

Carolina Crossroads Project Meets Milestone Ahead of Schedule

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Columbia, S.C.-Motorists traveling along Interstate 20 westbound from Broad River Road may notice a new exit lane for traffic leading toward I-26 westbound. The new lane provides an additional 1,500 feet of for vehicles to travel through the interchange and helps decrease traffic congestion for drivers continuing west on I-20.

The opening of the new lane marks a milestone for Phase 2 of the Carolina Crossroads Project. Archer-United Joint Venture (AUJV), the team leading construction activity for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the project, committed to opening the auxiliary lane within 560 days after receiving the official Notice to Proceed (NTP). They did it in 546 days, with the lane officially opening on May 16.

Brian Klauk, SCDOT Project Manager for Carolina Crossroads noted that the opening of the new lane will help streamline the flow of traffic during peak hours.

"We understand the frustration that can come with congested roadways and with long-term construction projects," Klauk said. "Our goal from the start was to implement a phased construction approach that would allow the traveling public to enjoy incremental improvements throughout the duration of the project. The early opening of the I-20 auxiliary lane exemplifies the positive impact that this strategy can have on drivers."

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