

Charleston County News Release

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Traffic Alert: Road Closures and Garage Detour Announced for Bee Street and Courtenay Drive Improvement Project

Charleston County will oversee major bond project funded by the Transportation Sales Tax

The first phase of construction that will be noticeable to the public for the <u>Bee Street and Courtenay Drive Improvement Project</u> in downtown Charleston will begin on Monday, May 24, and take approximately four months to complete.

The public should be aware of the following road work that will occur beginning May 24:

Closures to Bee Street

Bee Street will be closed in both directions between Courtenay Drive and Bravo Street.

Main Entrance closed to MUSC parking garage

- The work on Bee Street will require the closure of the main entrance of the MUSC parking garage located at the corner of Bee Street and Courtenay Drive.
- Access to the garage will be available through the rear entrance across from Bravo Street as indicated by detour signs.
- The detour will route motorists from Courtenay Drive along Ralph H. Johnson Drive to Bravo Street. Motorists will then cross Bee Street and go in the rear entrance of the garage.

Lane closures on Courtenay Drive

- Road work may also occur along Courtenay Drive from Cannon Street to Ralph H. Johnson Drive.
- Any temporary lane closures will occur overnight between 8 p.m. and 9 a.m., on different weekday and weekend schedules as restricted by the <u>S.C. Department of Transportation</u>.
- At no time will Courtenay Drive be blocked in either direction.

All motorists traveling through the project area are asked to be aware of equipment and crews and to be prepared for delays beginning on May 24. Alternate routes are recommended if possible.

The public is asked to take notice of traffic control signs and message board information, and to note that all road work is dependent on the weather.

As other work on the project that could disrupt traffic arises, notifications will be announced through news releases issued to local media and posted on both the Charleston County RoadWise Web sites.

Background information on the project:

The Bee Street and Courtenay Drive Improvement Project was requested by the <u>City of Charleston</u> and approved by voters in the <u>second Transportation Sales Tax bond referendum</u>. The project, which is expected to be completed in less than a year, is funded by the <u>Charleston County</u>

<u>Transportation Sales Tax</u> and managed by <u>Charleston County Government</u>. The improvements will help traffic flow into and around downtown's medical centers and surrounding areas during peak hours and provide drainage relief along the Bee Street area.

The public can get up-to-date project information on the project, including construction status and traffic alerts, online at http://www.ccroadwise.org/bee_st_and_courtenay_dr.html.