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Traffic Alert: Closures on East Frontage, Bowman and I-526 Eastbound Ramp

<u>Charleston County Government</u> announces traffic alerts as part of the <u>Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Improvements Project</u> in Mount Pleasant. Various construction activities will affect East Frontage Road, Bowman Road and the I-526 eastbound ramp as follows:

NEW: Nighttime ramp closure on I-526 eastbound ramp to Chuck Dawley Boulevard:

- Drivers should expect a closure of the ramp connecting Johnnie Dodds Boulevard (U.S. Highway 17) to I-526 East toward Chuck Dawley Boulevard.
- The construction activity will occur 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., in an effort to reduce the impact on drivers, from Monday, May 2 Monday, May 9.
- Vehicles may access Chuck Dawley Boulevard from Bowman Road.
- If the weather is poor anytime during this week, the work will be completed during the same timeframe on the next weather-permitting night.

EXTENDED: Daytime lane closures on East Frontage Road:

- Drivers should expect minor, nighttime delays on East Frontage Road between New Market Centre and south of Crickentree Apartments.
- The construction activity will occur 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Monday, May 30.
- 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.

EXTENDED: Nighttime road closures on East Frontage Road:

- Road crews will temporarily close East Frontage Road between The Bicycle Shoppe and the last driveway into Kmart.
- The construction activity will occur 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., in an effort to reduce the impact on drivers, through Monday, May 30.
- Drivers will have access to businesses along East Frontage Road at all times during construction.

EXTENDED: Nighttime Bowman Road lane closures at East Frontage Road:

- Drivers should expect minor, nighttime delays due to eastbound and westbound lane closures of Bowman Road near the East Frontage Road intersection (by McDonald's restaurant).
- The construction activity will occur 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., in an effort to reduce the impact on drivers, through Monday, May 30.
- Traffic turning from Johnnie Dodds Boulevard onto Bowman Road will be shifted over to the adjacent lane, which will be marked with construction cones.

Drivers traveling through the construction zone 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 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</u> <u>Government</u>'s RoadWise Program, in close coordination with the <u>Town of Mount Pleasant</u> and the <u>S.C. Department of</u> <u>Transportation</u>.

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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