

## Carolina Crossroads Moves Into Construction

SCDOT is pleased to announce that a construction contract for the first phase of Carolina Crossroads has recently been awarded. The five phases of the Carolina Crossroads Project combine to create a comprehensive program that will provide a safer, more modern interchange design for the I-20/I-26/I-126 corridor. The \$1.7 billion program is anticipated to be fully complete by the end of 2029. Carolina Crossroads is a part of SCDOT's 10-Year Plan to bring our state's infrastructure up to a state of good repair and modernize key portions of our interstates.

## Program Highlights

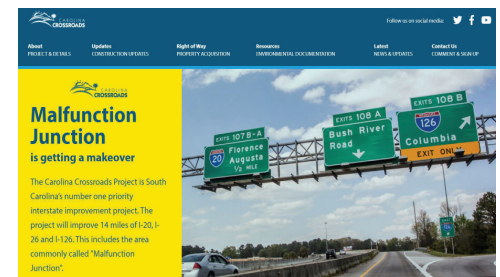
More than 134,000 vehicles travel through the I-20/I-26/I-126 corridor on a daily basis. These commuters spend an average of 112 hours each year sitting in traffic. The Carolina Crossroads Project will help to alleviate this congestion. Upon completion, the entire project will include:

- 14 miles of interstate widening across portions of I-20, I-26 and I-126,
- seven reconstructed interchanges, featuring the replacement of outdated cloverleaf loops with modern ramp designs, and
- safer interchange exit points that are farther apart and separated from other interstate traffic, resulting in better traffic flow.

## Keeping You Informed

With the Carolina Crossroads Project moving into active construction, the Project Team is committed to providing you with the most accurate and up-to-date information about construction activity. In addition to reading "Carolina Crossroads Quarterly," we encourage you to regularly visit the construction page on our new project website and follow us on Facebook and on Twitter.

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## A Look Ahead

We're already busy planning our next issue. Be on the lookout for updates on major milestones for Phase 1 and Phase 2, behind the scenes construction photos and other highlights from each quarter.

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## Phase 1 Overview



Carolina Crossroads Phase 1 final concept architectural rendering

Phase 1 is the first Carolina Crossroads Project for the improvement to the I-20/I-26/I-126 interstate corridor. It will provide a full access interchange at Colonial Life Boulevard and I-126.



Colonial Life Boulevard exit

This project features the construction of two new bridges for direct access to Colonial Life Boulevard from I-26 and I-126 west, and a new bridge on I-26 westbound over the Saluda River ramp for improved access to I-126 towards Columbia. It also includes rehabilitation of the two existing bridges that provide access to Colonial Life Boulevard from I-126 westerly and from Colonial Life Boulevard to I-126 easterly towards Columbia.

When it is completed, the Colonial Life Boulevard at I-126 Interchange will be a modernized interchange that decreases traffic congestion and improves safety.

What's coming up:

- Finalize design plans and construction permits
- Resurface pavement on I-26 and paved shoulder reconstruction on I-126 and I-26
- Begin rehabilitating existing bridges at Colonial Life Boulevard
- Begin relocating utility lines

## We're Ramping Up!

The groundwork has been laid for construction of the Carolina Crossroads Project to begin. Archer-United Joint Venture (AUJV) has been selected as the construction team, and major construction activity is expected to begin Spring 2022. Wrap up of Phase 1 should be late 2024.



Phase 1 pre-construction aerial photo

## Coming Soon: Phase 2

Shortly after Phase 1 shifts into gear, Phase 2, Broad River Road at I-20 Interchange, will begin. This project will make it easier for drivers to access Broad River Road from I-20, as well as minimize congestion for vehicles changing from I-20 to I-26.



Phase 2 pre-construction aerial photo

