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Four Teams Short-Listed For "Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Program"

MoDOT has evaluated, rated and short-listed four teams, from whom it received Statements of Qualification to compete for the contract to design, build, finance and maintain more than 800 Missouri bridges. [Safe and Sound](#)

Program Blocks Unsafe Motor Carriers From Missouri Highways

Each November, the number of commercial trucks on the road increases as stores stock up for holiday shoppers and industries gear up for winter. This year, motorists can feel a little safer when sharing the road with commercial motor vehicles thanks to Missouri's participation in a nationwide safety program. [New Program](#)

Contractor Selected For Largest Highway Project In State History

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission recently selected the contractor for the largest highway project in Missouri history and the first design-build project for MoDOT. Gateway Constructors was chosen for the \$535 million project to reconstruct Interstate 64 in St. Louis from west of Spodee Road to east of Kingshighway Boulevard. [I-64 Project](#)

SAFER ROADS

Never Made It Campaign Encourages Teens to Buckle Up

The new *Never Made It* safety belt marketing campaign encourages teens to wear their safety belts, since teen safety belt usage rates are significantly lower than other Missourians. Sponsored by the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety, the campaign is set to launch in December with a strong emphasis in the spring of 2007. [Never Made It](#)

Summit Sets Stage For Changing State Safety Belt Law

A statewide safety belt summit held Nov. 14 in Columbia gathered together about 200 safety advocates from throughout the state to develop strategies for strengthening Missouri's safety belt law. Federal statistics show that a primary law in Missouri would save 90 lives and prevent more than 1,000 serious injuries each year. It also would save Missourians about \$231 million a year in medical costs associated with traffic crashes. For more information about Missouri's safety belt law and safety belt use in Missouri, visit www.savemolives.com.

New Club Recognizes Missourians Saved by Safety Belt

Have you been Saved By the Belt? That's the question traffic safety advocates are asking Missourians across the state to promote a new *Saved By the Belt Club* to encourage buckling up in a motor vehicle. The *Saved By the Belt Club*, sponsored by the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety, is an elite organization that recognizes those who have been saved by their safety belt in a traffic crash and are willing to share their life-saving story with others. [Saved By the Belt](#)

Drinking and Driving is a Losing Combination

The Missouri State Highway Patrol and 170 local law enforcement agencies recently participated in "You Drink & Drive. You Lose." This campaign is an effort to increase awareness about the dangers of driving after drinking or using other drugs. MoDOT's Highway Safety Division awarded grants to local law enforcement agencies to assist in this national effort. Law enforcement officers issued 1,374 speeding tickets, as well as 18 reckless driver tickets. Law enforcement officers also made 432 arrests for drunk driving and 22 felony arrests.

RECOGNITION

Rahn Named Vice President of National Transportation Organization

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials has named MoDOT Director Pete Rahn as its vice president. The Mid-Missouri Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America also recently honored Rahn as the Communicator of the Year. [Rahn](#)

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www.modot.org**Cameras Document Hermann Bridge Project Progress**

Check out the latest progress on the new Senator Christopher S. Bond Bridge on Route 19 at Hermann with photographs from cameras located near the project site. These cameras are timed to take photos approximately every 15 minutes. The \$34 million project is a culmination of efforts from both federal and state organizations, as well as the Hermann Transportation Corporation, and is due for completion by Dec. 15, 2007. [Hermann Photos](#)

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