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Traffic Alert: Lane Closures and Traffic Shifts Continue Through Dec. 31 for Bees Ferry Widening Project

Drivers should expect lane closures and traffic shifts and to encounter temporary delays as construction crews continue installing underground drainage pipes, curb and gutter, and preparing and placing asphalt for the Bees Ferry Widening Project in West Ashley. All construction areas will be marked with construction cones and signs, and all work is dependent on the weather.

The following, previously announced, road work on the project will continue through Tuesday, Dec. 31:

- Speed limit change: the speed limit on Bees Ferry Road is reduced from 45 to 35 mph.
- Traffic shifts: to install curb and gutter, sidewalks, asphalt and conduct other construction activities.
- Lane closures:
 - Drivers should expect temporary, nighttime lane closures on Bees Ferry Road between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m.
 - Workers and orange construction cones will direct drivers through any lane closures.
 - At no time will both lanes be closed to traffic.

Drivers traveling through the project's construction zone are asked to be aware of equipment and crews working in the area at all times. The public is also asked to notice traffic control signs, reductions in speed limit and message board information.

The goal of the project, which is expected to be completed June 2014, is to make improvements to the entire 4.5-mile length of Bees Ferry Road from Savannah Highway (U.S. 17) to Ashley River Road (S.C. 61). The project was requested by the City of Charleston and is funded by the Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax Program. Partial funding for the project was approved by voters in the second Transportation Sales Tax bond referendum.

Visit the official website at http://roads.charlestoncounty.org for public meeting notices and up-to-date news and information about all Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax road projects. Anyone with questions about the project can call Charleston County's Transportation Development Department at (843) 202-6154.

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