

## **Charleston County News Release**

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**Project website:** <a href="http://www.ccroadwise.org/projects/johnnie\_dodds/index.php">http://www.ccroadwise.org/projects/johnnie\_dodds/index.php</a> **Project area map:** <a href="http://www.ccroadwise.org/projects/johnnie\_dodds/index.php">http://www.ccroadwise.org/projects/johnnie\_dodds/index.php</a>

## Traffic Alert: Nighttime Entrance Ramp Closure April 24-26 on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard at U.S. 17 South

Drivers should expect traffic pattern changes this week as construction progresses on the <u>Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Improvements Project</u> in Mount Pleasant.

The entrance ramp to U.S. Highway 17 South (coming from Bowman Road next to Arby's) will be closed from 9 p.m. – 6 a.m. Tuesday, April 24 through Thursday, April 26. During the closure, all traffic will be detoured to either East Frontage Road or West Frontage Road. All construction areas will be marked with construction cones and signs. The ramp closure is necessary so crews can work on the interchange.

Drivers traveling through the project's construction zone are asked to be aware of equipment and crews working in the area at all times. Drivers are encouraged to go slow and allow additional time to reach their destinations safely.

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>'s RoadWise Program, 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 http://www.ccroadwise.org/projects/johnnie\_dodds/index.php.

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