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## **Wando River Bridge Opens to Two-Way Traffic Sunday, May 20**

*A joint release by Town of Mount Pleasant, Charleston County and City of Charleston Public Information Officers*

In anticipation of SCDOT's press conference, Mount Pleasant, Charleston County and Charleston public information officers met today at the Mount Pleasant Town Hall Municipal EOC to support public information efforts in the wake of the Wando River Bridge closure.

Lane closures on I-526, near the approaches to the cross-overs, will be intermittent today through Sunday, May 20. The plan is to open the Wando River Bridge eastbound lanes for two-way traffic Sunday afternoon, in preparation for the commute on Monday, May 21. Once implemented, the plan will call for the deployment of resources to include a contingent of ten state troopers and tow trucks strategically deployed along I-526. All vehicles, including trucks, will be allowed and speed will be limited to 45 mph.

SCDOT emphasizes the need for motorists to choose their own travel route. The Wando River Bridge two-way traffic plan is another option to supplement existing traffic management strategies. Messaging boards will alert motorists to proper driving precautions as they near the cross-overs.

Motorists are reminded to follow law enforcement directions, allow for ample travel time, and not drive distracted.

Secretary of Transportation Christy Hall, Deputy Secretary for Engineering Leland Colvin, and Traffic Engineering Director Rob Perry discussed the two-way traffic plan at today's news conference at the agency's District Headquarters in North Charleston.

For more information on the Wando River Bridge closure, visit SCDOT online on Facebook and Twitter. Maps and traffic count information can be found on the SCDOT's website at [www.scdot.org](http://www.scdot.org). Real time traffic information can be found by downloading their 511 app.

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