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Battlefield Road scheduled to reopen 7 a.m. Friday

East Battlefield Road, between Woodstock Avenue and Blackman Road, will reopen to traffic Friday, May 28, at 7 a.m.

This portion of Battlefield Road has been closed since October as part of the third and final phase of road improvements on Battlefield and Blackman Road. Recent work on Battlefield included raising the road surface, widening the road to three lanes, stormwater improvements and installation of curb, gutter and sidewalks.

The Greene County Highway Department urges motorists to obey the posted 30 mph Work Zone Speed Limit and watch for workers and equipment along the edge of the roadway.

“Although Battlefield Road will be open to traffic, we want to remind the public that this area is still an active construction work zone,” said Rick Artman, Greene County Highway Department Project Manager. “County road contractors will continue building sidewalks and finishing work on the shoulders and behind the curbs.”

Roadwork continues this summer with road reconstruction on Blackman Road, between Battlefield and Farm Road 156. Blackman will be widened to three lanes, with curb and gutter, improved drainage systems and sidewalks along both sides of the street. Blackman will be closed in sections to help minimize disruption to local traffic and will continue to be closed to through traffic. Access to businesses and properties within the closure, however, will be maintained.

This final phase of work, expected to be completed by the end of the summer, will conclude three years of roadwork on Blackman Road, between Sunshine Street and Battlefield Road. Construction on this third phase, including Battlefield, is estimated at \$2.1 million, and is funded jointly by Greene County, the City of Springfield and Jack Henry & Associates. The general contractor is D & E Plumbing and Heating, Inc.

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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