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I-526 East and International Boulevard Turn Lane Now Complete

New turn lane allows for better traffic flow to the airport, coliseum and Centre Pointe at busy North Charleston intersection.

<u>Charleston County Government</u> has completed a new right turn lane project at I-526 East and International Boulevard.

Previously, motorists coming from the exit off I-526 eastbound and wishing to turn right onto International Boulevard had to stop and wait behind vehicles going straight through the intersection. The delay caused traffic headed toward popular destinations such as the Charleston International Airport, Centre Pointe, and the North Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center area to back-up, especially at peak times.

The improvement project was funded by the <u>Charleston County Transportation Committee</u> (CTC) and was completed in two months.

"This project represents the type of quick turnaround that residents really appreciate because it makes a big difference to those who pass through this area on a regular basis, as well as those coming here for special events," said Kurt Taylor, Charleston County Deputy Administrator who is responsible for the County's transportation projects. "Residents of the area will continue to see many more of these small but significant projects under construction."

The 1,500-foot right turn lane project, which was requested by the S.C. Department of Transportation, took only two months to construct and cost \$71,777.59 including engineering design services.

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