Gridlock, Clemson style



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Heavy traffic congestion on S.C. 133 will be a familiar sight in the Clemson area for the next several days. The U.S. 123-S.C. 133 area of the city has been in gridlock for weeks due to three projects taking place in preparation for the future bridge replacement project.

Projects still creating traffic delays

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CLEMSON — Another week, another round of road construction in Clemson and another week of bumper-to-bumper vehicle congestion and waning driver patience.

Ongoing projects include improvements at the intersection of College Avenue and U.S. 123, the relocation of utility lines and clearing and grubbing in preparation for a road widening and bridge replacement on S.C. 133.

All three projects are required prior to the eventual construction of the S.C. 133 bridge.

Clemson Police Department Command Staff Capt. Jeff Stone said construction has moved toward S.C. 133.

"For all this week and part of next week, those traveling on S.C. 133 from the northern end of Clemson should expect delays due to storm drainage work," Stone said.

The South Carolina Department of Transportation has the right lane closed of 123 every day this week, and, after opening it Wednesday in order to allow AT&T to close the left lane for work, will close it again today.

"It will remain that way through the weekend," Stone said.

On Friday night, Stone said AT&T will begin working in the evening and continue through the weekend. As a result, southbound turning lanes onto 123 from 133 will be closed, along with the right lane, leaving only the left lane open to traffic.

"We encourage motorists to try and avoid these areas as much as possible," Stone said.

Stone added that he is meeting with DOT officials each week in order to obtain updates regarding road projects and closures.

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