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Traffic Alert: Closures for Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Project

<u>Charleston County Government</u> announces extended traffic alerts as part of the <u>Johnnie Dodds</u> <u>Boulevard Improvements Project</u> in Mount Pleasant that will begin immediately after the Memorial Day Holiday, and will continue through Monday, June 27. The work is necessary to install underground drainage pipes and prepare and place asphalt in the roadway.

Johnnie Dodds Boulevard:

- Drivers should expect temporary, nighttime lane closures on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard near the Bowman Road intersection (between Crickentree Apts. and Hertz Rental).
- The construction activity will occur from 9 p.m.-6 a.m. in an effort to reduce the 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.

West Frontage Road:

- Drivers should expect temporary, daytime lane closures on West Frontage Road from Bowman Road to Havens Fine Framing.
- The construction activity will occur from 8:30 a.m. 4 p.m.
- Drivers will have access to businesses along West Frontage Road at all times during construction.

East Frontage Road:

- Drivers should expect temporary, daytime delays on East Frontage Road between New Market Centre and south of Crickentree Apartments.
- The construction activity will occur from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Drivers will have access to businesses along East Frontage Road at all times during construction.

Bowman Road at East Frontage Road:

- Drivers should expect temporary, 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 from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., in an effort to reduce the impact on drivers.
- 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 Government</u>, in close coordination with the <u>Town of Mount Pleasant</u> and the S.C. Department of Transportation.

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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