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Weekend Lane Closures for Bee Street/Courtenay Drive Project

<u>Charleston County Government</u> announces a new, weekend traffic alert for the <u>Bee Street and</u> Courtenay Drive Improvement Project

Paving will occur on Courtenay Drive on Saturday, Nov. 20 and may also occur on Sunday, Nov. 21, so that Courtenay Drive can open in its final configuration by Monday, Nov. 22.

The final configuration includes Courtenay Drive becoming a two-lane, one-way street between Spring Street and Cannon Street. Courtenay Drive will also be widened to accommodate two-lane, two-direction traffic between Cannon Street and Ralph Johnson Boulevard.

Lane closures will occur for paving work as follows:

Courtenay Drive between Cannon Street and Ralph Johnson Boulevard:

- Lane closures will occur on Saturday Nov. 20 and may also occur on Sunday, Nov. 21.
- A single lane of traffic in both directions will be maintained while road work occurs on Courtenay Drive between Cannon Street and Ralph Johnson Boulevard.
- Drivers should expect some intermittent stops necessary for equipment operations, and flagmen will be present to direct traffic in these situations.

After Courtenay Drive is opened in its final configuration, lane closures may occur during off-peak hours if minor, additional work is needed.

Ongoing traffic alerts (previously announced):

- The MUSC parking garage main entrance on Bee Street has reopened.
- Access to the garage is temporarily not available through the rear garage entrance across from Bravo Street.
- Bee Street between Lockwood Boulevard and Courtenay Drive is not opened to through traffic.
- Motorists trying to access the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center by way of Courtenay
 Drive are detoured to Ralph H. Johnson Drive and then to the hospital entrance on Bravo
 Street.
- Motorists can still access the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center on Bee Street coming from Lockwood Boulevard and from the US 17 Northbound off Ramp to Lockwood Boulevard
- The intersections of Bee Street and Bravo Street and Bee Street and Cherry Street are temporarily closed.

- Only local traffic trying to access Comfort Inn, The Lofts or the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center should utilize Bee Street coming from Lockwood Boulevard or from the U.S. 17 northbound off-ramp to Lockwood Boulevard.
- Cherry Street is temporarily not open to through traffic. Only local traffic coming from U.S.
 17 northbound trying to access Burger King or South Carolina Federal Credit Union should utilize Cherry Street.

The public is asked to take notice of traffic control signs and message board information. 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 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.