

## **Charleston County News Release**

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Project website: <u>http://www.ccroadwise.org/johnnie\_dodds.html</u> Project area map: <u>http://www.ccroadwise.org/file/images/jdbprojects.jpg</u>

## **Traffic Alert: Charleston County, in conjunction with SCDOT, Reduces Speed Limit on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard**

<u>Charleston County Government</u> announces speed limit reduction as part of the <u>Johnnie</u> <u>Dodds Boulevard Improvements Project</u> in Mount Pleasant to promote safety in the work zone.

Motorists traveling on US 17 need to watch their speed. New speed limit signs will be placed along the corridor officially reducing the speed limit from <u>45 mph to 35 mph</u> beginning Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Crews will begin removing the old speed limit signs and installing new ones between the Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge and the I-526 overpass.

Safety is the County's top priority as the improvement project moves forward. Reducing the speed limit in the work zone will help protect motorists, as well as the crews doing this important work.

The Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Improvement Project is regularly patrolled and motorists who get caught going too fast could be fined as much as \$450.

Drivers traveling through the construction zones 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 spring of 2013, 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 <u>S.C. Department of Transportation</u>.

The public can get up-to-date project information, including construction status and traffic alerts, online at <a href="http://www.ccroadwise.org/johnnie\_dodds.html">http://www.ccroadwise.org/johnnie\_dodds.html</a>.

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