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**Environmental review complete on Kansas Expressway
extension project; design work to begin**

The environmental review process for the Kansas Expressway extension project has been completed and engineers will begin work on design plans.

In March of this year, Greene County published an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Kansas Expressway extension, a document required as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EA documented the in-depth environmental studies that were done, including those looking at historical and cultural resources, wetland delineations, noise analysis, habitat assessments, and geotechnical surveying. A public hearing was held in conjunction with the EA document being published, and the public was invited to provide comments.

After reviewing the comments received, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Kansas Expressway extension project, which concludes the environmental review process and allows the project to move forward to design. The FONSI document, which includes responses to the comments received about the EA document, is available for electronic viewing at Greene County's website at:

https://greenecountymo.gov/highway/future_projects.php.

A hard copy of the FONSI can be obtained upon written request to:

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Later this year, the Greene County Highway Department plans to hold a public meeting to discuss the design of the roadway and the timeline for construction, which is anticipated to begin in 2018.

The extension of Kansas Expressway has been planned for several years to provide an additional north-south roadway in southern Greene County that will improve traffic flow in the area. Plans are to extend Kansas Expressway from where it currently ends at Republic Road for a little over two miles south to a connection with Farm Road 141 (Cox Road).

Questions about the project can be emailed to KansasExtension@greenecountymo.gov.

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