

# MoDOT Express Lane

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### Strengthening Missouri's Seat Belt Law is MoDOT's Top Priority for 2009

With the Missouri General Assembly convening recently, MoDOT announced its top priority for 2009 is to save 90 lives per year by strengthening Missouri's safety belt law to allow for primary enforcement.

[Primary](#)



### Truckers Say Missouri Roads are Fifth Best in the Nation

Truck drivers have voted Missouri roads as the fifth best in the nation. They also voted Interstate 44 as the fourth most improved highway segment in a tie with Interstate 94 in Illinois. The rankings came from a recent survey conducted by Overdrive magazine, a publication serving the commercial motor carrier industry. [Truckers](#)

### Move It: State Makes Push to Remind Drivers of Traffic Law

A state law that took effect 10 years ago requires vehicles involved in minor, non-injury accidents to move off the road. MoDOT is using the 10-year anniversary to remind motorists to "steer it and clear it" to ensure minor traffic crashes don't turn into major pileups. [Steer It](#)

### MoDOT Plays Important Role in Finding Missing Persons

When an Amber Alert is issued, MoDOT posts the information on 60 rural electronic message boards or Interstates 70, 44, 55, 29 and 35 and on U.S. Route 60. MoDOT traffic management centers in St. Louis and Kansas City also disseminate the information on their 82 boards in the urban areas when not in use for critical travel information. [Amber](#)

### West Half of I-64 Opens to Crowds of Ten Thousand

On Sunday, Dec. 14, 2008, more than 10,000 people celebrated the newly completed section of Interstate 64 from Interstate 270 to Interstate 170. The five-mile section of I-64 from I-270 to I-170 was closed on Jan. 2, 2008, as part of the 10-mile, \$535 million reconstruction project. [I64](#)

## SAFER ROADS

### Traffic Fatalities Reduced for Third Straight Year

For the third straight year, precious lives were saved from traffic crashes on Missouri roads. Preliminary fatality reports show a continuing downward trend from 2005 to 2008 due to the combined efforts of highway safety advocates in the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety. [Fatalities](#)

### Commission Awards 35 Safe & Sound Bridge Projects

The 35 bridge projects awarded recently at a Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission meeting brings to 50 the total number of bridge projects under contract as part of the state's Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Program. The initiative, the largest bridge improvement program in state history, will repair or replace 802 of Missouri's worst bridges in five years. [Bridges](#)

## HAVE YOU SEEN THIS?

### Remember and Honor Fallen Workers

Plans are under way to create a statewide memorial just to the west of MoDOT's Central Office, near the capitol in Jefferson City to honor the 127 MoDOT employees who have been killed in the line of duty since 1946. All funds for the project consist entirely of private donations. [Memorial](#)



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