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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