

## **News Release**

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## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held for the Folly Road at Camp Road Intersection Improvements Project

On Tuesday, May 8, <u>Charleston County Government</u> held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the completion of the Folly Road at Camp Road Intersection Improvements Project. The goal of the project is to improve safety and provide relief from traffic congestion at the intersection. The improvements extend along Folly Road from 1,000 feet south of Camp Road to the intersection with Eugene Gibbs Street and Rivers Point Row, and improvements to Camp Road from West Madison Avenue to Oyster Point Row. Improvements include:

- The widening of Folly Road to provide an additional turn lane for southbound traffic turning left from Folly onto Camp Road.
- Construction of a dedicated right-turn lane for northbound traffic turning right from Folly onto Camp Road.
- The widening of Camp Road so two lanes of traffic can turn left from Folly onto Camp. Dedicated left turn lanes
  on both sides of Camp approaching Folly and a dedicated right turn lane added to Camp Road for traffic turning
  right on Folly headed towards downtown.
- Improvements to roadway drainage to help alleviate flooding include new catch basins, cleaned ditches, new curb and gutter, larger sized drainage pipes and water quality filters.
- Dedicated left-turn lanes on Eugene Gibbs Street and Rivers Point Row for traffic turning from these streets onto Folly Road. A dedicated right-turn lane on Rivers Point Row for traffic turning onto Folly Road.
- Four-foot wide bicycle lanes and five-foot wide sidewalks on both sides of Folly Road from Calvary Baptist Church
  to the Eugene Gibbs Street and the Rivers Point Row intersection. A five-foot wide sidewalk on Camp Road from
  Folly Road to Oyster Point Row (on the side of the road where the fire station is located).
- Traffic signal timing improvements to the intersections within the project limit, and pedestrian signals for improved crosswalks.

The Folly Road at Camp Road Intersection Improvements project was funded through the Charleston County half-cent sales tax. The construction cost of the project was approximately 13.2 million dollars.

## Quotes

"This project is another great example of using taxpayer dollars to improve the lives of Charleston County citizens. The new turn lanes and traffic light signal timing will ease traffic during peak travel times, and minimize commute times for those who live on and travel through James Island." – Charleston County Council Chairman Vic Rawl

"What was once a mere concept is now a reality and we are very excited about the improvements to this busy intersection. This has truly been a collaborative effort between Charleston County, the Town of James Island, the City of Charleston, the South Carolina Department of Transportation and many private citizens. I would like to thank everyone who worked diligently on this project to provide much needed traffic relief at the intersection." -Charleston County Councilmember Joseph Qualey.

Visit the official website at <a href="http://roads.charlestoncounty.org">http://roads.charlestoncounty.org</a> 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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