

Port Access Road Project September 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.



The Mainline of the Port Access Road Deck Takes Shape

The mainline is taking final shape between I-26 and the new Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr. terminal. All of the pipe piles, drilled shafts, and crash walls are in place. Crews only need to place 75, or 15% of all the mainline girders. Almost 60% of the 84 deck spans have been completed: the ribbon of white between Spruill Avenue and the new port terminal shown in the picture on the right.



King Street to Close One More Time for Girders

As seen in the picture on the left, all of the girders, steel deck pans (silver), and some of the reinforcing steel (black) are in place for three of the four ramps over King Street at Austin Avenue. Only the last 8 girders need to be set, 223 linear feet, to complete the span over King Street. To set these girders as quickly and safely as possible, King Street will be closed at Austin Avenue, for approximately 2 weeks, starting on October 7, 2019.

Sound Barrier Wall

Construction is underway on the new Rosemont sound barrier wall. The first step, as seen in the photo on the right, is to drive the 126 (36" diameter steel pipe pile) into the ground. As of this writing, 50% of the piles have been placed. Monitors are measuring noise and vibrations throughout the process. Once the foundation piles are in place, the wall panels will be installed early 2020.



Looking for more information? The Port Access Road Project website can be found at www.SCPortAccessRoad.com. You can also contact the SCDOT Project Office By phone- 843-580-8801 or by email scportaccessroad@gmail.com.

