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Public Input Wanted for Major Transportation “Half-Cent” Sales Tax Project
Initial Bond Project: Proposed overpass and loop ramp from James Island Connector onto Folly Road to improve traffic flow

Charleston County RoadWise is holding a public meeting to gather input on plans to improve the flow of traffic on James Island. The proposed project will be funded by the Transportation “Half-Cent” Sales Tax.

The public meeting will focus on a proposed overpass and loop ramp from the James Island Connector (S.C. Highway 30) to Folly Road.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 6, from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Harbor View Elementary School cafeteria (1576 Harbor View Road, Charleston, SC 29412).

The purpose of the meeting is for project staff to provide information and receive public comments on:

- Constructing an overpass and loop ramp to facilitate James Island Connector traffic coming from downtown Charleston onto Folly Road southbound heading toward Folly Beach. Currently, there is a stoplight at this intersection where traffic turning left onto Folly Road backs up, and the overpass and loop onto Folly Road would help by allowing a continuous flow of traffic.
- The existing traffic signal at the end of the James Island Connector and Folly Road intersection would remain, but would be reconfigured for moving traffic to northbound Folly Road (the direction going away from Folly Beach).

Those attending the meeting will have an opportunity to make comments and ask questions about the proposed improvements.

The public is encouraged to participate in the various informational meetings held by the Charleston County RoadWise Program.

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.

BACKGROUND: The primary purpose of the proposed project is to improve traffic flow and safety at the intersection of the James Island Connector and Folly Road. The James Island Connector currently terminates at an intersection with Folly Road on James Island. This at-grade intersection could be modified by constructing an overpass that would carry traffic from the Connector over Folly Road and develop into a loop ramp connecting to Folly Road. This would help facilitate the traffic movement between the westbound James Island Connector (coming from downtown) to southbound Folly Road (heading toward Folly Beach). The proposed loop ramp would be located

on the west side of Folly Road, and the majority of the work would be conducted on existing right-of-way property. Once completed, this stand-alone project could be added onto later by any future construction connecting the Mark Clark Extension (I-526) to the James Island Connector.

Visit the official Charleston County Transportation "Half-Cent" Sales Tax Web Site www.ccroadwise.org for public meeting notices and up-to-date news and information.

To view the proposed schedule for this project, go to: http://www.ccroadwise.org/loop_ramp.html.