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## **Phase 1 of New Franklin Boulevard Underway**

The City of Springfield is preparing for construction of phase 1 of the New Franklin Boulevard in the Glenwood area of Springfield beginning mid-May and going through fall 2018. Construction of phase 1 of the New Franklin Boulevard will occur between the intersections of South Franklin Boulevard/ McVay Highway and Mississippi Street. The project will build a multi-way boulevard that includes new lighting, sidewalks on both sides of the road, separated bike facilities, pedestrian islands, and roundabouts.

Franklin Boulevard will remain open to east and westbound travel. The intersection of Franklin Boulevard and South Franklin Boulevard/ McVay Hwy will be closed to turns while under construction. A local detour will be set up using Henderson Avenue and E. 19<sup>th</sup> Street to access local businesses on South Franklin Boulevard/ McVay Hwy near the intersection of Franklin Boulevard.

The project will help move the vision for Glenwood forward as a vibrant Springfield neighborhood, promoting access to the river, and opportunities for employment, housing and recreation. The project will also result in much needed safety improvements for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers traveling in the Glenwood area.

To learn more about New Franklin Boulevard please visit: <http://newfranklinblvd.org/>

**What:** Phase 1 of New Franklin Boulevard Construction

**When:** Mid-May 2017 through Fall 2018

**Where:** Franklin Boulevard in the Glenwood area of Springfield between the intersections of Mississippi Street and South Franklin Boulevard/ McVay Hwy.

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