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The Shortest Distance

MoDOT Announces 2008's "Top 10 Work Zones To Look Out For"

With Memorial Day coming up and schools closing for the summer, millions of motorists will soon hit the road. This year they'll discover numerous highway work zones and potential delays, because MoDOT is in the middle of a very busy construction season, with hundreds of active work zones throughout the year. [Top 10](#)

New Projects Added to Five-Year Transportation Program

Missouri's proposed five-year transportation improvement program includes a last hurrah of new transportation projects before plummeting to a program where limited funding will only cover minimal maintenance and safety work. [STIP](#)

Department Praised for Design-Build Projects

The Design-Build Institute of America has awarded MoDOT its Owner of the Year Award for design-build in the transportation field. The award recognizes MoDOT's significant contributions in advancing the awareness, understanding and use of Design-Build project delivery through the innovative approach to handling the first three design-build projects in MoDOT's history. [Praise](#)

OFF THE ROAD NEWS

Take the "A" Train



Ports, Rail, Aviation Get Big Funding Boost from State Legislature

During this year's legislative session, MoDOT's non-highway modes received several funding increases that will allow for major improvements. The legislature approved \$5 million for new track segments along Amtrak's Kansas City - St. Louis route, which will dramatically improve the route's on-time service. MoDOT will request an additional \$5 million in matching federal money for more track additions. Seven of Missouri's 13 ports along the Mississippi and Missouri rivers will receive substantial improvements with \$6.65 million in capitol improvement money approved by legislators. And an additional \$4 million will be available for expanded airport service, including tower improvements and assistance in attracting new intrastate airlines to Missouri.

MoDOT and Partners Advocate for Rail Safety

MoDOT, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Operation Lifesaver, local law enforcement agencies and railroad personnel recently joined efforts to promote railroad safety. Positive enforcement efforts will continue throughout the year. Between 2006 and 2007, the number of rail crossing collisions in Missouri decreased from 58 to 47, however, fatalities increased from six to seven.

MoDOT, Conservation Team Up With Kids To Plant Half A Million Trees

Half a million trees will be planted in Missouri this year through the Trees For Tomorrow program conducted by MoDOT and the Department of Conservation. Under the program, MoDOT purchases half a million trees a year, which the MDC distributes to youth groups throughout the state. [Trees](#)

Five Things You Can Tell Your Neighbors About Adopt-A-Highway

MoDOT administers the Adopt-A-Highway Program to increase public awareness about the environmental needs along Missouri's highways while at the same time providing positive community support for litter prevention and highway beautification efforts. Here's five things you can tell your neighbors about the program...[AAH](#)



Doing Our Part to Protect Mother Earth

When you think of environmentally friendly practices, building roads and bridges might not pop into mind. Yet MoDOT is giving back to the environment in a big way. Consider this...[Environment](#)

SAFER ROADS

Coalition Announces Upcoming Convention

After reaching their goal of less than 1,000 traffic fatalities a year early, the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety is looking forward to more successful years. To establish goals, share information and

generate excitement, the coalition is sponsoring the Blueprint for Safer Roadways Conference on Oct. 27- 29 at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center in Kansas City. [Coalition](#)

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