

Charleston County RoadWise News Release

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County Prepares to Implement Nov. '06 Bond Referendum Transportation "Half-Cent" Sales Tax Projects

The passage of Charleston County's \$205 million bond referendum in November 2006 has launched the beginning of pre-construction activities for projects funded by the Transportation "Half-Cent" Sales Tax. The referendum has also resulted in a \$95 million bond for greenbelt projects.

As pre-construction activities begin, the first step is to alert the public that government personnel may need to go on or near private property that border future projects to gather various pre-construction data. Public notification of these activities is required under the "Amended South Carolina Eminent Domain Procedure Act, Section 28-2-70 C, Code of Laws of, 1976 South Carolina."

"Government personnel, with official identification, from Charleston County, the South Carolina Department of Transportation and representatives from Charleston County RoadWise will be working in project areas over the next 24 to 36 months," said Dan Moses, Charleston County RoadWise's Pre-Construction Manager.

Specific data collection activities will include subsurface exploration, such as soil or asphalt sampling, and environmental research involving wetlands and historic places.

The following projects are scheduled for pre-construction data collection activities:

- Widening and improvements to US Route 17/Johnnie Dodds Boulevard from the Arthur Ravenel, Jr. Bridge to the I-526 Overpass
- Interstate I-526 Loop Ramp to Glenn McConnell Parkway (SC 61 Spur)
- Bees Ferry Road (S-57) widening from US Route 17 to Ashley River Road (SC 61)
- Folly Road (SC-171) / Camp Road (S-28) Intersection Improvements
- Future Drive extension to Ladson Road and the extension of Northside Drive
- Maybank Highway (SC 700) widening from proposed I-526/Mark Clark Interchange to Bohicket Road/Main Road (S-20)
- Roadway Improvements in the Medical University of South Carolina area including Lockwood Drive (S-404), Courtenay Drive (S-550), and Bee Street (S-551), with additional improvements at the Courtenay Drive intersections with Calhoun Street (S-404) and Spring Street

"The purpose of these projects is to improve traffic flow, improve safety and increase transportation connectivity for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists," Moses said.

If you have questions about road construction activities or personnel working on or near your property, you can contact the Charleston County RoadWise office at (843) 329-0050 for verification and information.

Charleston County RoadWise is the name of the program and team created to manage and implement transportation improvements funded by the Transportation Sales Tax.

Visit the Charleston County RoadWise Web site, www.ccroadwise.com for additional notices and information on Transportation Sales Tax projects.