

## Port Access Road Project Spring 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 the end of 2021, 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.



### “Punch List” Items

The Port Access Road and its I-26 interchanges were opened to traffic on Feb 23, 2021, but they will not be fully accepted by the South Carolina Department of Transportation until all of the punch list items requiring correction have been completed.

Crews are working to remove the embankment from the old Spruill Avenue ramp from I-26 westbound. The former ramp excess right-of-way will be leveled before the property will be conveyed to the City of North Charleston for community mitigation and enhancement.

Replacing the fencing along I-26 Eastbound along the Rosemont neighborhood is also one of these punch list items. The new fence, which is already in place in the back of the neighborhood baseball field and park, will extend behind the properties on the east side of Doshier Avenue to Hagood Street.



### Stromboli Updates

Progress continues on the extension and improvement of Stromboli Avenue, between Carner Avenue/Meeting Street (US 52) and Spruill Avenue. Utility crews are consolidating communications lines onto new poles. Gas lines as well as the new water/sewer lines and stormwater draining pipes are being placed underground within the new right of way.

On the east side of Spruill Avenue, all of the girders have been placed for a new Stromboli bridge over the railroad tracks. The next step is to add stay-in-place forms between the girders. Once this bridge and roadway are opened to traffic, it will replace Viaduct Road as the southern access point for the former Navy base.

**Looking for more information?**

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Photos: 1. Truckloads of soil are being removed from the right of way for the former ramp from I-26 onto Spruill Avenue. 2. New fence is going up along the edge of the I-26 right-of-way in the Rosemont neighborhood. 3. The concrete pavement is in place for the new section of Stromboli Avenue, between Column Street and Carner Avenue. 4. All of the girders are in place for the new Stromboli railroad bridge.

