News Release

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Construction Complete on Isle of Palms Connector Widening & Intersection Improvement Project

Transportation Sales Tax funded project includes bike/multi-use paths/sidewalks and attention to oak trees

Together on Wednesday, May 21, Charleston County Government, the Town of Mount Pleasant and the City of Isle of Palms held a ceremony to celebrate the early completion of the Isle of Palms Connector Widening & Intersection Improvement Project. Originally scheduled for completion in May, the project finished ahead of schedule in time for Memorial Day weekend.

The project was funded by the Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax and managed by Charleston County Government, in close coordination with the Town of Mount Pleasant and the City of Isle of Palms.

Quotes from officials involved in the project:

- **Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., Chairman of Charleston County Council**: "Charleston County is very happy to announce the completion of this project as it should provide improved mobility for auto, bike and pedestrian traffic in the area. We are very proud and thankful for all the hard work that was put into this project by Charleston County staff, the contractor and the coordinated efforts by the Town of Mount Pleasant and the City of Isle of Palms that has made this project a great success and completed ahead of schedule."

- **Linda Page, Mayor of the Town of Mount Pleasant**: "The Town is very pleased with the completion of this project as we anticipate both pedestrian, bicycle and motorist travel will be greatly enhanced with the improvements. Seasonal travel demands to and from the Isle of Palms will also be better accommodated through additional roadway capacity the widening provides."

- **Dick Cronin, Mayor of the City of Isle of Palms**: "The construction of this project to improve the management of ingress and egress to the Isle of Palms is a model of multi-agency cooperation to achieve a needed goal. The Isle of Palms is grateful for the participation of Mount Pleasant, Charleston County and the S.C. Department of Transportation in assisting with making this project a reality. We look forward to testing the success of the improvement as we enter the beach season."

Details of the project:

- The work included 1.3 miles of improvements including the widening of the Isle of Palms Connector in Mount Pleasant.
- Two through lanes were constructed in each direction from U.S. Highway 17 to just east of Riviera Drive.
- Left and right turn lanes were installed at each of the four intersections along the length of the project.
- The existing multi-use paths and sidewalks were maintained and the road widening included 4-foot paved shoulders for cyclists who prefer riding on the street.
- To maintain the existing avenue of live oak trees, 37 trees remained in place, 16 trees were relocated on site and 82 new trees were planted. At completion, there are 16 more trees along the route than are currently planted.

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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