

## **Charleston County News Release**

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**Project Web Site:** <a href="http://www.ccroadwise.org/johnnie\_dodds.html">http://www.ccroadwise.org/johnnie\_dodds.html</a> <a href="http://www.ccroadwise.org/file/images/jdbprojects.jpg">http://www.ccroadwise.org/file/images/jdbprojects.jpg</a>

## Traffic Alert: Nighttime Lane Closures Begin in Preparation for Construction of Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Improvements Project

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

<u>Charleston County Government</u> announces nighttime road work that will affect traffic on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard (U.S. 17).

The following work is necessary so road crews can prepare for construction of the <u>Johnnie Dodds</u> Boulevard Improvements Project in Mount Pleasant:

## Sept. 23 southbound lane closures near the Bowman Road intersection:

- Drivers should expect southbound, outside lane closures on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 23.
- Workers will be testing soil around the Bowman Road intersection to determine requirements for the bridge foundation.
- At no time will the entire roadway be blocked to traffic.

## Sept 26 and 27 northbound lane closures near the Bowman Road intersection:

- Drivers should expect northbound, outside lane closures on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 26 and Monday, Sept. 27.
- Workers will continue soil testing around the Bowman Road intersection.
- At no time will the entire roadway be blocked to traffic.

This map indicates projects on U.S. 17 and the authority responsible for each project, including the County's work on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard: <a href="http://www.ccroadwise.org/file/images/jdbprojects.jpg">http://www.ccroadwise.org/file/images/jdbprojects.jpg</a>.

All motorists traveling through the project area are asked to be aware of equipment and crews and to be prepared for delays beginning this week. Alternative routes are recommended if possible. The public is also asked to notice traffic control signs, reductions in speed limit and message board information, and to note that all road work is dependent on the weather.

The project, which is expected to be completed in the fall of 2012, is funded by the <u>Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax</u> and managed by <u>Charleston County Government</u>'s RoadWise Program, in close coordination with the <u>Town of Mount Pleasant</u>, <u>S.C. Department of Transportation</u> and <u>U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration</u>. The goal of the project is to improve the traffic flow in and out of Mount Pleasant, especially before and after school and work hours.

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

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 <u>www.ccroadwise.org</u> 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, including construction status and traffic alerts, online at <a href="http://www.ccroadwise.org/johnnie\_dodds.html">http://www.ccroadwise.org/johnnie\_dodds.html</a>.