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## **City of Charleston Wando River Bridge Closure, PM Update for May 17**

**Charleston, S.C.**—Today, the city of Charleston continued to work closely with regional and state officials to begin implementing the South Carolina Department of Transportation's traffic mitigation plans for the region.

This afternoon, cones were placed on the I-26 westbound ramp of the Ravenel Bridge, splitting the single lane into two in order to facilitate increased westbound travel off of the bridge. This modified traffic pattern will continue to be implemented during peak travel times until further notice.

The city's Traffic Operations Center has been fully activated and is staffed with additional personnel actively monitoring and managing traffic signalization in real-time during peak travel hours.

City officials have enacted flexible scheduling to reduce peak traffic, and continue encouraging employers throughout the city to utilize this option wherever possible.

Message boards remain positioned downtown on Morrison Drive and Coming Street to provide directional assistance to motorists moving toward the affected areas. Two tow trucks have been stationed in the Cainhoy and I-26 areas within city of Charleston limits.

The Charleston Police Department continues utilizing additional personnel to assist motorists, and the Fire Department remains in contact with its partners to ensure continued coordination of resources.

City department heads and staff will continue meeting daily until further notice, and will continue working to keep citizens informed of any updates.

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