

Port Access Road Project Winter 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.



Meeting Street and Port Access Road Interchanges Now Open

Early in the morning on February 23, 2021, the first vehicles were able to use the I-26 Ramps to and from Meeting Street (US 52) and the Port Access Road interchange with I-26. It is now possible to get onto Meeting Street from I-26 Eastbound into Charleston and out of Charleston onto I-26 Westbound from Meeting Street (Exit 217). It is also possible for truck traffic to use I-26 to enter into and exit from the new Hugh K. Leatherman Terminal and Charleston County's Cooper Marina (Exit 218). Opening these two I-26 Interchanges with roughly four miles of elevated roadway is a major project milestone and provides the new terminal with direct interstate access. Construction continues on the ramps to and from Bainbridge Avenue and Tidewater Avenue for their opening later this year. While the I-26 interchanges and Port Access Road mainline are open, drivers should be prepared for occasional lane closures to continue as punch list items are completed.

Stromboli Avenue

Earthwork is almost finished for the new Stromboli Avenue corridor between Carner Avenue/Meeting Street (US 52) and Column Street. The sub-base layers of soil and stonebase are being compacted and leveled to receive final pavement (see inset photo). Once the stonebase is installed, an asphalt base layer will be put down. Then concrete pavement, curb and gutter will be added onto the asphalt. Once this section of Stromboli is complete, crews will begin widening and improving the section of Stromboli Avenue between Column Street and Spruill Avenue.



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