

Charleston County News Release

Release Number: 3295 Release Date: June 7, 2011

Project website: http://www.ccroadwise.org/us17_sc61_wesley.html

Project area map: http://www.ccroadwise.org/file/images/1761wesleygraphic1110.jpg

Traffic Alert: New Traffic Pattern for U.S 17/S.C. 61/Wesley Drive Improvements Project in West Ashley

New traffic lane assignments for Folly Road at Windermere Boulevard

<u>Charleston County Government</u> announces a traffic alert as part of the <u>U.S.17/S.C.61/Wesley</u>
<u>Drive Improvements Project</u> in West Ashley that will permanently affect Folly Road at Windermere Boulevard.

Traffic patterns on Folly Road at Windermere Boulevard will be changed overnight on Tuesday, June 7, as follows:

- Heading north on Folly Road from the Wappoo Bridge toward downtown Charleston, lane assignments for the four lanes on Folly Road at the Windermere Boulevard intersection will be changed as follows:
 - Drivers in the far left lane must turn left onto Windermere Boulevard.
 - Drivers in the next lane must proceed onto Wesley Drive toward West Ashley.
 - Drivers in the next lane can either bear left onto Wesley drive toward West Ashley or bear right onto Folly Road Boulevard toward Downtown Charleston.
 - Drivers in the far right lane must proceed onto Folly Road Boulevard toward Downtown Charleston.
- Temporary lane closures will occur Tuesday night, June 7, from 9 p.m. 6 a.m. on Folly Road, Windermere Boulevard, Wesley Drive, and Folly Road Boulevard in order to change out the traffic signals, install new overhead signs and paint new arrows on the roadway.
- A message board announcing "New Traffic Pattern Ahead" is in place on Folly Road to advise drivers of the change.

Drivers traveling through the project area are asked to be aware of equipment and crews. The public is also asked to notice traffic control signs, reductions in speed limit and message board information, and note that all work is dependent on weather.

Construction on the project began in January 2011. The goal of the project is to improve traffic flow, drainage, and pedestrian and bicyclist mobility. The project, which is expected to be completed in May of 2011, is funded by the Charleston County Government's RoadWise Program, in close coordination with the City of Charleston and the S.C. Department of Transportation.

Get up-to-date project information, including construction status and traffic alerts, online at http://www.ccroadwise.org/us17 sc61 wesley.html.

Visit the official website at www.ccroadwise.org for public meeting notices and up-to-date news and information about all Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax projects.

- Follow us on Twitter -

"ChasCountyGov" (<u>www.twitter.com/ChasCountyGov</u>) for all County news and information "ccroadwise" (<u>www.twitter.com/ccroadwise</u>) for traffic and road project information only