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## Phase 3B Clearing Activity Underway



Map of Phase 3B showing clearing and grubbing activities for utility relocation

Drivers traveling through the Carolina Crossroads project area will notice big changes as Phase 3B continues removing trees and underbrush throughout the project footprint. As of April 1, roughly 30 acres have been cleared with most activity to date taking place along I-26 eastbound toward I-20 westbound. Clearing within the cloverleaf at the I-20/I-26 interchange is expected to take place in late summer/early fall 2025. The full 170 acres designated for clearing within Phase 3B is anticipated to be cleared by spring 2026.

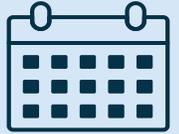
While the removal of trees and underbrush along the project corridor is reshaping the landscape, drivers will immediately benefit from improved sightlines and visibility throughout the area. Construction teams remain focused on public safety and continue to minimize travel disruptions, limiting them to occasional lane closures and flagging along frontage roads.

As a reminder to our readers, the clearing and grubbing activities of Phase 3B are being done to prepare the area for upcoming utility relocations. This phase of the project does not include major construction on the I-20/I-26 cloverleaf interchange, which will occur later in Phase 3E.



Visit <https://youtu.be/GEbPufAiviw?si=T1tSbE7EymtAq1l6> or scan the QR code above to watch the Phase 3B activity overview video.

## Upcoming Program Activity



### PHASE 3C: I-20 WIDENING

Phase 3C of the Carolina Crossroads Project primarily consists of widening and reconstructing I-20 between US 378 and Bush River Road. The contract for this phase of work is scheduled to be executed in May 2025. Once the contract is in place, the selected team will receive a notice to proceed in July 2025, at which point they will spend 12 to 14 months finalizing design details and construction plans. The public can expect to see major construction activity along I-20 beginning in 2026.



Phase 3C map



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## Phase 1 - Colonial Life Boulevard at I-126 Interchange

### I-126 in Final Alignment



I-126 facing westbound toward Spartanburg



I-126 facing eastbound toward downtown Columbia

Phase 1 contracting teams are completing the last few punch list items as Phase 1 nears completion. Now that the weather has warmed up and paving season has begun, crews have completed final alignment of all I-126 lanes.

Final alignment of all lanes along I-26 is anticipated to be completed in the coming weeks. SCDOT anticipates that Phase 1 will be fully completed no later than June 2025.

## Phase 2 - Broad River Road at I-20 Interchange

### Navigating the new ramp from I-20 westbound to I-26 westbound

Now that the on-ramp from I-20 westbound to I-26 westbound has been open for several months, local drivers are becoming more comfortable navigating the new, earlier exit.

As a reminder, the new exit is just past the Broad River Road exit. Pavement marking and signage have been installed to help direct drivers through the area.

Phase 2 of the project is anticipated to reach substantial completion in summer 2025. At that point, drivers will experience the full benefit of having a longer queue lane to access I-26 westbound, along with the improved access to I-20 eastbound from Broad River Road that will come with the completion of the new bridge and interchange.

#### Additional Phase 2 highlights

- Construction of the noise wall along I-20 eastbound is nearing completion.
- The Broad River Road westbound bridge is anticipated to be completed and open to traffic by early summer.
- Drainage work in the I-20 median continues to progress. As always, the traveling public is asked to drive with caution through all construction zones and follow signage as there will be ongoing lane shifts throughout the next several months.



The back side of the I-20 eastbound noise wall, looking east from Garner Lane



An eastbound-facing view of the ongoing lane work at the Broad River Road/I-20 interchange



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