

## **Charleston County News Release**

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Project Web site: <a href="http://www.ccroadwise.org/johnnie\_dodds.html">http://www.ccroadwise.org/johnnie\_dodds.html</a>
Project area map: <a href="http://www.ccroadwise.org/file/images/jdbprojects.ipg">http://www.ccroadwise.org/file/images/jdbprojects.ipg</a>

## Traffic Alert: Lane Closures on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard

Speed limit reductions during construction, March 23-24 and March 27-31

<u>Charleston County Government</u> announces traffic alerts as part of the <u>Johnnie Dodds Boulevard</u> <u>Improvements Project</u> in Mount Pleasant that will affect Johnnie Dodds Boulevard (U.S. 17). The work is necessary for crews to install underground drainage pipes.

## Lane closures on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard:

- As part of the <u>Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Improvements Project</u> in Mount Pleasant, road crews will temporarily close lanes on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard near Stuckey Furniture.
- The construction activity will occur 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. on March 23-24 and March 27-31.
- The work is being conducted at night in an effort to reduce impact on drivers.
- The speed limit on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard will be reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph. in the construction zone when crews are working. Temporary signs will alert the public of the speed limit reduction.

## 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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