

Port Access Road Project Fall 2021 Update

The Port Access Road connects 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. Improvements have also been made to the I-26/Meeting Street access ramps. By mid-2022, a new fully directional interchange will also serve local and commercial vehicles with a Bainbridge Avenue connector road, an extension of Stromboli Avenue, and associated improvements to local streets.



Working towards Opening

Bainbridge Connector and Its Ramps

All of the concrete roadway and elevated structures have been completed for the Bainbridge Connector, see photo 4 below, but getting this section of the project open to traffic requires a few more steps. All of the roadway and ramps need to be striped with lane markings. Intersections also need to have operational traffic lights. While some signage is in place, all of the directional, speed posting, and street signs must be installed for safe travel. Crews are doing everything they can to open, as soon as possible, the Bainbridge Connector, its ramps on and off of the Port Access Road, and the new Tidewater Road Bridge to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) and the Charleston County Parks and Recreation's (CCPR) Cooper River Park and Marina.

Stromboli and Spruill Avenues

The roadway and bridge deck for the new and improved Stromboli Avenue have been completed. Stromboli and Spruill Avenues have even more details to finish before opening. Sections of the 5-foot sidewalk (on the north side of Stromboli) and the 10-foot multi-use path (on the south side) and the parapet wall along the outer edge of the bridge need to be completed. Paving along Spruill Avenue will require several courses of asphalt and rock base to build up the existing road to meet the new Stromboli Avenue. Installation of the new curb and gutter along Spruill, striping traffic lanes, installing landscaping, and adding traffic signals/signage will be the last steps. Stromboli Avenue is expected to open to traffic in the first quarter of 2022.

Looking for more information? Contact the Port Access Road Project through our website - www.SCPortAccessRoad.com phone - 843-580-8801 or email - scportaccessroad@gmail.com.



Photos: 1.) Stromboli Avenue. between Meeting St. (top of photo) and the Bainbridge Connector. (bottom of photo). 2.) Sections of the Stromboli Ave. multi-use path are being constructed along the road's south side. 3.) Signage showing where eastbound drivers on the Port Access Road mainline will be able to access the Bainbridge Connector. 4.) Signals are in place but have not been connected at the intersection of the Bainbridge Connector, the ramp from the Port Access Road, and the new Tidewater Road bridge to FLETC and the CCPR Cooper River Park and Marina. 5.) A November 2021 aerial view of the project.

