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Boundary Street info sessions moved to Thursday afternoons at City Hall

Weekly updates about the Boundary Street construction will be held **Thursdays from 4-6 p.m.** on the ground floor of Beaufort City Hall.

The City's senior project manager David Coleman will lead the drop-in sessions. People are encouraged to attend to find out the latest information about the \$32 million highway improvement project that started this month.

The Boundary Street Redevelopment District serves as an essential element in the regional road network. The previous Boundary Street Corridor failed to grow in appropriate ways to accommodate increased traffic and retail/commercial growth.

The City of Beaufort and Beaufort County seek to transform Boundary Street from a crowded, inefficient, unattractive and underperforming strip commercial corridor into a complete, compact and connected mixed-use district that is safer for drivers and pedestrians, helps businesses succeed, and is a more attractive and appropriate entry to the historic city.

The total estimated cost to develop and build this important safety project is about \$32 million, funded through three sources:

- Federal Highway Administration TIGER grant of \$12.635 million
- The Beaufort County one cent sales tax of \$11.346 million
- And the City of Beaufort's TIF II estimated contribution of about \$8.223 million.

Once roadwork starts, lane closures will occur only at night Monday through Friday. The streetscape project will go from Neil Road to Greenlawn Drive. The utility work will extend to Ribaut Road. There will be no work done east of Ribaut Road.

For background information and updates, visit www.boundarystreetupdate.com.

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