

## **Charleston County News Release**

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<u>Project Web site</u>: <u>http://www.ccroadwise.org/bee\_st\_and\_courtenay\_dr.html</u> <u>Project photos</u>: <u>http://www.ccroadwise.org/bee\_st\_and\_courtenay\_dr.html</u>#Photos

## Section of Bee Street to Close and Bee Street Intersection at Cherry/Bravo Streets to Reopen on January 17

<u>Charleston County Government</u> announces major changes as part of the <u>Bee Street and</u> <u>Courtenay Drive Improvement Project</u>.

- A section of Bee Street will close on Monday, Jan. 17 for approximately 45 days (if weather permits crews to complete the necessary work).
- The section of Bee Street that will be closed starts at the South Carolina Federal Credit Union's drive-thru/ATM exit and continues to Bee Street Lofts' parking garage entrance.
- Drivers will be able to access businesses located within the road closure limits at all times.
- The Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center's main entrance/exit on Bee Street will be closed.
- Drivers needing to access the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center should use the Bravo Street's entrance/exit.
- The MUSC parking garage rear entrance across from Bravo Street will reopen. The main garage entrance on Bee Street will remain open. Both entrances can be accessed coming from Courtenay Drive, Cherry Street or Bravo Street.
- Drivers will be able access the South Carolina Federal Credit Union from Cherry Street, Bravo Street or Courtenay Drive. Traffic exiting the South Carolina Federal Credit Union drive-thru/ATM will turn right onto Bee Street toward Lockwood Boulevard.
- Access to Bee Street Lofts and the Comfort Inn will continue from Lockwood only.
- Access to the Comfort Inn will change in the upcoming weeks as construction progresses toward its entrance. Another traffic alert will be released prior to this change taking place.

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 this spring, is funded by the <u>Charleston County</u> <u>Transportation Sales Tax</u> and managed by <u>Charleston County Government</u>'s RoadWise Program.

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 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>.