

As all of you are well aware, the next phase of the Septima Clark Project, the long-term closure of the inside lanes (closest to the median), continues. The lanes are closed from Spring St. to Coming St. with tapers beginning on the Lockwood overpass for U.S. 17 north-bound and on the I-26 off-ramp for U.S. 17 south-bound. Some concrete barriers are already in place in between Ashley Ave and Rutledge Ave and the remainder will be in by Monday morning with crews scheduled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. We continue to work with the SCDOT to find the best configuration for the traffic control for the most efficient flow of vehicles given the closures.

The closure of the lanes is essential to maintain a safe travel way for the public and for the safety of the construction workers to install storm water infrastructure under the center of the road as well as a raised safety barrier to improve pedestrian and motorist safety. The work in the median is scheduled to be complete by the end of May 2012. Maps of suggested alternate routes, written descriptions, and videos are available on the project website at www.SeptimaClarkProject.com. It is recommended that motorists avoid using the Cross-town during peak travel times.

Work on the project has been steadily progressing. The installation of the concrete barrier will allow work to be done both during the day and at night as conditions, work-flow, and scheduling allow. During the night, up to 2 lanes in each direction may be closed to traffic. Please be patient and courteous when travelling through the area.

NOTE: Bogard Street & President Street are now open to traffic. This is an alternate route for traffic to access the hospitals. The surface course has not yet been applied, but will come later in the project when the roads are ready to be finished.

Potential planned closures for the next week include:

- Each inside lane of the Cross-town will be closed during the day (continuous) – alternate routes on the website below
- Up to two lanes in each direction on the Cross-town (night time only 8:30PM to 6AM) – Sunday night through Friday morning
- Up to two lanes in each direction on the Cross-town (night time only 8PM to 8AM) – Friday night through Sunday morning
- Bogard St. and Kracke St. (continuous) – re-routing maps available on the website below. It is anticipated that the work at this location will be complete by 12/16.
- Late in the week, the 2 left-most lanes on Rutledge Ave near Sheppard St may be closed from 10PM to 6AM for utility relocation work. They will be open again to traffic during the day.

Sierras, the Intelligent Traffic System (ITS) contractor, will be installing fiber optic cable along Fishburne St., Hagood St., Huger St., King St., Sumter St., Coming St., the Cross-town, Courtenay St., Calhoun St., Ashley Ave., and Spring St. Traffic control will be used, but no lane closures are expected as a result of this work. Due to traffic volumes on some of these roads, some of the work will be completed at night.

Please forward this email to others in your organization that may benefit from this information. Additional information is available on the project website at www.SeptimaClarkProject.com. Please direct any comments or questions to SeptimaClarkProject@charleston-sc.gov.