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**Project Web site:** [http://www.ccroadwise.org/folly\\_maybank.html](http://www.ccroadwise.org/folly_maybank.html)

**Image of the project design:** <http://www.ccroadwise.org/file/doc/follymaybankaltc.pdf>

## Construction Complete on Folly Road/Maybank Highway Intersection Improvements Project

*The Transportation Sales Tax funded this major bond project*

Construction is complete on improvements to the intersection of Folly Road and Maybank Highway on James Island. The project, which was finished on schedule, was funded by the [Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax](#). Only minor, finishing touches need to be accomplished, but the project is substantially complete.

An event was held on Thursday, June 10, to announce the project's completion. Speakers at the event were:

- [Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., Charleston County Council Chairman](#)
- [Joseph P. Riley, Jr., City of Charleston Mayor](#)

"It's obvious that this project exemplifies why our citizens voted for the Transportation Sales Tax," said [Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., Charleston County Council Chairman](#). "We gathered extensive public input that went into the design, and especially those people who go to and from James Island, Johns Island and West Ashley on a daily basis will notice a significant difference during their commutes. We are extremely pleased with the outcome."

The [Folly Road/Maybank Highway Intersections Improvement Project](#) was requested by the City of Charleston and approved by voters in the [first Transportation Sales Tax bond referendum](#).

"We are so pleased with the roadway improvements to this important part of the City of Charleston," said [Joseph P. Riley, Jr., City of Charleston Mayor](#). "The improvements have made an area that was previously difficult to navigate much easier, and with major improvements to the walkability of the area as well. The added enhancements of the landscaping and mast arm traffic signals help to beautify this key gateway to James Island."

The cost of the total project is \$4.5 million, which is below the original project estimate.

### The project description is as follows:

- The intersection design addresses the dangerous left turns from Old Folly Road onto Maybank Highway and from Folly Road onto Old Folly Road.
- The completed project includes mast-arm signals (stoplights) at the intersections to allow traffic to turn safely from Old Folly Road onto Maybank Highway and from Folly Road onto Old Folly Road.
- New, landscaped medians with lighting and irrigation were added to Maybank Highway, Folly Road and Old Folly Road.
- Sidewalks and added street lights for pedestrians were added along Maybank Highway, Folly Road and Old Folly Road.

- The entire project area was repaved and has pavement markings including crosswalks and signs.
- New stormwater drainage facilities were also added, including a new 60-inch drainage pipe crossing underneath Maybank Highway and continuing under Wappoo Creek Drive, and new curbs and gutters were added along the project area.

**Background:**

- The project was approved by voters in the [first Transportation Sales Tax bond referendum](#). The voters of Charleston County authorized the County to issue \$77 million in bonds, which will be repaid through Transportation Sales Tax revenues.
- The entire amount of the [first Transportation Sales Tax bond referendum](#) is allocated to the following transportation improvement projects, and the [Folly Road and Maybank Highway Intersection Improvements Project](#) is one of them:
  - Palmetto Commerce Parkway
    - [Phase I](#) (complete)
    - [Phase II](#) (under construction)
  - James Island Improvements
    - [Harbor View Road](#)
    - [Folly Road and Maybank Highway Intersection Improvements](#) (complete)
  - [Loop Ramp from James Island Connector to Folly Road](#) (on hold)
  - [Glenn McConnell Parkway / Bees Ferry Road Intersection](#)
  - [Hwy 17 / SC 61 Connector](#)
  - [US 17 / Johnnie Dodds Boulevard](#)
- Following public input meetings held in May of 2006 and March of 2007, staff compiled the input and brought a recommendation to [Charleston County Council](#), which approved the recommended design in October of 2007.

**The public can get more details, including photos of the construction process, online at [http://www.ccroadwise.org/folly\\_maybank.html](http://www.ccroadwise.org/folly_maybank.html).**

Charleston County RoadWise is the name of [Charleston County Government's](#) management program for the construction of roads, highways, resurfacing, paving and drainage projects that are funded by the Transportation Sales Tax.

Visit the official Web site at [www.ccroadwise.org](http://www.ccroadwise.org) for public meeting notices and up-to-date news and information about all Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax road projects.