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Main Road Improvements Project Underway

Joint agency operation meant to improve travel and alleviate potential flooding

Charleston County and the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) will begin the Main Road Improvements project on Thursday, Oct. 29. Citizens can expect to see nighttime lane closures during the two week operation, weather permitting. The purpose of the project is to improve travel at Main Road and U.S. 17 (Savannah Highway) and raise portions of Main Road to alleviate potential flooding.

- A traffic shift will be utilized on Friday, Oct. 30 starting at 9:00 a.m. to allow crews space to remove temporary wall along Main Road.
- Nighttime lane closures on Main Road between the Limehouse Bridge and U.S. 17, will occur 9:00 p.m. to 6 a.m. beginning Sunday night November 1. The lane closures are expected to last two weeks, weather permitting.

The project will include the following improvements:

- Widening of the road, six feet on each side, from the railroad overpass to approximately Morse Avenue. This
 additional width will allow for an additional lane off of Johns Island to be established with traffic barrels during an
 evacuation event.
- Adding an additional five inches of asphalt between Morse Avenue and Old Charleston Highway (the section of road that recently flooded).
- Resurfacing a section from the Limehouse Bridge to U.S.17.
- Improvements to the intersection at Old Charleston Highway including:
 - o Installation of a right turn lane from Main Road onto Old Charleston Highway headed toward Charleston.
 - Installation of a left turn lane from Main Road onto Old Charleston Highway headed toward Savannah.
 - Installation of a left turn lane from Main Road into the Bojangles driveway.
 - Installation of two concrete islands to establish right turns only from Old Charleston Highway onto Main Road.

The project is funded by the SCDOT and the Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax program. Anyone with questions about the project can call Charleston County's Transportation Development Department at (843) 202-6140.

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