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City of Charleston Prepares for Storm, Possible Rush Hour Flooding Tuesday Morning

Charleston, S.C.-- City of Charleston officials are preparing for possible flooding in the morning due to the anticipated combination of high winds, high tide and heavy rainfall. Commuters should be prepared for the possibility of temporary road closures in several areas of the city.

Moderate to heavy rainfall is expected between 5 and 9 a.m., with high tide predicted to peak at 7:15 a.m. near 7 feet. Sustained northeast winds between 20 to 30 miles per hour, with gusts over 40 miles per hour are also forecast.

“This appears to be a powerful storm, and depending on rainfall levels, we could see significant local impacts during rush hour. Motorists are advised to use caution and consider alternate routes,” said City of Charleston Director of Emergency Management Shannon Scaff.

In preparation for the anticipated flooding, city Public Service crews are checking stormwater systems, clearing drains with Vactor trucks and pre-staging temporary pumps in low-lying areas. In addition, public safety officials are monitoring conditions and mobilizing personnel and assets.

Based on data collected during recent flooding events, citizens are cautioned that the following intersections and areas may be impacted:

Lockwood Boulevard and Broad Street
Calhoun Street between Courtenay Drive and Pitt Street
Hagood Avenue and Fishburne Street
Highway 61 exit ramp from Ashley River Bridge to Saint Andrews Boulevard
Ashley River Bridge exit ramp onto Lockwood Drive
Connector from Lockwood Drive to Calhoun Street at the base of the James Island Connector
President Street between Bogard Street and Nunan Street
Huger Street and King Street

Road closures will be updated throughout the morning on the city’s road closure map, which can be viewed here: <http://gis.charleston-sc.gov/road-closures>.

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