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Berkeley County holds ribbon-cutting for Nexton Parkway Interchange

Marking the opening of the interchange at exit 197, on Thursday, May 3 at 10:00 a.m.

SUMMERVILLE, S.C.- (Wednesday, April 18)- Berkeley County leaders will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Nexton Parkway Interchange on Thursday, May 3 at 10 a.m. on the overpass. This celebration will mark the opening of the much-anticipated interchange, and new exit, at 197 off Interstate 26.

This interchange will connect Nexton Parkway in Berkeley County to Summerville.

Despite several unexpected weather events, the project will be completed ahead of schedule and under budget. The entire project consists of constructing a new interchange on I-26 just west of Sheep Island Road. In addition, I-26 was widened from four to six lanes from MP 199 to MP 197 (approximately 2500-ft. west of the new interchange).

The project's estimated cost is \$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.

A portion of the project was opened April 5, including frontage roads, from Holiday Drive and Business Park Road, as well as Maple Street extension toward Highway 78; however, this ribbon cutting will signify the opening of the entire project, the overpass, and interchange, allowing motorists to use the exit and bridge.

The interchange will be officially open for traffic after the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

“This incredible and much-needed interchange is one worth celebrating,” said Berkeley County Supervisor Bill Peagler. “Despite several weather events, including multiple hurricanes and a winter storm, this project stayed on track and will be open ahead of schedule. More importantly, Berkeley County turned a necessary road project, that was ignored prior to my administration, and expedited the work to ensure the public’s needs are met. The project sat still for nearly a decade, but I’m happy to announce its completion and celebrate the hard work of the dedicated crews involved.”

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