

Port Access Road Project Summer 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.



Stromboli Avenue Progress

Local access to the new Port Access Road and its I-26 Interchange will be provided by an improved Stromboli Avenue connecting, Meeting Street/Carner Avenue (seen at the top of Photo 1) to the new Bainbridge Connector Road (seen at the bottom of Photo 1).

Between Meeting Street/Carner Avenue and Bainbridge Connector, Stromboli Avenue will be four lanes of traffic divided by a center landscaped median with a multi-use path. Pavement with curb, and gutter has been completed for the section between Meeting Street/Carner Avenue and Column Street. Work is now focused on the segment between Column Street and Spruill Avenue. As Stromboli traffic is limited to one way eastbound, crews are constructing the westbound subgrade and pavement structure, which consists of soil, aggregate, asphalt, and concrete pavement.

Between Spruill Avenue and the new Bainbridge Connector Road, Stromboli Avenue crosses over several rail lines with a new bridge. Photo 3 is a photo of the Stromboli Bridge taken in April 2021. Photo 4 is an aerial photo from August 2021.

The girders for all six spans were set prior to the April photo. The first two spans of the concrete bridge deck are now complete. Installation of SIP (Stay in Place) deck forms and reinforcing steel (rebar) are being installed in preparation for placement of concrete to complete the bridge deck.

Once this bridge and roadway are completed and opened, Stromboli Avenue will replace Viaduct Avenue as the southern local access to Hobson Avenue, the Navy Yard, Riverfront Park, and the new Intermodal Container Transfer Rail Yard.



Photos: 1.) A July 2021 aerial photo of Stromboli Avenue from the new Bainbridge Connector Road at the bottom of the picture to Spruill Avenue at the top 2.) Placing the asphalt base layer for a wider Stromboli Ave. between Spruill Avenue and Column Street 3.) The new Stromboli Bridge in April 2021 4.) The Stromboli Bridge in August 2021

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