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Project Web site: <u>http://www.ccroadwise.org/johnnie_dodds.html</u> *Map:* <u>http://www.ccroadwise.org/file/images/jdbprojects.jpg</u>

Traffic Alert: Dec. 2 Nighttime Lane Closures in Preparation for Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Improvements Project

<u>Charleston County Government</u> announces new, nighttime road work that will affect northbound traffic on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard (U.S. 17) this week. The work is being done in preparation for the <u>Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Improvements Project</u> in Mount Pleasant.

The following work is necessary to erect permanent construction signs across the Mt. Pleasant side of the Arthur Ravenel, Jr. Bridge:

Thursday, Dec. 2 northbound lane closures one mile near the Ravenel Bridge:

- Drivers should expect northbound, outside lane closures on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard and one mile north bound of the Ravenel Bridge.
- The work will be done between 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2 through 6 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 3.
- At no time will the entire roadway be blocked to traffic.
- If the weather is poor on this date, the work will be completed during the same timeframe on the next weather-permitting day.

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

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</u> <u>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> and the <u>S.C. Department of</u> <u>Transportation</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 http://www.ccroadwise.org/johnnie_dodds.html.