

FRANKLIN COUNTY

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The Highway Department is responsible for over 785 miles of roads and the associated right-of-ways as well as 163 bridges and numerous drainage structures throughout the County. Routine and preventive maintenance includes applying rock to rural roads, asphalt and concrete patching and sealing, roadside ditching, vegetation control, and bridge maintenance and repair. Traffic services provided include street name signing, regulatory signing, and snow and ice control. The Department is also responsible for 110 trucks and pieces of heavy equipment.

The Highway Department Office is responsible for initiating, monitoring, and completing capital improvement projects related to the transportation network. The projects are funded by a one-half cent sales tax approved by the voters.

For 2026, the Department will convert approximately 35 miles of rock roads to hard surface. This will include ditch repair/realignment, culvert replacement, grading, adding crushed stone, and chip sealing the roadway.

Two bridges will be replaced in conjunction with MoDOT using off-system (STP) funding. These bridges have gone through the design and approval process in previous years, and will be completed in 2026. The County presently has eight bridges in various stages of design and funding consideration.

The County will resurface approximately 34 miles of roadway in 2026 using asphaltic concrete. Much of this work will be contracted out using our established bidding practices and public advertising.

From March through November the Department Mowing/Brush crews cut and maintain approximately 2500 acres of unpaved right-of-way. These acres are mowed at least three times a year.

The Department pavement maintenance crews patch and repair all areas of deficient pavement year around. It is anticipated these crews will install 13,500 tons of asphaltic concrete for these repairs.

The Department will contract for 150 miles of pavement marking in 2026.

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