

## Port Access Road Project Fall 2020 Update

The Port Access Road will connect I-26 to the SC Ports Authority's new Hugh K. Leatherman 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.



### A View Over I-26

The railings along the concrete parapet wall along the Port Access Road's elevated structures and ramps may look permanent from a distance, but they are only temporary. As seen on the left, these railings are constructed of wood. They raise the height of the concrete wall to provide fall protection for construction team members working on final details. This month, there will be several nights of dual lane closures on I-26 to adjust the barrier wall along I-26, refinish the concrete travel lanes, and restripe the roadway to increase lane width.



### Pile Driving & Column Building Underway

While construction along the mainline and the I-26 Interchanges focuses on final details, construction on Stromboli Avenue is ramping up. The picture on the left shows the progress heading from the new Bainbridge Connector Road towards the Family Dollar in the distance.

As of this writing, 79 of 121 piles have been set for the new 651' long and 36' high span over two CSX rail lines and three future Palmetto Railway tracks. None of the columns have been constructed but they are beginning to be formed. When completed, the new 89' wide Stromboli Avenue will have four travel lanes and a raised median running between the new Bainbridge Connector Road and Meeting Street.



### Making the Connection

In preparation for a March 2021 opening of South Carolina Port Authority's Hugh K. Leatherman Terminal, it is time to make the connection between the access road construction and the new port. When the terminal opens, four lanes of the mainline roadway (the grey concrete lines in the picture) will be sorted by a large traffic circle to the container gate, chassis yard, terminal operations building/parking, vendor gate, rest area, and entrance to the new Navy Base Intermodal Facility.

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