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Project area map: http://www.ccroadwise.org/file/images/jdbprojects.jpg

Traffic Alert: Road Work Continues on East Frontage Road

<u>Charleston County Government</u> announces traffic alerts as part of the <u>Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Improvements Project</u> in Mount Pleasant that will affect East Frontage Road. The work is necessary for crews to install new storm drainage pipes.

NEW: Feb. 18 Daytime lane closures on East Frontage Road for one month:

- Drivers should expect a lane closure on East Frontage Road between New Market Centre and south of Crickentree Apartments beginning on Friday, Feb. 18 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and continuing for one month.
- 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 month, the closures will continue until the work is completed.

EXTENDED: East Frontage Road closure (South of Bowman Road):

Nighttime road closures have been extended through Friday, March 9 as follows:

- Drivers should expect a road closure on East Frontage Road next to Nason Medical Center to continue for each night from Feb. 7 March 9 between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- During construction, East Frontage Road will be limited to local traffic between Bowman Road and Anna Knapp Boulevard.
- Vehicles may access businesses that are located along East Frontage Road from Anna Knapp Boulevard.
- If the weather is poor on these dates, the work will be completed on the next weatherpermitting dates.

EXTENDED: East Frontage Road closure (North of Bowman Road):

Road closures have been extended through Wednesday, March 9 as follows:

- A section of East Frontage Road from north of The Bicycle Shoppe driveway (1539
 East Frontage Road) to north of the first driveway at Hertz Car Rental (1561 East Frontage
 Road) will remain closed until approximately Wed., March 9.
- The road will reopen early if crews finish ahead of schedule, however, if the weather is poor, the road closure may exceed the expected time period.

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> of Mount Pleasant and the S.C. Department of Transportation.
- 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 http://www.ccroadwise.org/johnnie_dodds.html.
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