

Charleston County RoadWise News Release

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Public Meeting on Alternative Designs for US 17 and SC 61 Connector Improvements Funded by the Transportation "Half-Cent" Sales Tax

Meeting on Nov. 16 from 6-8 p.m. at St. Andrews Elementary School

Charleston County RoadWise will hold a public meeting on Thursday, Nov. 16 to gather input on US 17 and SC 61 Connector improvements that will be funded by the Transportation "Half-Cent" Sales Tax.

The West Ashley meeting will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the St Andrews Elementary School (30 Chadwick Drive, Charleston).

This is the second public meeting on the US 17 and SC 61 Connector improvements; the first meeting was held on July 27. During the July 27 public meeting, residents provided design engineers with a variety of comments. These comments and ideas have been incorporated into a series of designs that will be presented during the Nov. 16 meeting.

The purpose of the Nov. 16 meeting is to present the proposed intersection designs and gather further input from residents on these designs. During the meeting, participants will be given an opportunity to respond to the proposed designs and make additional comments.

"Public input is important during the design phase of project development because increased public involvement assists us in developing a project that is sensitive to the concerns of the community," said Peter Valiquette, Charleston County RoadWise Project Manager. "The goal is to provide relief to neighborhoods near the connector by easing traffic congestion in the area."

The Charleston County RoadWise Program manages the road and highway projects that are being funded by the Transportation Sales Tax. Public comment and input into project design is an important step before final design decisions on projects are made, and before actual construction begins.

There are other follow-up meetings planned for projects funded by the Transportation Sales Tax:

- A second design phase public meeting is being planned for the Palmetto Commerce Parkway Phase II improvements project.
- A third public meeting is also being planned on the Harbor View Road design phase.

The public should also anticipate initial public meetings for the design phase of the following improvement projects that will be funded by the Transportation Sales Tax:

- Glenn McConnell Parkway/Bees Ferry Road Intersection
- Folly Road/Maybank Highway Intersection

The meeting dates for these projects have not yet been set, but will be announced.

Visit the official Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax Web site, www.ccroadwise.com, for public meeting notices and up-to-date information on roads, highways and drainage projects.