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Harbor Drive Construction to Commence September 25

The Notice to Proceed for the Harbor Drive construction project was given by the City of Ridgeland on September 14, 2006. Construction of the Harbor Drive Relocation project will begin on September 25. The finish date is no later than 180 days. Drivers may expect to return to use of this roadway in the spring of 2007.

The project includes the proposed widening, realignment and overlay of Harbor Drive from Lake Harbour Drive to Rice Road, including intersection improvements at the Harbor Drive/Rice Road intersection. The project also includes the widening of a portion of Rice Road. A new traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of Rice Road and Harbor Drive.

Specifically, the project includes approximately 600 feet of 4-lane boulevard along Harbor Dr. commencing at the intersection of Harbor Drive and Rice Road. The project also includes approximately 1200 feet of 4 to 2-lane transition and 2-lane roadway section along Harbor Drive and approximately 1700 feet of 2 and 3-lane overlay along Harbor Drive. The project also includes the addition of 1 lane for approximately 600 feet along Rice Road commencing at the bridge immediately west of the Harbor Drive/Rice Road intersection.

The City of Ridgeland recently awarded the Harbor Drive road construction project to Hemphill Construction Co., Inc. The award was made public at the Board of Aldermen Meeting on August 15, 2006. Work on the project will likely begin in September, and it will take six months to complete.

“I am excited that this very important project is ready to begin. Once it is completed it will help move traffic in a more efficient manner, making it easier to travel in the area,” said Mayor McGee.

“The relocation of Harbor Drive is certainly a highly anticipated project not only for motorists but the Harbor Walk Development as well. This new road will have a greater capacity to move traffic and will foster economic development in the area. This project is a win-win for everyone,” said Mike McCollum, Public Works Director.

Alderman Scott Jones said, “I am excited that the project is underway, like many residents I travel this section everyday and will be very happy when it is completed. I am particularly pleased with the Contractor, Hemphill

Construction, that was chosen because they did an excellent job on the Old Canton Road Widening Project.”

Sealed bids were accepted at City Hall until Friday, August 11 at 10:00 am. Bids were reviewed and Hemphill Construction was selected for the project with their bid of \$2,125,499.95. The Mississippi Development Authority is paying the construction and engineering costs.

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