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Missouri Department of  
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**The Shortest  
 Distance**

**MoDOT Director Praises Governor For Addressing Bridge Improvements**

MoDOT Director Pete Rahn recently thanked Gov. Blunt for including MoDOT's Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement program in the upcoming special legislative session. [Session](#)

**Electronic Plans Room Debuts**

The department's next foray into the world of electronic business has arrived with a new "electronic plans room." The new Web-based service will serve as the sole source for project plans, meaning MoDOT will save the expense of printing and distributing plans. The public will also have direct access to all the project plans. [Plans](#)

**Amendment 3 Bonds to Be Sold**

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission authorized the sale of up to \$550 million in bonds to finance Amendment 3 projects. These bonds, with a 20 year maturity, are the third of four issuances that will finance approximately \$2 billion in Amendment 3 improvements. Accelerating construction through bond financing was a requirement of the constitutional amendment that passed statewide in 2004.

**MoDOT Working Behind Scenes to Ensure Safe Race**

When 120 of the world's greatest bicyclists spin their way through Missouri Sept. 11-16 for the first Tour of Missouri bicycle race, MoDOT will be working behind the scenes to make sure the way is safe for cyclists, motorists and spectators. [Tour](#)



**SAFER ROADS**

**Don't Make Labor Day a Pain**

Don't end up in the hospital or worse this Labor Day, remember to Drive Smart and Arrive Alive. Labor Day is one of the busiest travel holidays of the year, and last year 18 motorists did not make it home due to traffic crashes. [Labor Day](#)

**Missouri Cracks Down on Impaired Drivers**

"You Drink & Drive. You Lose." is the message of the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety's annual, end-of-summer campaign aimed at stopping motorists driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. [YDDYL](#)

**Rewards In Store for Students Accepting Battle of the Belt Challenge**

Fame. Fortune. Bragging rights. A safe ride home. These rewards await high school students across Missouri ready to take the Battle of the Belt challenge. [BOTB](#)

**Shared Four-Lane Project Underway**

Plans are under way to expand Route 5 between Camdenton and Lebanon using a new concept -- a shared four-lane highway. The 18-mile stretch will use three lanes, with one direction getting a second lane every two miles. This concept, used effectively in Europe, will allow traffic to pass safely in an alternate fashion. Project cost will be just over half of what it would cost to build a complete four-lane highway. If this project is successful, MoDOT will consider shared four-lane projects in other parts of the state. Construction will start in 2008, with completion in 2010.

**HAVE YOU SEEN THIS?**

**Large Text Option Offered on Older Driver Web Page**

A new Web page offering older driver information, now gives visitors the option of increasing the font size with a simple click, making it easier for mature drivers to get information. In the last three years, 541 people were killed and 3,209 were seriously injured in traffic crashes involving an older driver. [Older Drivers](#)



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