



Port Access Road Project January 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.

What a Difference a Year Makes

Each month, the Port Access Road project takes aerial photos. Shot from roughly the same place each time, these photos help to show progress and see how the work in each section is coming together.



Large Picture Above – a December 2017 photo shows the Spruill and Meeting Street triangle in the bottom left hand corner, with mainline columns marching northward from the railroad tracks. The insert picture was taken in December of 2016 at the beginning of the project, after clearing and grubbing, but before pile driving and column construction had begun. The old I-26 exit ramps at 217 and 218 can be seen in the 2016 image but not in 2017.

The Mainline Marches Along

The progress of mainline construction from steel pipe pile footings to the concrete column sequence can be seen in the photo on the right. To the left of the yellow crane, the tops of steel pipe piles stick up from the ground as wooden footing formwork begins for the future set of inbound and outbound lanes. The activity on the right side of the crane, shows formwork wrapping around the steel pipe pile foundations and the tied-in steel reinforcing column cages. After the footing concrete is placed, column forms are positioned around the steel reinforcing cages to facilitate the placement of column concrete. A completed set of columns is visible in the photo's lower right corner. The square, white blocks, visible all around the photo, are moveable "deadmen" which are used as weights or anchors to support the footing or column forms.



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