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Open house for proposed Farm Road 170 extension Tuesday afternoon

The Greene County Highway Department will host an open house for the public to view proposed alignments for a future primary arterial southeast of Springfield Tuesday, January 26, 4-6 p.m. at the Second Baptist Church, 3111 E. Battlefield Road, Springfield. The meeting will be held in Room 210A, accessible by the building's southwest entrance.

Highway Department officials will present conceptual plans for extending Farm Road 170 across the James River, between U.S. 65 and State Highway J.

This new primary arterial would provide an optional traffic route to the busy U.S. 60 for motorists entering Springfield from the east. It will also provide an alternate route for residents southeast of Springfield to cross the James River, which often floods the lower Kinser Bridge crossing nearby.

Greene County Highway Administrator Dan Smith said no construction timeline for the Farm Road 170 Extension has been established. This meeting is simply to keep property owners in the area informed and to receive their input.

“What we have now is conceptual in nature,” said Smith. “We want the public’s comments to help us move forward with selection of a preferred alignment so we can plan for future transportation needs.”

Tuesday’s open house meeting will provide opportunities for one-on-one discussion with Highway Department engineers. Questions and comments from the public will be accepted at the meeting, or may be submitted to the Highway Department by mail, phone or e-mail. Details are available at www.greencountymo.org/highway under “Future Projects.”

For more information, contact Duffy Mooney, Assistance Superintendent of the Greene County Highway Department, 417-831-3591, or Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Greene County Public Information Officer, at 417-829-6019 or 417-379-5713.

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