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Citizens Asked to Comment on Alternatives for Two Major Transportation "Half-Cent" Sales Tax Projects

Initial Bond Projects: Maybank Highway/Folly Road meeting on March 15 and U.S.17/S.C. 61 meeting on March 22

Charleston County RoadWise will hold public meetings on two major Transportation "Half-Cent" Sales Tax improvements projects:

- Maybank Highway/Folly Road intersection improvements (7 to 9 p.m. at Harbor View Elementary School cafeteria, 1576 Harbor View Road, Charleston, South Carolina 29412)
- U.S. 17/S.C.61 improvements (7 to 9 p.m. at St. Andrews Elementary School cafeteria, 30 Chadwick Drive, Charleston, South Carolina 29407)

The purpose of each meeting is to share design information with the public and to receive additional comments on proposed improvement plans.

The March 15 meeting will be the second public meeting for Maybank Highway/Folly Road intersection improvements. The first public meeting for these intersection improvements was held on May 25, 2006.

The March 22 meeting will be the third public meeting for U.S. 17/S.C. 61 improvements. The first two public meetings for these improvements were held on July 27 and Nov. 16 of 2006. The meetings provided the public with options for the improvements, and resulted in comments such as a preference for the alternative that best addresses neighborhood issues concerning cut-through traffic, traffic congestion, and pedestrian and bicycle traffic safety.

During the upcoming March 15 and 22 meetings, residents will be presented, and asked to review, alternative drawings that are based on their earlier input. The various designs were also based on data that was gathered and studied by the design firms.

These and future meetings are considered a part of the pre-construction phase of the Initial Bond Projects, which are funded by the Transportation Sales Tax.

The next Initial Bond Project meetings involving the public will be:

Palmetto Commerce Parkway (the second public meeting on Phase II) Glenn McConnell/Bees Ferry Intersection (the first public meeting) U.S. 17/Johnnie Dodds Boulevard (the first public meeting) Harbor View Road (the third public meeting)

The time and date of these upcoming meetings will be announced to the public in advance. Gathering public input is an essential role of Charleston County RoadWise, Charleston County Government's management program for the construction of road, highway, resurfacing and drainage projects that are being funded by the Transportation Sales Tax.

Visit the official Charleston County Transportation "Half-Cent" Sales Tax Web site <u>www.ccroadwise.com</u> for public meeting notices and up-to-date news and information.