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**work at fr 146 & fr 129**

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Thu, Sep 17, 2020 at 3:38 PM

**Kathy Cheek** <jkcheek1975@gmail.com>  
To: AHumphrey@greenecountymo.gov

Mr. Humphrey,

We live in Stonehinge subdivision and we are wondering when construction will start.

We were also wondering possibly the speed limit could be lowered. We think that 45 mph is just too fast on these farm roads.

Please reply at your leisure; we know that greene county is very busy.

Thank you  
Kathy Cheek

**Adam Humphrey** <AHumphrey@greenecountymo.gov>  
To: Kathy Cheek <jkcheek1975@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 18, 2020 at 9:58 AM

Good morning Kathy,

I received your email inquiry below regarding the current status of Greene County's upcoming roadway widening improvements along Farm Roads 146 & 129. Here is a brief update on the anticipated schedule of these construction activities.

There is a portion of this roadway improvement project that includes the construction of new sanitary sewer main near the intersection of FR 146 & West Bypass. We have been working over the last several months to obtain some necessary easements for the construction of this new sewer main extension. There is one (1) remaining easement that we expect to have finalized by the end of September, which will then allow our staff to proceed with advertising this construction project for bidding. This would put us on track for the roadway construction work to begin late this year (possibly around December) and continue up through Summer of next year (approximately 6 months total).

Once the work has begun, the construction improvements will include the widening of Farm Road 129 to 3-lanes starting at Farm Road 146 and continuing south to Sunshine. We will widen Farm Road 146 to 3-lanes starting at West Bypass and continuing west to Farm Road 129. Both of these roadways will have new curb & gutter installation to eliminate the existing drainage ditches along the edges of these existing farm roads, and there will be new pedestrian sidewalk installed along both sides of these roadway segments. In addition to these items, a new roundabout will be constructed at the intersection

of FR 146 & FR 129 – which will eliminate the current 2-way stop condition along Farm Rd 129.

In your email, you had also inquired about the current posted speed limit of 45mph along these farm roads. Speed limits on all of Greene County roadways are established and enforced based upon a county ordinance that has been approved by the Greene County Commission. In order for a speed limit to be changed on any of our roadways, it requires our Greene County Commissioners to take specific action in approving a change to the county's existing Traffic Code. Missouri State Statute gives our Commission the authority to establish reasonable speed limits on these public county roads, and requires that the County Commission hold public hearings, which must be advertised in local newspapers and must also be posted in public locations before the Commission can vote to adopt any changes.

Our Greene County Highway Department provides recommendations to the County Commission anytime the Commissioners are asked to consider making a change to the current Traffic Code. Our department's recommendations for posted speed limits on county roadways are determined by following federal guidelines. These federal guidelines recommend that speed limits should be established by measuring the "prevailing speed of travel" on a roadway, which is commonly defined as "the speed that 85% of the motorists are traveling at or below." The concept of setting public roadway speed limits by using the "85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed" is based upon the premise that the majority of drivers will choose to travel at a reasonable speed for the specific conditions that exist on a given roadway, and that those reasonable speeds should be accommodated. Therefore, in order for our department to recommend a reduction of the current posted speed limit, we would need to perform a speed study along that roadway and obtain evidence that the prevailing speed of travel is less than our currently posted speed limit. After these upcoming roadway widening improvements are completed, our staff will continue to monitor the traffic volumes and vehicle speeds along both of these farm roads to ensure that our posted speed limits are consistent with these federal guidelines.

I hope that this information is helpful in addressing your questions regarding this upcoming road work. Please feel free to call (829-6536) or email me if you have any other questions or if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

**Adam Humphrey, P.E.**

**Assistant Administrator**

**Greene County Highway Department**

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