank you for your patience during the year-long closure of King Street Extension between Austin and Hackemann Avenues. Crews have completed most of the substructure work (drilled shafts, columns, and pier caps) for the two new ramps connecting I-26 and Meeting Street. A good portion of the steel and concrete girders have been placed overhead for the Meeting Street ramps, and eight crash walls have been constructed in this area. With the completion of this work, crews could reopen King Street Extension for the Monday, July 30, morning commute.

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