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Traffic Alert: Nighttime Ramp Closures Starting June 6 on Johnnie Dodds Blvd. at Bowman Rd. for One Month

Drivers will encounter ramp closures over the next 30 days as construction progresses on the Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Improvements Project in Mount Pleasant.

Details of the closures are:

- Beginning Wednesday, June 6, the following ramps will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. 6 a.m. for 30 days (*Note:* only one ramp will be closed at any given time):
 - Entrance ramp onto southbound Johnnie Dodds Boulevard from Bowman Road (next to Arby's restaurant).
 - Entrance ramp onto northbound Johnnie Dodds Boulevard from Bowman Road (next to McDonald's restaurant).
 - Exit ramp from southbound Johnnie Dodds Boulevard onto Bowman Road (next to the former East Cooper hospital).
 - Exit ramp from northbound Johnnie Dodds Boulevard onto Bowman Road (next to Blockbuster and Nason Medical Center).
- During the nightly ramp closures, all traffic will be detoured to either East Frontage Road or West Frontage Road.
- All construction areas and detours will be marked with construction cones and signs.
- The ramp closures are 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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