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Charlestowne Sidewalk Project will Connect Subdivisions, Increase Safety

West Ashley sidewalk project funded by the Transportation Sales Tax

Construction has begun on the Charlestowne Drive sidewalk project in West Ashley.

Residents living in Charlestowne Estates II and the Lenevar subdivisions will be connected by 2,100 feet of sidewalk that will also tie them to Charles Towne Landing State Park.

"The Charlestowne Estates II Neighborhood Association expressed concern about the safety of those who walk and bike Charlestowne Drive, so the association asked me to bring this to Council," said Charleston County Council Member, Colleen Condon. "This sidewalk will also provide real connectivity to the Lenevar and Olde Towne neighborhoods, and for the folks living on the west side of Sam Rittenberg Boulevard who wish to bike or walk to Charles Towne Landing."

The sidewalk project, which is expected to be completed this April, will include:

- A 1,300 foot-long sidewalk along the north side of Charlestowne Drive from Sam Rittenberg Boulevard to Old Towne Road;
- An 800 foot-long sidewalk along the west side of Old Towne Road to Miles Road in the Lenevar subdivision: and
- A connection to the pedestrian crosswalk at the traffic signal in front of Charles Towne Landing State Park.

Construction of the project will require some lane closures that will occur overnight from 9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. However, residents will have access to their property.

"The sidewalk will not only create connectivity, but it will also increase safety for those walking along Charlestowne Drive and Old Towne Road," said Charleston County Chief Program Engineer Steve Thigpen.

The sidewalk project is funded by the <u>Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax</u> and managed by the Charleston County <u>RoadWise Program</u>. County Council approved the project as a part of its 2008 Transportation Sales Tax annual allocations for sidewalk and paving projects.

Other Transportation Sales Tax annual allocation projects underway or completed:

Many additional road and drainage improvements are being implemented by <u>Charleston County</u> <u>Government</u> through annual funding allocated by County Council to smaller projects throughout the community:

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Paths
- <u>Drainage Improvement Projects</u>
- Intersection Improvement Projects

• Local Paving Projects

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