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

Traffic Alert: Closures on Dragoon Drive and East Frontage Road in Mount Pleasant

<u>Charleston County Government</u> announces road work as part of continuing road work on the <u>Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Improvements Project</u> in Mount Pleasant. The work will affect East Frontage Road and Dragoon Drive.

Dragoon Drive Traffic Shift, April 12:

- Drivers should expect a traffic shift on Dragoon Drive near the intersection of Johnnie Dodds Boulevard on Tuesday, April 12.
- The traffic shift will occur from 8 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m.
- The shift is necessary to locate existing, underground water and sewer lines.
- If the weather is poor April 12, the work will be completed on the next weather-permitting day.

East Frontage Road Closure, April 13 – May 13:

- Drivers should expect a nighttime road closure on East Frontage Road next to Nason Medical Center from April 13 – May 13.
- The closure will occur between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. in order to minimize the impact on drivers.
- During construction, East Frontage Road will be limited to local traffic between Bowman Road and Anna Knapp Boulevard.
- Drivers will have access to businesses that are located along East Frontage Road from Anna Knapp Boulevard.
- The closure is necessary to continue replacing the curb and gutter, grading and sidewalk work.

Background information on the Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Improvements 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 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/idbprojects.ipg.

- 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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