

## Port Access Road Project June 2017 Update

When completed, the Port Access Road will connect I-26 to the SC Ports Authority's new Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr. Terminal in North Charleston with two inbound and two outbound lanes for all port-related traffic. The new fully directional interchange will also serve local and commercial vehicles with a Bainbridge Avenue connector road, an extension of Stromboli Avenue, associated improvements to local streets, and improved I-26/Meeting Street access ramps.

### Working Across the Project Area

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) has approved the Second Phase Land Disturbance Permit, allowing work to begin east of Spruill Avenue over to the new Hugh K. Leatherman Sr. Terminal construction area on the former Navy Base and north to the Stromboli corridor. Look for crews to begin clearing and demolishing the few buildings within the new right of way in preparation for construction of the access road's foundational elements and roadway improvements.

### Utility Work Ahead.

Through out this summer and into the fall, multiple utility providers will be busy relocating lines and facilities. Power transmission lines, distribution facilities, water lines and gas lines, as well as communication cables from four different companies will all need to be moved to avoid conflicts during construction.

### New Meeting Street Ramps

With demolition complete and earthquake drains in place (see the April project update), construction crews are rebuilding the I-26 North Meeting Street ramps. As of June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8 of nearly 170 drilled shafts have been placed, and 10 of 1700 driven piles were in place. As drilled shaft placement and pile driving continues, column construction will begin this month. The Eastbound lanes of US 52 (Meeting Street/Carner Avenue), between Burton Lane and Spruill Avenue, will remain closed until June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017.



Photo 1: An aerial view of the project area before work gears up across the site.

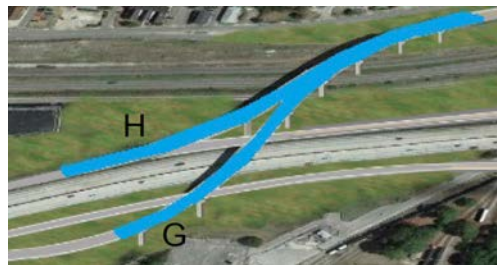


Photo 1: A design-build team rendering shows how the new I-26 Exit 218 will be rebuilt almost in the same alignment as the old ramps.



Photo 3: Tied rebar extends above drilled shafts in preparation for column construction this month.

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