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Construction Begins on Bees Ferry Road Widening Project

Project will improve entire length of Bees Ferry Road; from intersection with US 17 to SC 61

<u>Charleston County Government</u> will hold a ceremony on Friday December 9, 2011 to break ground on the Bees Ferry Road Project. The ceremony will begin at 11 am at the <u>Grace on the Ashley</u> Baptist church at 2014 Bees Ferry Road.

Speakers at the December 9 ceremony will be:

- Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., Charleston County Council Chairman
- Joseph P. Riley, Jr., City of Charleston Mayor

The major improvements provided by the project are:

- The widening of Bees Ferry Road from two lanes to four lanes for the majority of the project with additional turn lanes where needed.
- The widening of Bees Ferry Road to six lanes between Grand Oaks Boulevard and the proposed intersection of West Ashley Traffic Circle to the north of Glenn McConnell Parkway.
- Installation of a 10-foot wide multi-use path (bicycles and pedestrians) on the west side of Bees Ferry Road that will tie into the multi-use path along Ashley River Road, and a fivefoot wide sidewalk along the east side of Bees Ferry Road.
- The realignment of the intersection of Bees Ferry Road and Savannah Highway. The new terminus of Bees Ferry Road will intersect Savannah Highway just south of the Subway near Publix Shopping Center.
- Stoplight upgrades will be made on Bees Ferry Road including pedestrian signals for crosswalks.
- Improved landscaping including over a thousand new trees planted along Bees Ferry Road.
- Improved drainage including improved water quality, cleaned ditches, and lager sized drainage pipes.
- Replacement of the existing bridge over the Church Creek Canal with a new longer and wider bridge.

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