

# Port Access Road Project November 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.*



## Accessing the Port

Mainline progress towards the new port terminal may be less visible than progress on the I-26 ramps, but crews have been just as busy. Pilings, columns, and pier caps are all in place. Girders have been placed for the two lanes into the new Hugh K. Leatherman, Jr. terminal; and the last 32 girders for the lanes from the new terminal should set by the end of the year. As seen in Image 1, the girders are being covered by the galvanized-metal stay-in-place forms, steel rebar, and “white” concrete deck. Concrete deck from Spruill Avenue to the new port terminal scheduled be completed by mid-2020.



## Progress on Bainbridge Connector

The Port Access Road will be accessible to local traffic through a new connector road with Bainbridge Avenue and the extension of Stromboli Avenue. Seen in the bottom lefthand corner of Image 1 and from the center to the top righthand corner in Image 2, the new connector road has a ramp onto the mainline out to I-26. There is also a ramp from I-26, for local traffic to access Meeting Street. Image 2 shows Bainbridge Avenue in the top righthand corner, the Mainline across the middle, and the connector to Stromboli south of the container yard. The new road has been designed for four lanes. A portion of the connector road is elevated with a causeway and bridges over wetlands and Shipyard Creek (progress on one of the bridges is shown in Image 3.)



## Good News For The Rosemont Neighborhood

The two spans of concrete girders have been placed over Austin Avenue (see Image 4). All of the foundation piles been driven into place for the new sound wall parallel to Doshier Avenue. While it will require cranes to place the support structures and insert the panels for the sound wall, it will be quieter than installing the piles. A few lane closures may be needed to install formwork and place concrete in the decks over Austin Avenue, but these closures should only be for a night or day.



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