

Port Access Road Project Final Update

Local Road Connections to the Port Access Road and Its I-26 Interchange Are Now Open

On Tuesday, February 22, 2022, a year after the Port Access Road connected the SC Ports Authority's new Hugh K. Leatherman Terminal with I-26 in North Charleston, the local access roads in Phase II of the project are now substantially complete and open for vehicular traffic with sidewalks and multi-use paths.

As part of these Phase II improvements, it is possible to utilize the new Tidewater Road Bridge to the Charleston County Parks and Recreation's (CCPR) Cooper River Park and Marina from the Port Access Road/I-26 Interchange. It is also now possible to travel to and from the Port Access Road and Spruill Avenue, Meeting Street/Carner Avenue, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), and the former Navy Base via the recently opened Bainbridge Avenue connector road.

With the Port Access Road project, Stromboli Avenue has seen a major transformation. What was once a two-lane asphalt road between Spruill and Column Street is now a "complete street." Stromboli Avenue now has four traffic lanes, curb and gutter, a landscaped median, sidewalk and a 10 foot wide multi-use path, with a bridge over the railroad and an new community development opportunity between Meeting Street/Carner Avenue and Spruill Avenue.

The former ramp from I-26 westbound onto Spruill Avenue has been removed, the land has been graded, and the property will be conveyed to the City of North Charleston.

Like all construction projects, there are a few punch list items which will still need to be completed, but these items can be done with temporary lane closures or alongside the roadway.

**Thank you for following this project's construction progress.
Safe Travels!**



Photos: 1. Stromboli Avenue between Meeting St./Carner Ave. (at the bottom) and the new bridge over the railroad (at the top). 2. A view of the Leatherman Terminal traffic circle and the Port Access Road with the new two lane Tidewater Bridge ramp over and along the creek on the photo's left side. 3. A January 2022 aerial photo of the entire Port Access Road Project.

