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Kansas Expressway Extension Phase 1 opening

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Construction on Phase 1 of the Kansas Expressway Extension project in south Springfield is nearly complete. Republic Road south to Weaver Road (Farm Road 178) will be open to motorists starting 6:00 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 2. The remaining portion of Phase 1, from Weaver Road to Plainview Road (Farm Road 182), will open the following Friday, Feb. 9, as contractors work on the final details.

A semi-final inspection of Phase 1 was completed this week and several final punch list items that still need to be completed can be conducted behind the curb and out of traffic. However,

some of the work on Weaver Road still requires the use of the roadway, so the county Highway Dept. has elected to keep that portion closed for an additional week until Feb. 9.

The metal traffic light poles that will be erected at Republic Road and Kansas Expressway are still on back order and will replace the current light structure once shipped to the county.

Phase 1 of the project included the construction of a new two-lane road beginning at Republic Road with turning lanes at major intersections, new stormwater improvements, and a pedestrian and bicycle path along the corridor.

Phase 2 of the project, from Plainview Road to Farm Road 190, has already begun with contractors clearing brush to make way for the future extension. It's estimated to be completed in the fall of 2025.

Once completed, the entire extension will provide motorists with an alternative connection in southern Greene County and provide traffic congestion relief along parallel routes at Cox Road and Campbell Avenue.

Emery Sapp & Sons was awarded the \$15.7 million project by MoDOT in December of 2021. 80% of the project is paid with federal transportation funds and 20% is paid by Greene County. The City of Springfield is also a cost share partner as the northern portion of the extension falls within the city limits of Springfield.

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Greene County is the State of Missouri's fourth most populous county, serving approximately 295,000 people. Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.

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