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Charleston County Honored by Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce

Beacon Award presented during special ceremony for county's involvement in Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Improvement Project

The Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce presented the Beacon Award of 2014 to the Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Improvement Project during a special ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 25, 2014 at the Francis Marion Hotel in downtown Charleston. The Beacon Award recognizes a project or structure that elevates aesthetics and improves the quality of life.

The Chamber honored the Charleston County-led project for improving three miles of Johnnie Dodds Boulevard from north of the Arthur J. Ravenel Jr. Bridge to the south side of the Interstate-526 interchange and included frontage roads with new bike lanes and sidewalks as well as side streets. The project widened the road from two to three lanes in both north and south directions and included the construction of a new overpass over Bowman Road.

"We appreciate the Chamber of Commerce's recognition of a project that was quite the undertaking," said Steve Thigpen, Charleston County's Transportation Development director. "Through several collaborations and hard work, we were able to successfully

complete the project ahead of schedule and under budget. These improvements have significantly improved transportation for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists."

The project was funded by the Transportation Sales Tax and was completed in late 2012 and involved collaboration between Charleston County, the Town of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina Department of Transportation and numerous utilities and public works organizations.

Note: Photo of award is attached to this email.



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