

Work begins on Berlin G. Myers Parkway – Phase III



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Along Greenwave Boulevard in Summerville crews are clearing a path for Phase III of the Berlin G. Myers Parkway.

By Pete Poore

Construction began in August of 2022 as crews started clearing land for the new road that will complete the final and third phase of the Berlin G. Myers Parkway in Summerville. The \$137 million project will build the final 3.9 miles of the Parkway.

Phase III will deliver a new four-lane roadway and a shared use multipurpose pathway along the Sawmill Branch Trail for pedestrians and bicyclists. The Parkway will serve Summerville by reducing traffic on Main Street. Dorchester County will be served by a road that

provides connectivity with other well-travelled roads, including U.S. 17A and Bacon's Bridge Road.

The final phase of this project caps off 18 years of complex planning, permitting and engineering work. These accomplishments were the result of a high level of interagency coordination.

In addition to the current construction activities on the roadway, a related flood mitigation project is also underway. This work is being done to reduce the effect of any water flowing into the nearby canal due to roadway construction. The entire project is expected to be complete in the fall of 2026.



Clearing work can also be seen along Luden Drive for Phase III of the Berlin G. Myers Parkway.

Gaffney 'T-Bridge' to be upgraded

Sidewalks, railings will improve pedestrian safety

By Pete Poore

A preview of the project to upgrade pedestrian facilities on a landmark bridge in Gaffney was held on Sept. 2, 2022. The downtown structure has served as a bridge crossing over rail lines since 1919.

The project is intended to improve safety for pedestrians by replacing sidewalks and adding sidewalks where none had existed before. Railings will also be refurbished. Fencing will be placed on top of bridge walls. Conduit will be installed during construction to provide for future lighting. All sidewalks will comply with the American Disabilities Act (ADA) when construction is completed.

Construction of the \$1.6 million project is expected to begin in late 2022. The work could be completed either in late 2023 or early 2024.

This project is consistent with SCDOT's "Complete Streets" policy. The goal of the policy is to provide facilities for alternative transportation, such as sidewalks and bike lanes on the state's roads wherever feasible.

RIGHT: Dignitaries held a project ceremony for the upcoming rehabilitation of the historic T-Bridge in Gaffney on Sept. 2, 2022.

BELOW: Originally constructed in 1919, rehabilitation work will begin on the bridge later this year, slated to be completed in late 2023 or early 2024. Speakers at the event included Gaffney Mayor Dr. Randy Moss, City Administrator James R. Taylor, Senator Harvey S. Peeler Jr., Representative Dennis C. Moss and Secretary of Transportation Christy A. Hall.



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