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CANCELLED Traffic Alert: Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Nighttime Detour Extended to Wed.

<u>Charleston County Government</u> announces that a traffic detour for the <u>Johnnie Dodds Boulevard</u> <u>Improvements Project in Mount Pleasant is being extended through Wednesday, Dec. 7:</u>

- The detour occurred on Monday, Dec. 5 and was also scheduled to occur on Tuesday, Dec. 6. It has now been scheduled to also occur on Wednesday, Dec. 7.
- The detour will be in place from 9 p.m. 6 a.m. on Dec. 6 and 7.
- Drivers will not be able to cross Johnnie Dodds Boulevard at the Bowman Road intersection, but will be detoured around the intersection.
- The purpose of the detour is to allow crews to put the beams in place that will support the Bowman Road overpass, which is currently under construction.
- Barricades and signs will be used to direct drivers through the detour.
- Drivers choosing to use Johnnie Dodds Boulevard on the evenings of Dec. 6 and 7 are encouraged to drive with extra caution.
- If the weather is poor, the work will continue on the next weather-permitting night.

Drivers traveling through the project's construction zone are asked to be aware of equipment and crews working in the area at all times. 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 Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax and managed by Charleston County Government's RoadWise Program, in close coordination with the Town of Mount Pleasant 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/projects/johnnie_dodds/index.php.

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