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### **Widening of Weaver Road begins Monday**

The Greene County Highway Department will begin construction to widen Weaver Road (Farm Road 178) Monday, April 18 from Cloverdale Street in the City of Battlefield to Farm Road 135 (Golden Avenue).

This \$2.4 million project will widen Weaver Road to three lanes, adding a center turn lane for safer left turns into side streets and driveways. The roadway will be realigned to improve sharp curves at Farm Road 131 and Ridgecrest. Curb and gutter and storm inlets will be installed to improve drainage along the roadway. Sidewalks will also be constructed along both sides of Weaver, improving safety for pedestrians, especially near McBride Elementary, Harrison Elementary and Wilson's Creek 5-6 School.

Greene County contractor Emory Sapp & Sons, Inc., will begin placing work zone signs Monday in preparation for gas, water and sanitary sewer installation scheduled in the next few weeks. The entire project is expected to take eight months to complete.

The bulk of construction will take place during the summer months, to minimize school disruptions near the work zone. Weaver will be closed for an estimated three weeks this summer as contractors install a new box culvert near McBride Park. Weaver will also be repaved, which will require sections of the road to be closed during the construction process. Local traffic will be maintained during road closures, but other motorists will be directed to alternative routes.

Updates will be posted on message boards along Weaver as well as on the Greene County Highway Department website, [www.greenecountymo.org/highway](http://www.greenecountymo.org/highway), under "Road Construction."

For more information on the road project, contact Duffy Mooney, Greene County Highway Department Assistant Administrator, 417-831-3591, or Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Greene County Public Information Officer, at 417-829-6019 or 417-224-5510.

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