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Public Hearing for Farm Road 170 extension plan Tuesday

The Greene County Planning Board will consider amending the county's Major Thoroughfare Plan during its regular meeting Tuesday, April 20, 7 p.m., in the Greene County Historic Courthouse, 940 Boonville Ave., Room 212.

The amendment would identify an extension of Farm Road 170 east of Springfield, between US 65 and State Highway J, as a primary arterial. At the meeting, the Planning Board will hear presentations on two alternate alignments for the road extension. Public testimony will also be taken.

“What the Planning Board is considering is a change in the county's long-range transportation plan,” said Duffy Mooney, Greene County Highway Department Assistant Administrator. “Construction of this new roadway will be driven by need, and we currently have no funding or construction timeline identified for this project. If the Planning Board approves this amendment to the Major Thoroughfare Plan, construction would not begin until warranted by major development or growth in the area. Many comments we have received indicate that this is a common point of misunderstanding.”

As part of the Greene County Land Use Plan, the Major Thoroughfare Plan is the County's planning tool for future transportation infrastructure, identifying needs along existing roadways as well as planned routes that would create important transportation links within Greene County. The Greene County Land Use Plan, containing the Major Thoroughfare Plan, may be viewed at www.greencountymo.org/resource_management/.

For more information regarding the Planning Board hearing, or to submit written testimony prior to Tuesday's meeting, call Kent Morris, Greene County Planning & Zoning Director, at 417-868-4005. For media inquiries, call Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Greene County Public Information Officer, at 417-829-6019 or 417-379-5713.

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