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### **Traffic Alert: Nighttime Lane Closures at Magwood Intersection in West Ashley**

*Minor delays expected from 8 p.m. – 6 a.m. the week of March 7 - 11*

As a part of the [Glenn McConnell / I-526 Improvement Project](#) in West Ashley, lanes on Glenn McConnell Parkway will temporarily closed during a one-week period for construction as follows:

- Beginning Monday, March 7, drivers should expect minor, nighttime delays from 8 p.m. – 6 a.m. due to the east-bound and west-bound lane closures of Glenn McConnell Parkway near the Magwood Road intersection.
- Depending on the weather, a crew will be paving at this intersection for approximately one week, from March 7-11.
- Drivers traveling through the project area are asked to be aware of equipment and crews working in the area. 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 project, which is on schedule and expected to be completed in May 2011, is funded by the [Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax](#). Every effort is being made to schedule necessary lane closures for the project during off- peak, nighttime and weekend hours when possible.

#### **When completed, the Glenn McConnell / I-526 improvements will include:**

- Widening of Glenn McConnell Parkway to provide an additional lane in each direction for the full length of the project.
- Widening of Magwood Drive at the Glenn McConnell Parkway intersection (Home Depot/McDonald's side of the highway) to allow for dual left-turn lanes and a through or right-turn lane onto Glenn McConnell Parkway.
- Widening of Magwood Drive at the Glenn McConnell Parkway intersection (hospital side of the highway) to provide for a left-turn only lane, a single through lane, and right-turn lane onto Glenn McConnell Parkway.
- Adjusting the stoplight timing at the intersection of Magwood Drive and Glenn McConnell Parkway to allow left turns from both northbound and southbound lanes of Magwood Drive to occur at the same time.
- Closing the median on Glenn McConnell Parkway at Frontage Road to prohibit left turns and U-turns for improved safety.
- Lengthening the left-turn lanes on Glenn McConnell Parkway toward I-526 eastbound (toward North Charleston and Mount Pleasant) in order to allow more room for vehicles waiting to turn.
- Constructing a five-foot-wide concrete sidewalk along Magwood Drive to connect to the existing sidewalk. Pedestrian signals will be installed on both sides of Glenn McConnell Parkway to allow for pedestrians to cross the intersection.
- Creating earthen sound buffers that include landscaping, along the northbound lanes of the Glenn McConnell Parkway to provide a buffer for nearby neighborhoods.

The public can get up-to-date project information, including construction status and traffic alerts on the Glenn McConnell/I-526 Improvement Project online at [http://www.ccroadwise.org/gm\\_526\\_const.html](http://www.ccroadwise.org/gm_526_const.html).

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