



Charleston County

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## Johnnie Dodds Boulevard Improvements

### Public Hearing

**Hearing:** Charleston County Government is holding a public hearing from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2008 at the Mount Pleasant Municipal Complex Gym (100 Ann Edwards Lane in Mount Pleasant). There will be a brief presentation of the project and the public can interact on a one-on-one basis with project representatives.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the hearing is to provide you an opportunity to review, and discuss individually with representatives of Charleston County, the Environmental Assessment for improvements to Johnnie Dodds Boulevard from north of the Ravenel Bridge to I-526. The proposed project includes widening from two lanes to three lanes in each direction on Johnnie Dodds Boulevard; improvements to the existing frontage roads; improvements to existing intersections, including McGrath Darby Boulevard, Houston Northcutt Boulevard, South Shelmore Boulevard, Dragoon Drive, and Anna Knapp Boulevard; and a grade-separated interchange at Bowman Road. Staff will also gather information from the public or any interested organization about historic or cultural resources in the area.

**The format for the public hearing will be as follows:**

- Anyone who wishes to verbally comment at the public hearing must sign up between 6 and 6:30 p.m. when entering the public hearing. Each comment will be limited to two minutes and may not be transferred.
- From 6 - 7 p.m. the hearing format will be informal. Large aerial displays of the entire project will be available for viewing, and project team members will be present to discuss the project one-on-one with attendees.
- At 7 p.m., project representatives will make a brief, formal presentation about the project purpose and need, schedule and potential impacts to the community and environment.
- Immediately following the presentation at 7 p.m., citizens will have the opportunity to make formal, verbal comments regarding the proposed project. The informal portion of the public hearing will continue during this time.

**Process:** Tentative schedules for construction and right-of-way acquisition as well as other project details will be available, including environmental documentation of the project's effects. Property owners and business owners on or near the project are requested to attend. Maps and drawings of the proposed improvements will be available at the hearing, and area residents may ask questions and provide comments regarding the possible social, economic, and environmental effects of the project. Charleston County will accept written comments for a three-week period following this public hearing..

**Review:** The Environmental Assessment and other pertinent data are available for public review at the Charleston County RoadWise office at 4401 Belle Oaks Drive, Suite 105, in North Charleston. A copy of the Environmental Assessment will also be available at the Charleston County Public Library (68 Calhoun Street, Charleston) and at the Mount Pleasant Regional Public Library (1133 Mathis Ferry Road, Mt. Pleasant) fifteen days prior to the hearing. For additional information concerning the project, contact Peter Valiquette at (843) 329-0050. Persons with disabilities who may require special accommodations should contact Lynda McMillan at (843) 329-0050.