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# **Section of Courtenay Drive Converts to One-Way Street**

Work begins toward permanent conversion of Courtenay Drive as part of Transportation Sales Tax project

The <u>Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax Program</u> will provide traffic flow relief to motorists in the Courtenay Drive area downtown by permanently converting a section of the road from two-way traffic to a two-lane, one-way street.

The change will occur between Spring Street (U.S. 17 south) and Cannon Street (U.S. 17 north). The permanent conversion of Courtenay Drive is part of the <a href="Bee Street and Courtenay Drive">Bee Street and Courtenay Drive</a> Improvement Project.

The section of Courtenay Drive where changes will be made will eventually become a two-lane, one-way street and will remain open only for traffic coming from I-26 and Mt. Pleasant turning left onto Courtenay Drive. Traffic coming from Cannon Street or from Courtenay Drive between Cannon Street and Calhoun Street will no longer be able to utilize this section of Courtenay Drive.

Bee Street and Courtenay Drive Improvement Project plans require the section of Courtenay Drive from Spring Street (.U.S 17 south) to Cannon Street (U.S. 17 north) to become a one-way street that will provide two lanes for motorists before the project is completed in less than one year.

#### Improvements and the actual conversion of Courtenay Drive will occur in several stages:

- Lane Closure on Tuesday, Sept. 14 Friday, Sept. 17 between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m.
  - A lane closure will occur on Courtenay Drive between Cannon Street and Spring Street. The lane closure will require that northbound Courtenay Drive traffic (heading toward Mount Pleasant) between Cannon Street and Spring Street be detoured right onto Cannon Street then left onto Wescott Street in order to access Spring Street. Detour signs and message boards will be installed to direct motorists.
- Road Closure on Friday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19 at 6 a.m.
  - The entire road closure will occur on Courtenay Drive between Cannon Street and Spring Street. During the road closure, southbound Courtenay Drive traffic (coming from Mount Pleasant or I-26) between Spring Street and Cannon Street will be detoured left onto Lockwood Drive. Northbound Courtenay Drive traffic between Cannon Street and Spring Street will be detoured right onto Cannon Street then left onto Wescott Street. Detour signs and message boards will be installed to direct motorists.

 One lane for one-way southbound traffic will be reopened prior to Monday morning. Northbound Courtenay Drive traffic between Cannon Street and Spring Street will continue to use Wescott Street to access Spring Street.

Prior to the permanent conversion, utility and road crews will be working on this section of Courtenay Drive. As a result, a lane closure and a full road closure were previously announced, and will occur as noted below:

## Traffic Alerts for the ongoing project area that have previously been announced:

## Through Thursday, Sept. 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 <u>Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax</u> and managed by the Charleston County RoadWise Program.

Charleston County RoadWise is the name of <u>Charleston County Government's</u> 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 <a href="www.ccroadwise.org">www.ccroadwise.org</a> 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 <a href="http://www.ccroadwise.org/bee\_st\_and\_courtenay\_dr.html">http://www.ccroadwise.org/bee\_st\_and\_courtenay\_dr.html</a>.