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Traffic Alert: Temporary Lane Closures/Shifts this Weekend for Bee Street and Courtenay Drive Improvement Project

<u>Charleston County Government</u> announces the following traffic alerts for the <u>Bee Street and</u> Courtenay Drive Improvement Project:

Courtenay Drive

Lane Closures August 21 and 22:

- On Saturday, Aug. 21, and Sunday, Aug. 22, lane closures will occur for utility work on Courtenay Drive.
- The work will occur during the day between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- The through lane on Courtenay Drive for northbound traffic coming from Calhoun Street to U.S. 17 will be closed and detoured to U.S. 17 via President Street.
- The southbound traffic coming from U.S. 17 on Courtenay Drive to Bee Street will be shifted to allow the utility work to be performed.
- Detour signs will be installed to direct motorists to their final destination.

Previously announced and ongoing Courtenay Drive road work:

- Road work will 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 S.C. Department of Transportation, unless otherwise announced.
- During this time, the main entrance to the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center may be blocked at times and traffic will be directed to use the entrance on Bravo Street.

Bee Street

Previously announced and ongoing Bee Street road work:

Through August 28:

- Lane closures began week of June 28, 2010 on Bee Street from Cherry Street to Lockwood Boulevard.
- The projected re-opening date is August 30, 2010. However, there will be an open lane, in both directions for travelers.
- There will also be no on-street parking during this time.

Through September 30:

- Lane shifts will occur on Courtenay Drive from Cannon Street to Ralph Johnson Drive due to day and night work. However, one lane will remain open at all times in each direction
- The sidewalk in front of MUSC's Wellness Center and Harper Student Center from Bee Street to Ralph Johnson Drive is closed. Pedestrians are being directed to the east side of Courtenay Drive where they can access these facilities.
- The MUSC Parking Garage Main Entrance is Temporarily Closed
- Bee Street work has resulted in temporarily closing the main MUSC garage entrance at 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 to the rear entrance of the garage by way of Courtenay Drive to Ralph H. Johnson Drive to Bravo Street and across Bee Street).

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

Every effort is being made to schedule necessary lane closures for the project during off- peak, nighttime and weekend hours when possible.

The project, which is expected to be completed in less than a year, is funded by the Charleston Sales Tax and managed by the Charleston County RoadWise Program. Charleston County RoadWise is the name of Charleston County Government's management program for the construction of roads, highways, resurfacing, paving and drainage projects that are funded by the Transportation Sales Tax.

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 projects.

The public can get up-to-date project information on the Bee Street and Courtenay Drive Improvement Project, including construction status and traffic alerts, online at http://www.ccroadwise.org/bee st and courtenay dr.html.