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Public Meeting Oct. 18 for SC-7 (Sam Rittenberg Blvd.)/SC-61 (Ashley River Rd.) Intersection Improvements Project

View proposed design and submit comment forms; official public comment period ends Nov. 2.

<u>Charleston County Government</u> invites residents and business owners to a public information meeting about the <u>SC-7 (Sam Rittenberg Boulevard)/SC-61 (Ashley River Road) Intersection Improvements Project</u>. The meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 18 from 6-8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center (1645 Raoul Wallenberg Boulevard; Charleston, SC 29407).

Details on the Oct. 18 public meeting:

- Drop-in format beginning at 6 p.m. with a brief presentation about the project
- Engineering and right of way personnel will be available to answer questions.
- See displays of the proposed design for the project.
- Opportunity to submit comments in writing on the proposed design.
 - The official public comment period will be open beginning Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012 and will remain open through Friday, Nov. 2, 2012.
 - Those who attend the public meeting can submit comment forms in person at the meeting.
 - Those who cannot attend the public meeting can submit comments as follows:
 Online at http://ccroadwise.org/projects/sam_rittenberg-SC61/comments.php
 - Regular mail sent to: The Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services Building; Attn: Richard Turner; 4045 Bridge View Drive, Suite C-204; North Charleston, SC 29405.
 - Although questions and comments are accepted by staff at any time, only comments received during the official comment period ending on Nov. 2 will be included in the official project record.

The goal of the project, which is funded by <u>Charleston County's Transportation Sales Tax</u>, is to improve safety and provide relief from traffic congestion that is currently experienced at the intersection. The improvements will extend along SC-61 from Wallace School Road to Wappoo Road and along SC-7 from Gardner Road to Wappoo Road.

Details on the project improvements:

- Construction of an additional left turn lane on the northbound SC-61 approach (coming from Wappoo Road toward Sam Rittenberg Boulevard).
- Construction of an additional left turn lane on the southbound SC-61 approach (coming from Wallace School Road toward Sam Rittenberg Boulevard).
- Extension of the southbound right turn lane on SC-7 (coming from Wappoo Road toward SC-61).
- Lane width modifications to provide 11-foot thru lanes and 14-foot outside, shared-use lanes on SC-61 within the project limits.
- Driveway modifications within the project limits.
- Traffic signal timing improvements to the intersections within the project limits.

The public can get up-to-date information on the SC-7 (Sam Rittenberg Boulevard)/SC-61 (Ashley River Road) Intersection Improvements Project, including the project status, schedule, designs and maps, and public meeting information online at http://www.ccroadwise.org/projects/sam_rittenberg-SC61/index.php.

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