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Traffic Alert: Closures for Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Project

<u>Charleston County Government</u> announces two new and two extended traffic alerts as part of the Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Improvements Project in Mount Pleasant.

NEW: Bowman Road (May 7)

- Drivers should expect up to a 20-minute road closure on Bowman Road between Arby's restaurant and Mt. Pleasant Manor on Saturday, May 7.
- The work will occur during the early morning from 4-5 a.m. in an effort to reduce impact on drivers.
- There will be multiple closures on Bowman Road lasting approximately 20 minutes each.
- The closures will be performed by <u>SCE&G</u> in order to relocate power lines.
- If the weather is poor on May 7, the work will be completed during the same timeframe on the next weather-permitting Saturday morning.

NEW: East Frontage Road (through May 26)

- Continuing through May 26, drivers should expect a daytime lane closure on East Frontage Road from The Bicycle Shoppe to Hertz Rental.
- The work will occur between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- One lane of traffic will be left open on East Frontage Road.
- The work is necessary for crews to install curb and gutter.

EXTENDED: Johnnie Dodds Boulevard (through May 26)

- Temporary nighttime lane closures will continue through May 26 on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard near the Bowman Road intersection (between Crickentree Apts. and Hertz Rental).
- The work will occur from 9 p.m.-6 a.m. in an effort to reduce the impact on drivers.
- The speed limit on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard will be reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph in the construction zone when crews are working. Temporary signs will alert the public of the speed limit reduction.
- The work is necessary for crews to install underground drainage pipes.

EXTENDED: West Frontage Road (through May 26)

- Temporarily daytime lane closures will continue through May 26 on West Frontage Road between Bowman Road and Anna Knapp Boulevard (from Parks Auto Parts to the Arby's restaurant entrance).
- The work will occur from 8:30 a.m. 4 p.m.
- Drivers will have access to businesses along West Frontage Road at all times during construction.
- The work is necessary for crews to install underground drainage pipes.

Drivers traveling through the construction zone 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.

The goal of the project, 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>, in close coordination with the <u>Town of Mount Pleasant</u> and the S.C. Department of Transportation.

The public can get up-to-date project information, including construction status and traffic alerts, online at http://www.ccroadwise.org/johnnie_dodds.html.

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