



## Port Access Road Project February 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.

### Lots of Activity at Spruill and Meeting Street

Crews are busy working on both sides of the Spruill Avenue and Meeting Street fork. On the north side, sets of pipe piles have been driven over 90 feet into the ground for the four-lane mainline access road in and out of SCPA's new Leatherman terminal. Within the intersection's split, the first couple of pier caps have begun their progression southward towards I-26. As pier caps emerge, the Port Access Road's ramps on and off of I-26 eastbound and westbound will become more defined.



*Picture Above: By the end of February these pipe piles had all been driven 90 ft into the ground north of the Meeting and Spruill split.*

### The First Crash Wall Is Revealed

Columns adjacent to train tracks need crash walls for protection from a derailed train. The project's first crash walls have been completed next to the train tracks running between Meeting and King Streets. Designed and constructed to bear the hit of the train and disperse the impact, these crash walls will prevent extensive damage both to the elevated roadway supported by the battered columns and the train tracks adjacent to the crash wall.



*Picture Above: Once concrete is cured and formwork removed, the project's first crash wall is revealed along eastbound Meeting Street.*

### Traffic Changes

**King Reopened at Austin Ave** - Construction along King Street has moved westward. While King Street remains closed to through traffic between Discher and Hackemann, this westward shift enables the intersection of King Street and Austin Avenue to reopen access to Dolphin Cove, Liquid Transport, and the west side of the Rosemont neighborhood. The entrance to Solvay/Lanxess Chemical plant is now accessible from the east.

**Meeting Street to split between Spruill & Hackemann** - The completion of columns and pier caps within the middle of Meeting Street between Spruill and Hackemann will allow east and westbound lanes to return to a split

lane traffic pattern. Look for the traffic pattern to shift after new drainage has been installed, concrete barrier walls have been moved, and the roadway is restriped for one eastbound lane and one westbound lane on either side of the future I-26 access on and off of Meeting Street.

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