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Intersection of Battlefield Road & Blackman Road closing Monday, March 8

The Greene County Highway Department will close the intersection of Battlefield Road and Blackman Road at 9 a.m. Monday, March 8, weather permitting.

This closure will allow the county's contractor to obliterate the existing asphalt and raise the intersection about three feet, to match the new elevation of Battlefield Road, currently under construction. The adjacent portion of Battlefield, between Woodstock Avenue and Blackman, remains closed to through traffic. Local access to homes and businesses in the area will be maintained.

Construction on the intersection of Blackman and Battlefield intersection was originally scheduled to begin last fall. However, work on Battlefield has been delayed due to colder and wetter than normal weather conditions, thus delaying the intersection project. The county expects all work on Battlefield to be completed by May, allowing it to reopen to traffic. Blackman Road, just north of Battlefield, is scheduled to reopen at the end of July.

West of the intersection, Battlefield Road is being raised to eliminate the small dips and crests in the old roadway. This will also improve the safety of the intersection of by smoothing the angle of Blackman as it approaches Battlefield. Both roads will be widened for left turn lanes. The project also includes curbs, gutter, sidewalks, street lighting and underground drainage improvements.

Motorists are encouraged to bypass the new closure by using Farm Road 193 and Farm Road 156 (Sunset) to access Blackman Road.

“We remind everyone to be a good neighbor, and drive safely and observe the posted speed limit while traveling on these alternate routes,” said Duffy Mooney, Greene County Highway Department Assistant Administrator.

The Greene County Sheriff's Office will continue to monitor traffic in the area.

Project updates are posted at www.greencountymo.org/highway/.

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