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Berkeley County to open portion of Nexton Interchange project Thursday, April 5

Summerville sections, including frontage roads and Maple Street extension

SUMMERVILLE, S.C.- (Tuesday, April 3, 2018) Berkeley County engineers and crews determined Tuesday morning, following a final inspection, that work on a portion of the Nexton Interchange project is substantially complete and sections of the project that are safe for public use will open Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 10:00 am. This consists of sections in Summerville, including the two frontage roads connecting US-17A with Jedburg Road, Holiday Drive and Business Park Road, as well as North Maple Street extension towards Highway 78. It is important to note that the work is still underway in these sections and for motorists to use caution.

The interchange will not be open and drivers will not be allowed on the overpass, on exit 197 ramps, or on Nexton Parkway.

This entire project consists of constructing a new interchange on I-26 just west of Sheep Island Road. In addition, I-26 will be widened from four to six lanes from MP 199 to MP 197 (approximately 2500-ft. west of the new interchange.) The project, in its entirety, is expected to be complete by May 2018 and will be celebrated with a ribbon cutting.

The project is expected to cost \$88 million. Berkeley County is the project owner, funding nearly \$55 million. The SC State Ports Authority is funding \$8 million, South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank is funding nearly \$22 million, and the Town of Summerville is funding \$4 million.

Despite several unexpected weather events, this project will be complete ahead of schedule and under budget.

“This incredible and much-needed road project is one worth celebrating,” said Berkeley County Supervisor Bill Peagler. “The project sat still for more than a decade before we pushed it forward in 2015. Thanks to the hard work of incredible engineers and crews, we’ve successfully expedited the work. I’m thrilled to share the message that a portion of work is coming to fruition in time for the Flowertown Festival. More good news will follow in the coming weeks as we prepare to open the overpass and exit 197.”

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