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Battlefield Road scheduled to reopen May 28

East Battlefield Road, between Woodstock Avenue and Blackman Road, is on schedule to reopen to traffic May 28, barring weather delays, according to the Greene County Highway Department.

This portion of Battlefield Road has been closed since late October for road reconstruction. Winter weather delays related to colder and wetter than normal conditions extended the closure past its original completion date. The contractor is currently constructing the concrete driving surface, and will soon begin laying the asphalt driving surface in advance of a May 28 reopening.

“Some people who drive by may notice the road taking shape and think they can drive through the project,” said Jim Francka, Greene County Highway Department Construction Inspection Supervisor. “But until the road reopens, people need to continue to use alternate routes for their safety and the safety of the construction workers.”

Starting Monday, May 10, the contractor will close the final section of Battlefield for reconstruction, between Blackman Road and Ruskin Way. Motorists who currently use Rosebriar Street and Ruskin Way to bypass the intersection of Battlefield and Blackman will now need to use Farm Road 156 and Farm Road 193 as an alternate route. Signing will be in place to mark this alternate route. This section of the road is also scheduled to reopen May 28.

Following the reopening of Battlefield, the contractor will continue reconstruction of Blackman Road, between Battlefield and Farm Road 156, closing this section of Blackman to through traffic. Local access to businesses and properties within the closure section will be maintained. This project is expected to be complete by the end of the summer.

Project updates are posted at www.greencountymo.org/highway/. For more information, contact Duffy Mooney, Greene County Highway Department Assistant Administrator, at 417-829-6536, or Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Greene County Public Information Officer, at 417-829-6019 or 417-379-5713.

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