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

Traffic Alert: One-Week Lane Closure for Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Improvements Project Begins Feb. 14

<u>Charleston County Government</u> announces new road work that will affect East Frontage Road next to Stuckey Furniture and Crickentree Apartments on Monday, Feb. 14 through Friday, Feb. 18. The work is necessary so crews can install new storm drainage pipes for the <u>Johnnie Dodds Boulevard</u> <u>Improvements Project</u> in Mount Pleasant.

Feb. 14 lane closures on East Frontage Road:

- Drivers should expect a lane closure on East Frontage Road between New Market Centre and Crickentree Apartments on Monday, Feb. 14 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. for one week.
- Vehicles may access businesses that are located along East Frontage Road from either Bowman Road or Anna Knapp Boulevard.
- One lane of traffic will be left open while crews work on East Frontage Road.
- If the weather is poor any day during the week, the closure will occur at the same time on the next weather-permitting day.

Background Information on the Project:

- The goal of the project, which is expected to be completed in the fall of 2012, is to improve the traffic flow in and out of Mount Pleasant, especially before and after school and work hours.
- The project 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</u> <u>of Mount Pleasant</u> and the <u>S.C. Department of Transportation</u>.
- 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. Every effort is being made to schedule necessary lane closures for the project during off- peak, nighttime and weekend hours when possible.
- 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: http://www.ccroadwise.org/file/images/jdbprojects.jpg.
- 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 <u>http://www.ccroadwise.org/johnnie_dodds.html</u>.
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