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Project Web site: <a href="http://www.ccroadwise.org/johnnie\_dodds.html">http://www.ccroadwise.org/johnnie\_dodds.html</a>
Project area map: <a href="http://www.ccroadwise.org/file/images/jdbprojects.jpg">http://www.ccroadwise.org/file/images/jdbprojects.jpg</a>

# Traffic Alert: Nighttime Closures on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard and East Frontage Road Beginning March 9

<u>Charleston County Government</u> announces nighttime traffic alerts as part of the <u>Johnnie Dodds</u>
<u>Boulevard Improvements Project</u> in Mount Pleasant that will affect Johnnie Dodds Boulevard (U.S. 17) and East Frontage Road. The work is necessary for crews to install underground drainage pipes.

## Lane closures on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard:

- Beginning on March 9, a lane will be closed on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard in the area of Stuckey Furniture Store, which is between Bowman Road and Anna Knapp Boulevard.
- The work will occur from 9 p.m. 6 a.m. during Mondays Thursdays, and will continue on these nights each week for approximately one month.
- The construction will begin on the East Frontage Road side of Johnnie Dodds Boulevard, and then will shift to the West Frontage Road side.
- At no time will the entire roadway be blocked to traffic.
- The speed limit on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard will be reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph in the construction zone. Law enforcement officers will enforce the reduced speed limit.
- If the weather is poor any day during the month, the closures will continue until the work is completed.

### **East Frontage Road closures:**

- Beginning on March 9, East Frontage Road will be closed to through traffic.
- The work will occur from 9 p.m. 6 a.m. during Mondays Thursdays, and will continue on these nights for approximately one month.
- Depending on the location of the business along East Frontage Road, vehicles may access from either Bowman Road or Anna Knapp Boulevard.
- If the weather is poor any day during the month, the closures will continue until the work is completed.

The public can get up-to-date project information, including construction status and traffic alerts, online at <a href="http://www.ccroadwise.org/johnnie\_dodds.html">http://www.ccroadwise.org/johnnie\_dodds.html</a>.

#### Background Information on the Project:

- The goal of the <u>Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Improvements Project</u>, which is expected to be completed in the fall of 2012, 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>.
- 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. Every effort is

- being made to schedule necessary lane closures for the project during off- peak, nighttime and weekend hours when possible.
- This map indicates the three ongoing projects on U.S. 17 and the authority responsible for each project, including the County's work on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard: http://www.ccroadwise.org/file/images/jdbprojects.jpg.
- Charleston County RoadWise is the name of <u>Charleston County Government's</u>
  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 <u>www.ccroadwise.org</u> for public meeting notices and up-to-date news and information
  about all Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax projects.
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