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Update: Dr. Mellichamp Drive Streetscape
Portion of Dr. Mellichamp Drive Will Close/Expect Traffic Delays

The Dr. Mellichamp Drive Streetscape Project will enter a phase of construction Friday, March 23 which will require a partial road closure of Dr. Mellichamp Drive from Promenade Street to Bluffton Road. This traffic closure will last approximately two (2) weeks and is scheduled to reopen April 6, 2018. Access for local businesses will remain available via Promenade Street and Bluffton Road. Patrons are encouraged to park and walk to businesses as much as possible to reduce traffic congestion.

The eastbound lane of Dr. Mellichamp Drive, from Promenade Street to Bluffton Road, will be closed to traffic. Motorists traveling eastbound (i.e. from Goethe Road to Bluffton Road) will not be allowed access further than Promenade Street. Motorists traveling westbound, (i.e. from Bluffton Road to Goethe Road) will have through access via one-lane. The work will primarily take place at the intersection of Bluffton Road and Dr. Mellichamp Drive (i.e. adjacent to the Palmetto State Bank). Please follow signs and directions from construction crew members.

This closure will allow the Dr. Mellichamp Drive Streetscape Project to undertake a major portion of work associated with waterline construction. This phase of the construction will enable the Town's contractor, JS Construction Services, to install a new waterline under Bluffton Road and will connect that line to an existing water main currently alongside Dr. Mellichamp Drive. Work will primarily take place during daytime hours.

About the Dr. Mellichamp Streetscape Enhancement Project:

The Dr. Mellichamp Drive Streetscape Enhancement Project will provide new on-street public parking spaces in the Bluffton Historic District as well as connect and activate an existing public parking supply within close proximity. Upon completion, it will enhance roadway, parking and walkability along the entire corridor of Dr. Mellichamp Drive between Goethe Road and Bluffton Road. These enhancements include sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, street lights, landscaping, and increased parking.

For more information about the Dr. Mellichamp Drive Streetscape project, contact Bryan McIlwee, the Town's Director of Engineering, at (843) 706-7824 or bmcilwee@townofbluffton.com.