

## **Charleston County News Release**

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Project Web site: http://www.ccroadwise.org/johnnie dodds.html

Map of Detour: http://www.ccroadwise.org/file/doc/detourvonkolnitz10711.pdf

## Traffic Alert: Section of Von Kolnitz Road at Hospital Drive to Close Permanently

Section of road closes on Jan. 21 for Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Improvements Project

<u>Charleston County Government</u> announces the following permanent road closure as part of the Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Improvements Project in Mount Pleasant:

- Von Kolnitz Road between Bowman Road and the East Cooper Medical Arts Center (at 1280 Von Kolnitz Road) will be permanently closed to through traffic.
- The closure will occur on Friday, Jan. 21 at approximately 9:30 a.m.
- The permanent closure is being done at this time in order to relocate utilities.
- To access any of the medical facilities along Von Kolnitz Road and Hospital Drive after the closure, drivers can use the remaining portion of Von Kolnitz Road or Hospital Drive via Bowman Road and Mathis Ferry Road.
- This map shows where detour signs will be installed to assist drivers: http://www.ccroadwise.org/file/doc/detourvonkolnitz10711.pdf
- If the weather is poor on this date, the permanent closure will occur at the same time on the next weather-permitting day.

This map indicates the three ongoing 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/idbprojects.jpg">http://www.ccroadwise.org/file/images/idbprojects.jpg</a>.

Drivers traveling through the project area are asked to be aware of equipment and crews working in the area. 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> and the <u>S.C. Department of 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 <a href="http://www.ccroadwise.org/johnnie_dodds.html">http://www.ccroadwise.org/johnnie_dodds.html</a> .