

Charleston County News Release

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Traffic Alert: Temporary Nighttime Bee Street Lane Closure June 16-19

<u>Charleston County Government</u> announces new traffic alerts for the <u>Bee Street and Courtenay</u> <u>Drive Improvement Project</u>.

Bee Street:

- A night time lane closure will occur on June 16 -19 between 6 p.m. and 5 a.m. Road crews will be performing utility relocation work along Bee Street at the Cherry Street and Bee Street intersection.
- At no point will Bee Street be blocked to traffic from Bravo St. to Lockwood Blvd.

Please remember these other ongoing traffic alerts that have already been announced to the media regarding this project:

Bravo Street:

- Night time lane closures will occur on June 15 17 between the 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. Road crews will be performing utility relocation work along Bravo Street between Bee Street and Ralph Johnson Drive.
- At no point will Bravo Street be blocked to traffic.

Courtenay Drive:

- On Monday, June 14, road work began on Courtenay Drive between Cannon Street and Bee Street.
- One lane will remain open in each direction to minimize the impact on traffic.
- The work will occur overnight between 9 p.m. and 9 a.m. on different weekday and weekend schedules as restricted by the S.C. Department of Transportation.

For the past few weeks, improvements to the Bee Street and Courtenay Drive Area have focused on utility relocations and setting up traffic patterns that fit into construction activities.

All motorists traveling through the project area are asked to be aware of equipment and crews during construction, take notice of traffic control signs, be prepared for delays and take alternate routes if possible. All road work is dependent on the weather.

Any other road work on the project that could disrupt traffic will be announced through news releases issued to local media and posted on both the <u>Charleston County Government</u> and <u>Charleston County RoadWise</u> Web sites.

When completed, the Bee Street and Courtenay Drive Area improvements will include:

- The conversion of Courtenay Drive from Spring Street to Cannon Street from two-way traffic to one-way southbound traffic.
- The widening of Courtenay Drive between Cannon Street and Ralph Johnson Boulevard to accommodate an additional lane in each direction and improvements at its intersection with Bee Street.
- The complete demolition, reconstruction, and widening of Bee Street from Courtenay Drive to Lockwood Boulevard to improve drainage and reduce roadway settlement.
- The relocation of 1,200 feet of 12-inch water line along Bee Street from Courtenay Drive to Lockwood Boulevard.
- Improvements to the roadway drainage system on Courtenay Drive and Bee Street to complement the City of Charleston's future Spring/Fishbourne Drainage Improvement project.
- Upgraded traffic signals will be installed at the intersections of Courtenay Drive at Cannon Street and Courtenay Drive at Bee Street. The upgraded traffic signals will include pedestrian hand/man signal heads and improved cross walks.

The project, which is expected to be completed in less than a year, is funded by the <u>Charleston</u> <u>County Transportation Sales Tax</u> and managed by the Charleston County RoadWise Program.

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.

The public can get up-to-date project information on the Bee Street and Courtenay Drive Improvement Project, including construction status and traffic alerts, online at http://www.ccroadwise.org/bee_st_and_courtenay_dr.html.