

Port Access Road Project July 2019 Update

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. A 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.



All Girders In Place over I-26

Two synchronized crane crews and several teams of iron workers were able to successfully set all of the curved steel girders for the Port Access Road ramps to and from I-26 Eastbound. Placing two girders in each set, the four sets of girders were approximately 110 feet to 115 feet long and weighed between 45,000 and 50,000 pounds. The longer, and consequently heavier, girders were for the future ramp from the Port Access Road to I-26 Eastbound. Favorable weather conditions and advanced preparations enabled girders for these ramps to be placed and bolted in only three weeknights in June for one ramp and three weeknights in July for the other. Look for additional lane closures over the next couple of months as crews prepare to install the metal stay in place deck pans and deck steel, and then again when it is time to place concrete in the decks.



Thanks to team member Brad Chavis for the three drone photos. (top) Setting down the first set of girders over I-26 for the new ramp from I-26 Eastbound onto the Port Access Road. (above) Cranes work together to place girders in July for the new ramp from the Port Access Road onto I-26 Eastbound. (left) All of the curved girders are now in place over I-26. (below) An aerial view of the Port Access Road Project in July.



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