County Projects Enhance Safe Routes To School Movement: S.C. Walk to School Day is March 6

Several Transportation Sales Tax sidewalk projects improve access to area schools

Thanks to Charleston County's Transportation Sales Tax Program, more students will have the opportunity to participate in the South Carolina Walk to School Day on Wednesday, March 6. Several of the County’s recent projects focused on pedestrian and bicycle facilities that have improved and enhanced access to many Charleston County schools.

Charleston County Council typically allocates $500,000 annually from the Transportation Sales Tax Program to improve pedestrian and bicycle access for the community. Since the County’s Bike and Pedestrian Path Enhancement Program began in 2007, numerous sidewalk and multi-use path projects have been completed to help create safer routes for students to access their schools.

Some notable projects, and the schools that directly benefitted:

- Dorchester Road sidewalk by Edmund A. Burns Elementary School in North Charleston
- Fort Johnson Road sidewalk by James Island Charter High School on James Island
- Rifle Range Road sidewalk by Sullivan’s Island Elementary School, temporarily located on Rifle Range Road in Mount Pleasant
- Carner Avenue sidewalk by Military Magnet Academy in North Charleston
- Grimball Road sidewalk by James Island Elementary School on James Island
- S. Antler Drive and Otranto Road sidewalk by Northwood Academy in North Charleston
- Edwards Street sidewalk by Coastal Christian Preparatory School in Mount Pleasant

The South Carolina Walk to School Day is a statewide event aimed to get schools and communities excited about walking and biking to school. It is part of the national Safe Routes to School movement, and South Carolina has its own online resource center for information on how to participate. There is also a National Bike to School Day, which will be held on Wednesday, May 8.

For more information on the Transportation Sales Tax Annual Allocation Program, contact Eric Adams by phone at (843) 202-6140 or by email at ejadams@charlestoncounty.org. 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.

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