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Phase 3B Officially Underway



A community member reads an information board at the Phase 3B Public Meeting

This January, the Carolina Crossroads Project team held a public meeting at Dutch Square Mall to inform the community of the official start of Phase 3B.

Phase 3B involves removing trees and underbrush within the project area through a process called clearing and grubbing. Approximately 170 acres will be cleared across the I-20/I-26, St. Andrews Road/I-26, and Bush River Road/I-20 interchanges.

This work is necessary to prepare the area for upcoming utility relocations. This work will also improve sightlines which will enhance safety and visibility for drivers.

This work does NOT include major construction on the I-20/I-26 interchange (cloverleaf), identified as Phase 3E.

While this work is underway, only minor travel delays are expected. Travel delays are anticipated to be limited to areas along the frontage roads where work requires temporary lane closures under flagging operations. Also expect temporary interstate lane closures focused around the I-20 and I-26 interchange; these closures will be limited to nighttime hours to minimize traffic impacts. Access to businesses and residences will be maintained at all times.

Phase 3B: Key Things to Know



Timeline:

Work began early December 2024
and is anticipated to end
in March 2026.



Work Hours:

A majority of the work will be
conducted during daytime hours;
however, occasional nighttime
operations may occur.



Increased Activity:

You will notice heavy machinery
being used to remove trees and
underbrush, concrete pads,
and other items.



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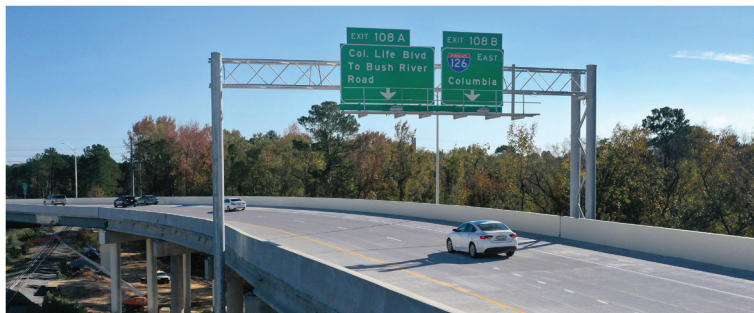
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Phase 1 - Colonial Life Boulevard at I-126 Interchange

Phase 1 is Nearing Completion



Vehicles travel along the new bridge over the Saluda River from I-26 westbound to the new full access interchange at Colonial Life Boulevard.



An aerial photo captures the new interchange at Colonial Life Boulevard and all of the newly constructed ramps and bridges.

Phase 1 construction is nearly done. All travel lanes and ramps on I-26 and I-126 are fully open and in their final locations. Remaining asphalt paving and construction work will be completed using temporary lane closures when interstate traffic is light. Final paving and roadwork will be completed as paving season resumes in spring 2025.

Phase 2 - Broad River Road at I-20 Interchange

Phase 2 Reaches Milestone With Opening of New Ramp

Drivers traveling from I-20 westbound to I-26 westbound will have noticed that a new on-ramp has opened. Known as a collector-distributor ramp, this longer ramp provides a dedicated lane for drivers on I-20 westbound who are traveling towards Spartanburg while allowing free-flowing lanes for those who continue on I-20 west.

While the opening of the new ramp marks a significant milestone for Phase 2 of the project, there will be ongoing work as construction crews adjust the ramp to its final alignment over the next several weeks. Drivers are encouraged to drive carefully and pay close attention to signage when traveling through the area while work continues.

Once fully completed, the new ramp will improve traffic safety by reducing backups along I-20 during heavy congestion.

Additional Phase 2 highlights include:

- The continued construction of the westbound bridge on Broad River Road which will be parallel to the completed eastbound bridge.
- The start of noise wall construction along I-20 eastbound.
- Ongoing drainage work in the I-20 median.

Upcoming Phase 2 work includes:

- Retaining wall construction along I-20 eastbound.
- Noise wall construction along I-20 westbound.



The new collector-distributor ramp from I-20 westbound to I-26 westbound passes under the new Broad River Road on-ramp to I-20 westbound.



An aerial photo of construction on the Broad River Road westbound bridge.



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