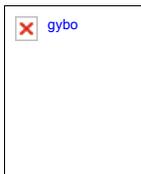


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Rahn Named a Public Official of the Year by Governing Magazine
 "Pete Rahn is one of the country's most innovative transportation officials," according to Governing magazine who named him as one of their 2009 Public Officials of the Year. Rahn's willingness to take risks and his desire to make a difference helped him become the first state transportation director to earn this national honor in the 23-year history of the award. [Rahn](#)

Highway Signs to Honor Veterans
 In honor of Veterans Day on Nov. 11, the electronic message boards along state interstates will carry messages recognizing those who have served our country in the armed forces. [Veterans](#)

MoDOT Celebrates a Safe & Sound Centennial
 MoDOT has now fixed more than 100 bridges as a part of its commitment under the Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Program - an initiative to fix 802 of the state's worst bridges in five years. [Safe](#)

Heavy Harvest Hauls Allowed
 Throughout a soggy Missouri, farmers are rushing to harvest crops and get them to storage before unseasonably heavy rainfall ruins them. The Missouri departments of Transportation and Agriculture are working to help farmers and commercial motor carriers cope with the situation. [Crops](#)



Last Round of Amendment 3 Bonds Sold
Proceeds Have Brought 83 Percent of Major Highways to Good Condition
 The last of the bonds authorized by a constitutional amendment voters passed in November 2004 have now been sold. Amendment 3 ended the diversion of highway user fees to certain state agencies and redirected them to road and bridge projects. [Bonds](#)

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MoDOT Working Like There's "Snow" Tomorrow
 It may seem crazy to be thinking about snow when the temperatures across much of Missouri are hitting the 60's and 70's, but because weather can be unpredictable, MoDOT makes sure it is ready by Nov. 1 for the first snowfall. [Snow](#)

MoDOT Bans Employees from Texting While Operating Agency Vehicles
 A new MoDOT policy reinforces the agency's commitment to safe travel. Effective Nov. 1, texting is prohibited by MoDOT employees while operating department vehicles and equipment. The rule also applies to texting while driving a personal vehicle when performing department business. [Text](#)



Gov. Nixon Convenes DWI Summit
 Focus was on solutions as Gov. Nixon recently met in Jefferson City with a panel of experts from all groups involved in DWI issues, from law enforcement and victims' advocates to prosecutors and judges. Possible solutions included legislative improvements - to close gaps in Missouri's system of identifying and prosecuting repeat DWI offenders and keeping them off the road. [Summit](#)



Litter Picker Makes Picking Quicker
 MoDOT has a new method to clean Missouri roadways that is safer, faster and more efficient than traditional hand-removal methods. The Barber Litter Picker is towed behind a tractor and uses a rake system to remove trash from medians and roadsides with flat terrain. [Picker](#)

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