

# kcConnections



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## KC District Calendar:

### August 6

Blue Ribbon Citizens Committee on Missouri Transportation Needs  
Gamber Center (Shenandoah A Room), 4 SE Independence Avenue, Lee's Summit, MO 64063  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### August 7

Vision Team  
9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Board Room

I-70 Second Tier EIS Mobile Meeting  
Wal-Mart, 11601 E. US Highway 40, Kansas City, Missouri 64133  
4 - 6 p.m.

### August 8

Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission Meeting  
Hannibal LaGrange University  
10 a.m. - noon

### August 9

District Tracker  
8 - 11 a.m., Board Room

**Have a Great Week!**

## A WINning Partnership for KC

MoDOT recently partnered with the Women's Intersport Network for Kansas City (WIN for KC) to prepare for the annual WIN for KC Triathlon. WIN is a program that is part of the Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation and is a leader in empowering girls and women through sports and fitness.

The triathlon is held each year at Smithville Lake, and invites girls and women to participate in a 500 meter swim, 10-mile bike ride, and 5K run. Months of collaboration and planning lead up to the highly successful event on race day, July 28. MoDOT worked closely with members of WIN to ensure that the participants would be safe when competing.

Members from the KC District and NW District collaborated with the WIN committee, Clay County officials, emergency responders and the Clay County Parks Department to identify ways to minimize disruptions to area residents, keep safety as the top priority for all involved, and ensure the success of this program. This included closing portions of Route W and Route J during the event for everyone's

safety. Maintenance crews worked on preparing each stretch of roadway to ensure good pavement and clean surfaces. In addition, several CMS boards were used to direct visitors and participants to the proper location and to notify motorists in the area about the event and closures.

"It was great for MoDOT to be an active partner of a nationally recognized women's event. The athletes appreciated the safe race event created by MoDOT by helping to prepare the roadways, setting out numerous message boards and closing the highway," said Transportation Project Manager Randy Johnson. Johnson served as the key contact for the WIN committee during the planning and coordination.

Advocating for safety is a MoDOT priority, and advocating a healthy lifestyle is an additional benefit. Supporting this event has allowed the district to focus on safety and health, reinforcing the importance of both.

"MoDOT is pleased to help support such an important community event,"

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# WIN

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said District Engineer Dan Niec. “As a proponent of safety and health – especially preventative health related to physical fitness – MoDOT welcomed the opportunity to partner with WIN for KC to insure a safe, successful event.”

The WIN for KC Triathlon hosts competitors from all over the country, empowering more than 1,000 girls and women each year. This year the race took a more local twist. Randy Johnson’s wife Heidi, and Incident Management Coordinator Rusty James’ wife, Caprice, and daughter, Kayleigh Hartley, crossed the finish line. Each completed the event in less than 2 hours.

“It was inspiring to watch these athletes cross the finish line and triumph over this challenging triathlon event,” said Johnson.

“I was very impressed with the triathlon, and the fact that MoDOT was supporting it. It is such a great event. My wife, Caprice, and my daughter, Kayleigh, both competed in the triathlon. It was their first triathlon, however, I don’t think it will be their last,” said James.

“The event was well organized and run. It was amazing to see the pride and confidence of the competitors as they completed each portion of the event.”

MoDOT has worked with WIN for three years and continues to support events across the Kansas City District. These partnerships allow additional opportunities to promote safety and health, a benefit for all.

*This was a total team effort and thank you for all your leadership and guidance. We’ve certainly enjoyed working with everyone at MoDOT and look forward to future partnerships. Looking forward to working with you all again soon.*

**Sara Dee**  
Assistant Director  
WIN for KC



*Above, Heidi Johnson is proud to be a “finisher” of the WIN for KC Triathlon event. Right, Kayleigh Hartley and Caprice James prepare for the start of the race and below, the ladies work as a team while completing the 5K run.*



*Above, Heidi starts the 10-mile bike ride before completing the event. To the left, Transportation Project Manager Randy Johnson and family show support for Heidi.*

# MoDOT Implements New Fatality Message on Dynamic Message Signs

On August 1, MoDOT's Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) began displaying a new message indicating the number of fatalities to date on Missouri's roads. Another line states the percent that were not wearing seat-belts. This message will be updated weekly.

The purpose of this message is to bring increased awareness to the fact that, after a six year decline, Missouri is now seeing an increase in fatalities. As of

July 24, 2012, Missouri's fatalities are up 14 percent, with 437 deaths as opposed to 383 deaths at this time last year. Other statistics show that over the last three years, seven out of ten vehicle occupants killed in Missouri

traffic crashes were unbuckled. Seat belts reduce the risk of fatal injury by 45 percent.

Daily updates can be viewed at <http://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov>.



## Signs of the Future

*Have You Seen These?*

A recent survey conducted by Scout, hammered home the point not many motorists know Scout is a bi-state service provided by the Missouri and Kansas Departments of Transportation. As a result, Scout underwent a brand consistency plan which entailed developing a new Scout logo the MoDOT and KDOT graphic. All Scout materials were rebranded with the new logo and the latest project sporting the new logo are the Scout signs posted under the big dynamic message signs along metro freeways.

Under the direction of KC District Engineer Dan Niec and the Scout Board of Directors, Scout Manager Jason Sims contacted Matthew Lackman of the Central Office Traffic and Highway Safety Division to design new signs. Matt designed two different signs however the Board of Directors selected the sign without "Kansas City" phrasing because it is being used



nationally where as "Scout" alone can be used and recognized locally. Additionally the board selected the version that displays "MoDOT + KDOT" partnership more prominently.

Fifty-five signs, ordered through MoDOT's new traffic sign manufacture,

Osburn Associates, Inc. were received late June and MoDOT and KDOT forces began installing the "signs of the future" with the expectation to have them all posted by September 1, 2012. Watch for them on your daily commute.

# I-70 Second Tier EIS Meeting

Transportation Planning Manager Lee Ann Kell answers a customer's questions during a second public meeting on the Interstate 70 Second Tier Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) held July 26 at Pioneer Community College. Through August 17, MoDOT is talking to the community about the initial improvement alternatives that could fix the transportation issues facing about seven miles of highway between The Paseo and Blue Ridge Cutoff interchanges. Mobile meetings will be held August 7 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Wal-Mart on US 40 Highway, and August 17 from 10 a.m. to noon at The Museums at 18th & Vine. The on-line, town-hall conversation also continues at [www.metroi70.com](http://www.metroi70.com).



## The Work Number

Buying a home or new car? Leasing an apartment? Applying for a loan? You will need your employment and/or income verified, and there's a number for that. The Work Number can be used anytime, anywhere- 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To access, simply visit [www.theworknumber.com](http://www.theworknumber.com) or call 800-367-2884.

**Obtain Employment Verification:** Use your social security number and the State of Missouri employer code, 10106, the entity verifying your employment can contact The Work Number and follow a few, easy steps to receive instant verification.

**Obtain Income Verification:** Visit The Work Number to receive a one time Salary Key good for a one time use by a verifier to verify your income.

For more information, please visit or call today. This is the BEST and most efficient way to receive verification for a state employee.

### Save the DATE!!!!

*The Missouri State Fair is almost here!*

*Stop by and enjoy the fair from  
August 9 - 19 in Sedalia.*

*Gates open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.  
Don't forget, the Kansas City District's day  
is Friday, August 17.*

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## Additional Volunteers Needed for State Fair

Central Office has a few weekend spots left to fill for state fair volunteers. If you're interested in working one of the shifts, please get your supervisor's approval and contact Holly Dentner in CO Customer Relations at 573.522.5528. Spots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

- Saturday, Aug. 11, afternoon shift --  
2 spots open
- Sunday, Aug. 12 morning shift -- 1 spot open
- Sunday, Aug 12 afternoon shift -- 1 spot open
- Saturday, Aug. 18 afternoon shift -- 2 spots open
- Sunday, Aug. 19 morning shift -- 1 spot open
- Sunday, Aug. 19 afternoon shift -- 1 spot open

# Routes C and J Over Route 71 Ribbon Cutting

*Finished more than one week ahead of schedule*

The story surrounding the Routes C and J Bridge over Route 71 in Peculiar continues to have twists and turns. The Routes C and J Bridge over Route 71 in Peculiar was closed to traffic for only 28 days, even though general contractor Phillips Grading and Construction, Inc. bid a 35-day closure for the nearly \$2 million bridge redecking project. They were on pace to beat the deadline when, only hours before they were to pour the bridge deck, a truck pulling a trailer with equipment slammed into a steel bridge girder. Phillips and MoDOT engineers quickly conferred and brought in Flame On, Inc., a team of specialists from Monroe, Wash., to repair the bent steel girder damaged by the collision. The contractor met the goal to replace the deck, add sidewalks and install new signals before the start of the Raymore-Peculiar District's 2012-13 school year. The citizens of Peculiar and patrols of the Raymore-Peculiar schools were delighted with the early completion, and cheered the contractor's workers and MoDOT.

Even a morning shower - a rarity in this summer's heat wave and drought - couldn't delay the opening. During the four weeks the bridge was closed, Phillips workers and MoDOT engineers were surprised and pleased that Peculiar's businesses and residents brought water and encouragement to the jobsite. Workers were on the job 24 hours a day at times to ensure the community would have their vital link back as soon as possible. The August 2 opening occurred well ahead of the August 15 start of the school year.

*Area Engineer Matt Killion introduced the speakers, who were (from left to right): Matt Haase from U.S. Sen. Roy Blunt's office; State Representative Rick Brattin; Cass County Commissioner Luke Scavuzzo; Terri Barr from U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill's office; Peculiar Chamber of Commerce President Kim Duey, Dr. Jeff Kyle, superintendent of Raymore-Peculiar Schools; and Peculiar Mayor Ernest Jungmeyer.*



*Above, nearly 150 people gathered to cut the ribbon on the Routes C and J Bridge over Route 71 in Peculiar.*



*Above, Mayor Jungmeyer (left in cart) leads the first vehicles across the bridge.*



*Left, Assistant Resident Engineer Lynelle Luther, MoDOT summer interns Kate Huhman and Ben Tappmeyer pose with the Sonic Drive-In mascot at Thursday's Routes C and J Bridge ribbon cutting ceremony in Peculiar.*

# Scout Touts ITS Safety Message

## Safety and Health Council of Western Missouri and Kansas Visits

The Health and Safety Council of Western Missouri and Kansas held their monthly breakfast meeting at Scout on July 27. The local chapter of the National Safety Council is dedicated to preventing unintentional injuries where ever they occur. Through outreach and education programs, they are helping to make the community a safer place to live, work and play.

The breakfast meeting kicked off with a welcome from Kansas City Assistant to the District Engineer Randy Hartman who addressed the group and touched on MoDOT's safety values followed by questions from the group.

Scout Traffic Management Supervisor Nancy Powell hosted the group and provided an overview of Scout services placing emphasis on initiatives to improve safety on metro freeways through services like the Incident Management Program, Motorist Assist (MA) and other Scout tools like the dynamic message signs and ramp metering.

Chapter President Kathy Zents said she always looks for innovative and creative

places to hold the monthly breakfast meeting and felt the Traffic Management Center would be an excellent place to fill the bill.

"I think the Scout system has had a tremendous impact on safety in the Kansas City area and Motorist Assist provides a valuable service to commuters," said Zents.

She recently had a personal experience with them the week before, when a MA operator aided a family member, getting them safely off the road when their car stalled on the highway. Zents said the visit to the center really brought new meaning to her.



**Scout Traffic System Supervisor Nancy Powell and Assistant to the District Engineer Randy Hartman gave a presentation to the local chapter of the Safety and Health Council regarding MoDOT's and Scout's commitment to safety.**

The group really enjoyed their visit to Scout and asked many pertinent questions about the overall operations of Scout and how Scout and MoDOT services and programs affect roadway safety. One question from a council member addressed "My KC Scout" text alerts and MoDOT's stance on texting and driving, the question raised an important issue of distracted driving. Scout's Customer Relations Specialist Gina Myles pointed out that "Scout and MoDOT policy discourages anyone from utilizing cell phones while behind the wheel, all advertisement for the "My KC Scout" alerts warns drivers to use the service as a tool to "know before you go" and strongly recommends not to use the service while on the road."



**Safety and Health Council members take notes during a presentation given on July 27 in the Scout center. Their visit allowed them to see first hand the vital role Scout plays regarding safety on roads throughout the Metro area.**

## Bolder Five-Year Direction Calendar

### 2012

- **December 31:** all facility, equipment and operational changes complete.

### 2013

- **March 31:** all employee reassignments, staff reductions complete.

### Bolder 5-Year Direction Questions?

- Visit: [www.intranet/hr/](http://www.intranet/hr/)
- Contact your KC District HR representative

## It's Festival Season!

The Kansas City District will be attending two festivals this year to highlight some major construction projects in the Northland. On August 17-19, MoDOT will host a booth at the Parkville Riverfest in Platte County and September 28-29, we will host a booth at the Liberty Fall Festival in Clay County. These festivals will enable district representatives to reach out to people impacted by these projects by providing information and answering questions.

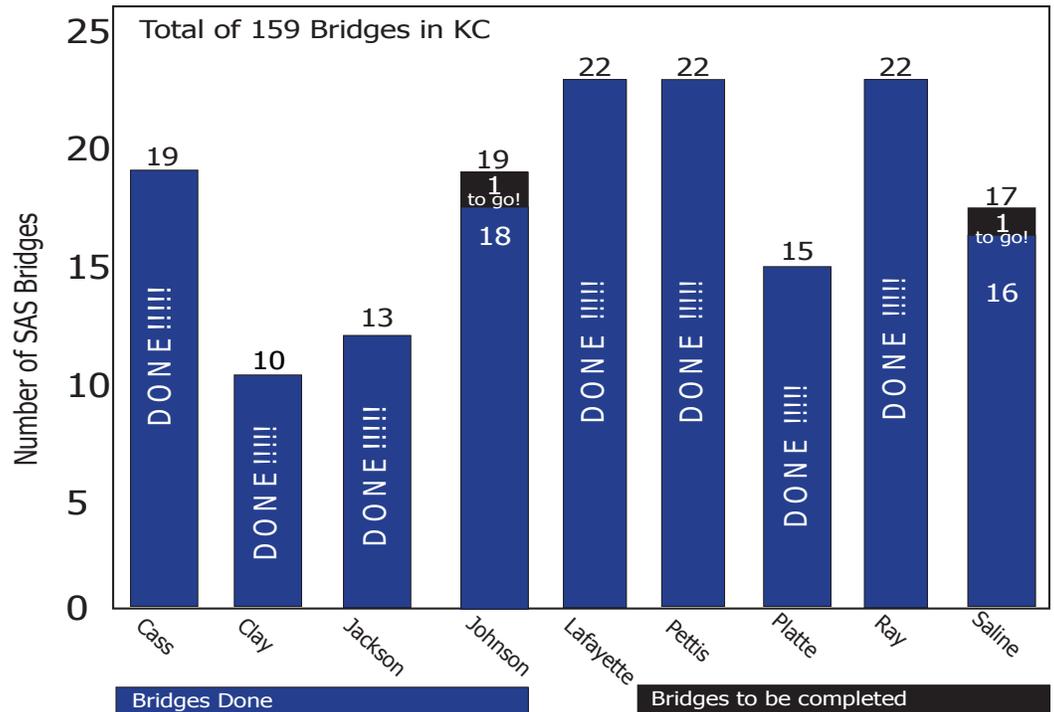
Opportunities are available for those who would like to serve as an ambassador for the district at either event. We need two volunteers per shift, with most shifts lasting about four hours. Please contact Kerri Lewis at 607-2151 or via email if you would like to work a shift, with your supervisor's approval. To see the list of times available, please visit the intranet at [www.intranet/d4/cr/](http://www.intranet/d4/cr/) or on sharepoint.

## Route B Ribbon Cutting Cass County's Final SAS Bridge

The last of 19 Safe & Sound bridges to be completed in Cass County turned out to be the biggest. Route B over the Grand River just east of the Archie city limits opened Wednesday, August 1, with a ribbon cutting that drew more than a dozen residents from the surrounding countryside. One family, fresh back from collecting ribbons at the Cass County Fair, collected one more ribbon - a MoDOT ribbon - for helping open the new bridge. They posed in the middle of the bridge for a family photo. Everyone gathered for the event expressed gratitude at the swift work of KTU Constructors and the subcontractor, Phillips Grading and Construction, Inc. Joining MoDOT for the ceremony were MoDOT Area Engineer Matt Killion, Archie Mayor Les Whiteside, Cass County Commissioner Luke Scavuzzo, Shaelyn McClanahan representing Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler, Matt Haase representing U.S. Senator Roy Blunt, and Archie Superintendent Sean Smith.



## KC Safe & Sound Bridges On the Rise to Completion



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# SAFETY EMPHASIS

Missouri Department of Transportation

## GLOBAL HARMONIZED SYSTEM



Imagine receiving three containers at your worksite from three separate manufacturers. One is labeled Toxic, the second is labeled Very Toxic and the third Highly Toxic. Which one is the most dangerous?

Unfortunately, this is a trick question because all three contain the same chemical. Consistency from the manufacturers has never been required, until now.

Global Harmonized System (GHS) is here! OSHA has made its first significant change to the Hazard Communication Standard since 1983. GHS requires manufacturers to adopt the United Nations system in order to eliminate the confusion.

### Key Points:

- \*Classification of chemicals is data driven and based on a set of criteria defined by the GHS. Before manufacturers determined the criteria used to classify chemicals.
- \*The updated rule will require labels and Safety Data Sheets, formerly Material Safety Data Sheets, to adhere to the same format. Labels must use pictograms, a signal word, hazard and precautionary statements, the product identifier, and supplier identification. Safety Data Sheets must also be in a uniform format consisting of sixteen section with the same headings.
- \*Although chemical manufacturers have until 2015 to comply, many will not wait. We can expect to see some of the changes regarding the chemicals we receive in the near future.

*“OSHA’s 1983 Hazard Communication Standard gave workers the right to know. As one participant expressed during our rulemaking process, this update will give them the right to understand, as well,” said Dr. David Michaels, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*



***Be Careful Out There!***