

## **News Release**

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## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held for Sam Rittenberg (SC-7) and Ashley River Road (SC-61) Project

On Wednesday, March 21, <u>Charleston County Government</u> held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the completion of the Sam Rittenberg (SC-7) and Ashley River Road (SC-61) 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 SC-61 from Wallace School Road to Wappoo Road and along SC-7 from Gardner Road to Wappoo Road.

Improvements include:

- Construction of an additional left turn lane on the northbound SC-61 approach (coming from Wappoo Road toward Sam Rittenberg Boulevard).
- Construction of an additional left turn lane on the southbound SC-61 approach (coming from Wallace School Road toward Sam Rittenberg Boulevard).
- Extension of the southbound right turn lane on SC-7 (coming from Wappoo Road toward SC-61).
- Widening of lanes to provide 11-foot thru lanes and 14-foot outside, shared-use lanes on SC-61 within the project limits.
- Traffic signal timing improvements to the intersections within the project limits.
- Decorative traffic lights and crosswalks.

The Sam Rittenberg (SC-7) and Ashley River Road (SC-61) Intersection Improvements project was funded through the Charleston County half-cent sales tax.

## Quotes

"We are very excited about the improvements to this busy intersection. This project is another excellent example of taxpayer dollars being put to good use." – Vic Rawl, Charleston County Council Chairman

"Over the last few years, we have seen an incredible amount of growth in this area, which has led to an increase in traffic concerns. This traffic project and revitalization efforts will not only help alleviate congestion, but will make West Ashley a great place to live for years to come." – Brantley Moody, Charleston County District 7

"I would like to thank everyone who worked diligently on making this project a reality. The new turn lanes and traffic light signal timing will ease traffic during peak travel times, making for a more convenient commute, and improving the quality of lives for our citizens." – Teddie Pryor, Charleston County Council District 5

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