**News Release**

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**That’s a wrap! Ben Sawyer Causeway Multi-use Path Improvement Project is Complete**

*Project adds approximately a mile and a half of wider pathway for bicyclist and walkers*

The Charleston County Government will mark the completion of the Ben Sawyer Causeway Multi-use Path Improvement Project at a ribbon cutting ceremony on August 7 at 10:00 a.m. on Gold Bug Island at 1560 Ben Sawyer Blvd.

**Ceremony speakers include:**

- Charleston County Chairman Teddie E. Pryor
- South Carolina State Senator Larry Grooms
- Charleston County Councilmember and Battery to Beach Chairperson Colleen Condon
- Town of Mt. Pleasant Mayor Linda Page
- Representatives from Isle of Palms and Sullivan’s Island
- Executive Director of Charleston Moves Kurt Cavanaugh

The Ben Sawyer Causeway Multi-use Path Improvement widened the existing path to eight feet to accommodate more bicycle and pedestrian users. The new path begins at Simmons Pointe Road in Mount Pleasant and ends at the existing concrete sidewalk on Sullivan’s Island.

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 came from the Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax.

The project is managed by Charleston County Government, in close coordination with the Town of Mount Pleasant, Town of Sullivan’s Island, and the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

Visit the official website at [http://roads.charlestoncounty.org](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) 202-6140.

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