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Construction Complete on Palmetto Commerce Parkway

The Transportation Sales Tax funded this major bond project in North Charleston

Charleston County Government announces that construction is complete on Palmetto Commerce Parkway in North Charleston. The project, which was finished on schedule, was funded by the [Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax](#).

The \$36 million project, nearly six miles in length, opens a new connection between Ashley Phosphate Road and Ladson Road, and is intended to relieve congestion along Dorchester Road and I-26. It will also serve as a direct route for workers traveling to facilities in the Palmetto Commerce Business Park.

An event was held on Wednesday, March 23, in front of the Daimler Vans Manufacturing facility to announce the project's completion. Speakers at the event were:

- [Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., Charleston County Council Chairman](#)
- [R. Keith Summey, City of North Charleston Mayor](#)
- [J. Elliott Summey, Charleston County Council Vice Chairman](#)
- Ron Banks, Banks/United Joint Venture

The Palmetto Commerce Parkway was constructed in two phases with the following improvements:

Phase I is a 1.7-mile widening and expansion project that added two lanes to the existing two-lane parkway and extended all four lanes 1,500 feet in length. Phase I construction started along the existing parkway and included these as well as other improvements:

- An extension for the roadway of 1,500 feet, making Phase I a total of 1.7 miles in length
- Widening the existing road from two to four lanes
- Roadway lighting
- Multiuse (walking and bicycle) path
- Landscaped median

Phase II includes four lanes of all new roadway beginning where Phase I ended and continuing to Ashley Phosphate Road at North Spartan Road. Phase II includes:

- An additional 3.9 miles of roadway
- Divided four-lane roadway
- Roadway lighting
- Traffic signals
- Multi-use (walking and bicycle) path
- Landscaped median

Quotes about the Project's Importance

- **Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., Charleston County Council Chairman:** “Now that the Palmetto Commerce Parkway is complete, the public can truly see the good use of their Transportation Sales Tax. This project will also attract new businesses into the Palmetto Commerce Business Park.”
- **R. Keith Summey, Mayor, City of North Charleston:** “The Palmetto Commerce Parkway runs right through one of the most heavily industrial development area in the County, and it will provide a better mode of transportation to get workers to those industries.”
- **Marco Wirtz, President and CEO, Daimler Vans Manufacturing:** “The Palmetto Commerce Parkway is giving us a great opportunity because it’s just 17 miles from the Port of Charleston. Our employees are able to access our facility very easily from all directions across the County.”
- **Kurt Taylor, Charleston County Deputy Administrator:** “The Palmetto Commerce Parkway is the first major bonded project that we will have done that is a brand new road. It will have a tremendous impact on traffic and will be the third way to get between Ashley Phosphate Road and Ladson Road.”

The project was approved by voters in the [first Transportation Sales Tax bond referendum](#). The voters of Charleston County authorized the County to issue \$77 million in bonds, which will be repaid through Transportation Sales Tax revenues.

The public can get more details, including photos of the construction process, on the project's Web page at http://www.ccroadwise.org/palmetto_commerce_parkway.html.

Visit the official Web site at www.ccroadwise.org for public meeting notices and up-to-date news and information about all Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax road projects.