

Interstate 385 Rehabilitation Project in Laurens County

Nears Completion, Opening Ceremony Planned

Exits to Re-Open This Friday, Weather Permitting

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South Carolina Transportation Secretary H.B. Limehouse Jr. announced Thursday, July 15, that the Interstate 385 rehabilitation project in Laurens County is nearing completion ahead of schedule and an opening ceremony is planned for July 23.

Limehouse made the announcement during an SCDOT Commission meeting in Columbia.

The I-385 project is expected to be completed between July 23 and July 28. The contractor's original completion date was Aug. 15.

An opening ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the I-385 Rest Area, located at mile marker 9, on July 23. Secretary Limehouse will preside, and scheduled speakers include South Carolina Department of Transportation Commissioner Eddie Adams, of the 3rd Congressional District, Deputy Secretary for Engineering John Walsh and various members of the General Assembly.

On Friday, July 16, three exits that have been closed during the rehabilitation project are scheduled to re-open, weather permitting. These are SC 308 (exit #2), SC 49 (exit #5), and S-23 (Metric Road exit #10). Also Friday, the contractor plans to shift southbound traffic, which has been using northbound lanes during the latest phase of the rehabilitation project, back to the southbound side.

This final traffic shift will allow the contractor to complete construction on the northbound side and do any other required finishing touches prior to fully re-opening I-385. Northbound I-385 traffic remains closed for approximately 15 miles from mile point 0 at the I-385/I-26 interchange.

The I-385 rehabilitation project consists of milling some of the existing asphalt interstate and replacing it with approximately 10 inches of high strength concrete. The interstate is being widened toward the median to add shoulders where needed to provide a finished typical section that has a 4-foot inside paved shoulder, two 12-foot travel lanes, and a 10-foot outside paved shoulder. The flyover bridge that connects I-26 westbound to I-385 northbound is also being replaced within the scope of this project.

Additional information on the project, including detour routes and construction updates, is available at www.i385rehab.com.

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