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Town of Bluffton to Install Sidewalks on Buck Island Road

The Town of Bluffton will install 1,900 linear feet of five-foot wide sidewalks on Buck Island Road from the intersection of Simmonsville Road/Buck Island Road to Jennifer Court. Street lighting will be installed in conjunction with this project upon completion of sidewalk construction.

The Town has awarded the \$185,000 sidewalk installation project to JS Construction Services, Inc. based in Ridgeland, South Carolina. This project is funded by property tax revenues which have been reserved for capital improvement projects. Construction will begin in mid-June and the project is expected to be complete by fall.

The sidewalk project will protect a cluster of Live Oaks trees on Buck Island Road. In the area in front of Grayco, contractors will install a boardwalk versus concrete sidewalks to protect the trees.

The Town's Director of Engineering Bryan McIlwee said this multi-year, multi-phase sidewalk and lighting project will connect neighborhoods, neighbors and businesses to each other.

"The Buck Island-Simmonsville community was not a planned neighborhood, so it has no connective infrastructure. The sidewalks constructed in this phase of the project will connect to previous phases and to other infrastructure within Bluffton, so all residents can walk or bike throughout this community and to other parts of Bluffton."

Town Manager Marc Orlando said sidewalks are a crucial component in enhancing public safety.

"This multi-phase project aligns with our vision of safely connecting people and places in Bluffton," Orlando said. "When finished, these sidewalks will enhance the walkability with well-lit pathways from Bluffton neighborhoods to and from Bluffton's Historic District."

During construction, there may be brief times which traffic is reduced to one lane on Buck Island Road to allow equipment to enter and exit the construction area. The contractor will coordinate with the residents within the construction area to continuously ensure access to their homes.

If you have any questions about this project, please call the Town's Director of Engineering Bryan McIlwee at (email) bmcilwee@townofbluffton.com or (office) 843-706-7824.

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