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**Charleston County**

Transportation Development

# News Release

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## Construction Begins on Ben Sawyer Causeway Multi-use Path Improvement Project

The project will add approximately a mile and a half of wider pathway for bicyclist and walkers

[Charleston County Government](#) announces construction on the Ben Sawyer Causeway Multi-use Path Improvement Project at a ground breaking ceremony on January 31 at 10:00 a.m. on [Gold Bug Island at 1560 Ben Sawyer Blvd.](#)

### **Speakers at the January 31 ceremony include:**

- [Charleston County Chairman Teddie Pryor](#)
- [Mount Pleasant Mayor Linda Page](#)
- [Sullivan's Island Mayor Mike Perkis](#)
- [Charleston Moves Executive Director Tom Bradford](#)

### **Details of the project:**

- The work will consist of installing a new asphalt multiuse path to a width of up to eight feet, replacing the existing four foot wide path, to accommodate more bicycle and pedestrian users.
- The new path will start on the Mount Pleasant side at Simmons Point Road, crossing the Ben Sawyer Bridge, and end at the existing concrete sidewalk on Sullivan's Island.
- Some work activities will be conducted during the day time but significant lane closures will be during the off peak hours between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Construction should be complete in May of 2014.

Up to 80% of project expenditures will be reimbursed by [Charleston Area Transportation Study \(CHATS\)](#) Federal Enhancement Grant funds. The Enhancement Grant funds were accumulated over multiple years by the [Town of Mt. Pleasant](#), [Town of Sullivan's Island](#), and Charleston County Government. The 20% local match will come from the [Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax](#).

The project is managed by [Charleston County Government](#), in close coordination with the Town of Mt. Pleasant, Town of Sullivan's Island, and the [South Carolina Department of Transportation](#).

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.

**Anyone with questions about the project can call Charleston County's Transportation Development Department at (843) 202-6154.**

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