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Public Involvement Planned for Major Transportation "Half-Cent" Sales Tax Project

Bond Referendum Project: Bees Ferry Road improvements meeting July 26 in West Ashley

Charleston County RoadWise announces a public input opportunity for improvements to Bees Ferry Road, which will be funded by the Transportation "Half-Cent" Sales Tax.

A public meeting on the Bees Ferry Road improvement project will be held on Thursday, July 26, from 7-9 p.m. at the C. E. Williams Middle School (640 Butte Street, Charleston, SC 29414).

The purpose of the meeting is for project staff to provide information and receive public comments on plans to widen Bees Ferry Road between U.S. 17 (Savannah Highway) and Highway 61 (Ashley River Road) from a two-lane undivided roadway to a multi-lane divided roadway.

Those attending the meeting will have a chance to comment on alternative designs for the widening of Bees Ferry Road as well as plans for bicycle lanes, sidewalks, signal systems at specific intersections, and other proposed changes.

The Bees Ferry Road meeting follows similar meetings held earlier this month on improvements to Harbor View Road on James Island and Johnnie Dodds Boulevard in Mt. Pleasant.

The Bees Ferry Road improvements are a result of the 2006 bond referendum. Harbor View Road and Johnnie Dodds Boulevard improvements are initial bond projects resulting from the 2004 Transportation "Half-Cent" Sales Tax referendum.

Public input is an essential part of the Charleston County government's RoadWise program. During these meetings, the public is given an opportunity to gather information that may affect them and voice their comments.

Gathering public input is an essential role of the Charleston County RoadWise Program. Public information meetings and hearings are critical components of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The NEPA assessment involves the public where environmental impact is a consideration.

Charleston County RoadWise is Charleston County Government's management program for the construction of roads, highways, resurfacing, paving and drainage projects that are being funded by the Transportation Sales Tax.

Visit the official Charleston County Transportation "Half-Cent" Sales Tax Web site <u>www.ccroadwise.com</u> for public meeting notices and up-to-date news and information.