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Traffic Alert: Permanent Traffic Changes at McGrath Darby Blvd. as part of the Johnnie Dodds Blvd. Improvements Project

Beginning 11 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 17, <u>Charleston County Government</u> will make permanent changes to the intersection of McGrath Darby Boulevard and Johnnie Dodds Boulevard (U.S. Highway 17) as part of the <u>Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Improvements Project</u> in Mt. Pleasant.

Details of the permanent changes that will occur on Sept. 17 are:

- Drivers on McGrath Darby Boulevard will only be able make right turns onto Johnnie Dodds Boulevard. In other words, traffic on McGrath Darby Boulevard will no longer be able to turn left onto Johnnie Dodds Boulevard or go straight through the intersection.
- Drivers on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard will still be able to make left and right turns onto McGrath Darby Boulevard and go straight through the intersection.

Drivers traveling through the project's construction zone are asked to be aware of equipment and crews working in the area at all times. The public is also asked to notice traffic control signs, reductions in speed limit and message board information.

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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