

News on Weighs

OSOW Permits Require Proof of Insurance February 28 Deadline

Companies that request oversize or overweight permits must submit proof of insurance with MoDOT Motor Carrier Services by February 28, 2009. Those who fail to provide an insurance certificate or Form E will be denied permit privileges until a document of proof is filed.

Oversize and overweight loads must be insured according to the type of move and insurance must be in force for the duration of each

permit period. Additional coverage is often required of excessively overweight loads because the highway system is at greater risk of damage from these loads.

Insurance companies should send a copy of the insurance certificate to MoDOT Motor Carrier Services by mail, e-mail, fax, courier or in person. Form E documents can be sent electronically.

MoDOT Motor Carrier Services must be named as a certificate holder on the insurance certificate. The office address must also appear as follows:

Minimum Limits of Combined Single Limit Automobile Liability	
Type of Move	
Routine	\$750,000
Super Heavy and Large Loads	\$2,000,000
Noncommercial Building (House) Movement	\$2,000,000

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Hours of Service Final Rule Issued

Truck drivers will continue to be limited to driving only 11 hours and working for no more than 14 hours each day under the final rule issued November 18, 2008, by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Truck drivers must spend at least 10 hours resting between shifts before returning to the road. Drivers cannot operate a truck if they have worked more than 60 hours in a given week. Drivers who rest for at least 34 hours can reset their weekly work schedule.

The rule is expected to build on safety improvements. For example, the number of large truck fatalities declined for the third year with 4,808 fatalities in 2007, down from 5,240 in 2005. Between 2004 and 2006, only one fatigue-related fatality occurred during a truck driver's eleventh hour behind the wheel.

The Final Rule is available at: www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rules-regulations/administration/rulemakings/final/E8-27437-HOS-Final-Rule-11-19-08.pdf.

www.modot.org/mcs

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Jan's Letter

We're just about to close the books on 2008 and I would like to thank you for all the ways you supported transportation in Missouri this year. With your help, legislation passed so MoDOT can help you with the Unified Carrier Registration program. You've shared ideas on improving MoDOT Carrier Express. You let us know when we've served you well and made suggestions on how we can serve you better.

We've got a head start on improvements for 2009. The Oversize/Overweight rules revision goes into effect February 28. Learn more about that on page 3 and on our Web site, www.modot.org/mcs. The most important rule change to remember – if you want to order an OS/OW

permit, you have to provide proof of insurance. Starting March 1, if your proof isn't on file with us, you can't get a permit until you get that covered.

Several people have asked about MoDOT's leadership and whether it will change in the next few months. MoDOT is one of a few agencies that are governed by an independent commission. Read more about that on page 7.

On behalf of everyone at MoDOT, I wish you blessed holidays and a safe and prosperous 2009.



Motor Carrier Services Director

Belt a Teen to Save a Life

It's still not clicking with Missouri teens that wearing a seat belt provides the single best chance for survival in a car crash.

The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety released survey results, showing only 62 percent of teens are wearing their seat belts - a very modest increase from last year's 61 percent. Even less likely to buckle up are teens in pickup trucks - less than 50 percent. The teen usage rate continues to be dramatically lower than the overall state seat belt usage rate of 77 percent.

In the past three years, 415 young people aged 15-19 died in Missouri traffic crashes - 80 percent of these teens were not wearing seat belts.

The Coalition reaches out to teens with programs like Battle of the Belt, a high school seat belt challenge. More than 80 schools participated last year with surprise seat belt checks at each high school and student-planned educational campaigns on the importance of seat belt use.

For more information, visit www.savemoyouth.com.

Missouri Teen Drivers Safety Belt Use by Vehicle Type in 2008 (percent)

Car	64.3	SUV	65.3
Van	74.6	Truck	49.5

850 by 2012

Missouri safety advocates are ready to make history. The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety announced its new goal is to reduce traffic crash fatalities to 850 or less by 2012. The last time Missouri recorded less than 850 fatalities was 1949.

The coalition is a partnership of safety advocates who attack the problem of traffic crashes and deaths. In 2007, they reached an earlier goal of fewer than 1,000 traffic fatalities one year earlier than expected.

The group will focus on continued improvement in engineering, law enforcement and public education. One of the top areas of focus will continue to be safety belts, shown to be a motorist's single best defense in any traffic crash. The most effective way to raise safety belt use

in Missouri is considered to be the passage of a Primary Safety Belt law. The coalition continues to work toward the passage of this law, which would save an additional 90 lives each year.

Missouri Safety Belt Use by Vehicle Type (percent)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Car	74.7	79.5	79	80.7	80.9
Van	75.6	82.5	80.9	84	83.7
SUV	75.3	82.3	81.6	83.2	82.9
CMV	54.9	66	65.5	65.7	63.4

For more information, visit <http://www.savemolives.com/>. Buckle Up to Arrive Alive.

Name Change Among Several New OS/OW Regulations

Oversize. It's a lot easier to say – and much easier to spell than overdimension...or is that over-dimension?

By adopting Oversize/Overweight as the name of the former OD/OW function, MoDOT joins most states in our region in using the same name. That, and a recent change to Missouri's maximum permissible weights allowing 46,000 lbs. on a tandem and 72,000 lbs. on a quadrum will help smooth routing decisions for carriers who move large or heavy loads across several states.

Major changes to the OS/OW regulations effective February 28, 2009 include:

- Permits may be revised within two business days of the permit effective date only.
- Every company that requests an OS/OW permit must file proof of insurance with MoDOT Motor Carrier Services by February 28, 2009.

- Trailer and load length justification is not required.
- Elimination of pre-issued/prepaid permits.
- Bridge study charges apply if a superload change request requires a new route.
- Carriers must physically run the permitted route if the vehicle and load measure more than 120' long to be certain the load can negotiate all turns. Failure to run a route prior to the move may result in a penalty.
- Superloads are allowed to move on weekends if they are less than 14' wide.
- Applicants may be required to have a minimum of \$425 in escrow before superload applications are processed.

A more comprehensive list of changes is available at: www.modot.org/mcs/ODOWRules2008.htm

Salt Shortage Will Not Affect Snow and Ice Removal

MoDOT is prepared with enough salt and equipment to maintain our normal level of winter service. Safety is always the highest priority. While some towns and municipalities in Missouri are concerned about salt supplies, MoDOT will not have trouble keeping highways drivable.

Last year's harsh winter depleted much of the country's salt supply causing prices to rise. This, coupled with a strong hurricane season and high Mississippi River levels, slowed delivery of salt via river barges.

MoDOT takes salt bids in May and is virtually unaffected by the supply decline that happened this year. The department received its first salt shipment over the summer in order to pre-fill and prepare for the first snow.

During the winter, as salt supplies are used, the agency's contract calls for suppliers to provide replenishment .

MoDOT crews will be ready - and we ask you to think ahead and remember -

"In Ice and Snow, Take It Slow."



Conway Welcome Center on Track

More Parking, Restful Surroundings to Open in Spring

As many drivers have noticed, the Welcome Center buildings on both sides of Interstate 44 at mile marker 110 are under roof. Inside, finish work is underway.

Concrete paving in the truck parking areas is complete and will cure over the winter. All picnic shelters and playground areas are complete. Everything looks good for a Spring 2009 opening.

The new facility is designed to be a respite for travelers. A Route 66 theme recalls the charm of early cross-country travel while delivering modern comforts.

Professional drivers get their own perks. Set back from the interstate are 74 commercial truck parking spots at both facilities. Less road noise should make for a quieter rest period in the beautiful Ozarks.

Better Bridges Coming Soon

Drivers will recognize bridges which will be improved over the next five years since MoDOT erected "Safe & Sound" logo signs on more than 800 of the state's worst bridges.

In September, the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission directed MoDOT to launch the "Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Program" with at



These signs mark bridges included in the Safe & Sound program that will be repaired or replaced in the next five years. Drivers should expect these bridges to close in order to speed construction and save costs.

least 100 bridges under construction early in 2009.

Of the bridges in the program, 248 will be rehabilitated, with 554 bridges scheduled for replacement by Oct. 31, 2014.

"When drivers see these signs, they should begin thinking about the probability that they will be closed during construction and plan accordingly," MoDOT Director Pete Rahn said. "Closing these bridges lets the contractor complete the work quickly and get the bridges back open faster. It also keeps our costs down."

For construction schedules, alternate routes, and up-to-the minute information on bridge construction, closures and progress, log on to www.modot.org/safeandsound.



Bedford Ave. Ramp Closes in Kansas City

In early December, the ramp from northbound I-29/35 to Bedford Avenue closed and will remain closed until late 2010. This closure is part of the KCicon project, rebuilding the interstate near the Paseo Bridge.

Drivers who normally take the Bedford exit can continue north on I-29/35 to the 16th Avenue exit. Use 16th Avenue to re-enter I-29/35 southbound. Exit at Levee Road and head east into the Paseo Industrial District.

Drivers who use I-29/35 to travel through the area without stopping might consider using I-435 instead to avoid ongoing construction.

For more information, visit the KCicon project Web site: www.kcicon.com



Moving Missouri Forward

It's time to think ahead.

"Great nations build and invest for succeeding generations, like our parents and grandparents did," MoDOT Director Pete Rahn said. "We must invest in transportation if we want to save lives, remain economically competitive and improve our quality of life."

Although many needs remain, MoDOT has made progress in improving state highways and making them safer thanks to recent revenue redirected to road and bridge projects. Rahn cited the following statistics as proof:

- Over the last two years, traffic deaths in Missouri dropped 21 percent.
- Missouri's major roads are largely in good condition – 78 percent now versus 46 percent in 2005.
- In the past five years, MoDOT completed \$5.6 billion worth of work within 0.7 percent of the estimate. The \$38 million saved went toward additional highway work.

Looking to the future, the department started an initiative to find out what Missourians want in their transportation system. Called A Conversation for Moving Missouri Forward, the information-seeking effort outlines five options for delivering a quality transportation system:

- take care of roads and bridges;
- do a better job of providing other ways to get around;
- rebuild Interstates 70 and 44;
- tackle needed major projects and
- meet regional needs.

Taking Care of Roads and Bridges

MoDOT has three goals for Missouri roads and bridges:

- Get 85 percent of Missouri's heavily traveled roads in good condition;
- Get 75 percent of less-traveled roads in good condition; now they are at 62 percent.
- Get 90 percent of bridges in good condition; now they are at 72 percent.

MoDOT then wants to keep them in good shape. If we were giving out grades, this work would raise the condition of roads and bridges to a B. The estimated cost: \$645 million a year for a total of \$12.9 billion over 20 years.

Heavily Traveled Roads

In Missouri, 80 percent of all travel takes place on just 17 percent of our highways - mainly interstates and state routes. That's because more than 90 percent of all Missourians live within 10 miles of these roads.

Did you know that the newest section of Interstate 70 in Missouri is 41 years old, though it was built to last just 20 years? Or that large truck traffic, which now makes up 25 percent of the travel on Interstates 70 and 44, is expected to double by 2030?

With funding from Amendment 3, an initiative approved by voters in November 2004 to redirect some highway user fees to MoDOT, these roads rose to a grade level of B.

However, we won't be able to keep them there without more money. Additional funds would help us keep these roads in good condition and make sure your travel is fast, easy and safe.

Less Traveled Roads

Less traveled roads, such as lettered routes, make up 82 percent of the state's 32,800 miles, but carry about 20 percent of all travel. Currently, 62 percent are in good condition. We'd like to raise that number to 75 percent.

MoDOT wants to take the 4,500 busiest miles of these roads and make them better and safer. We would give them improved pavement, paved shoulders, rumble stripes and bigger signs.

Visit www.modot.org/conversation to learn more about how you can take part in the Conversation to Move Missouri Forward.

Articles on MoDOT's other four options will appear in future issues of News on Wheels.



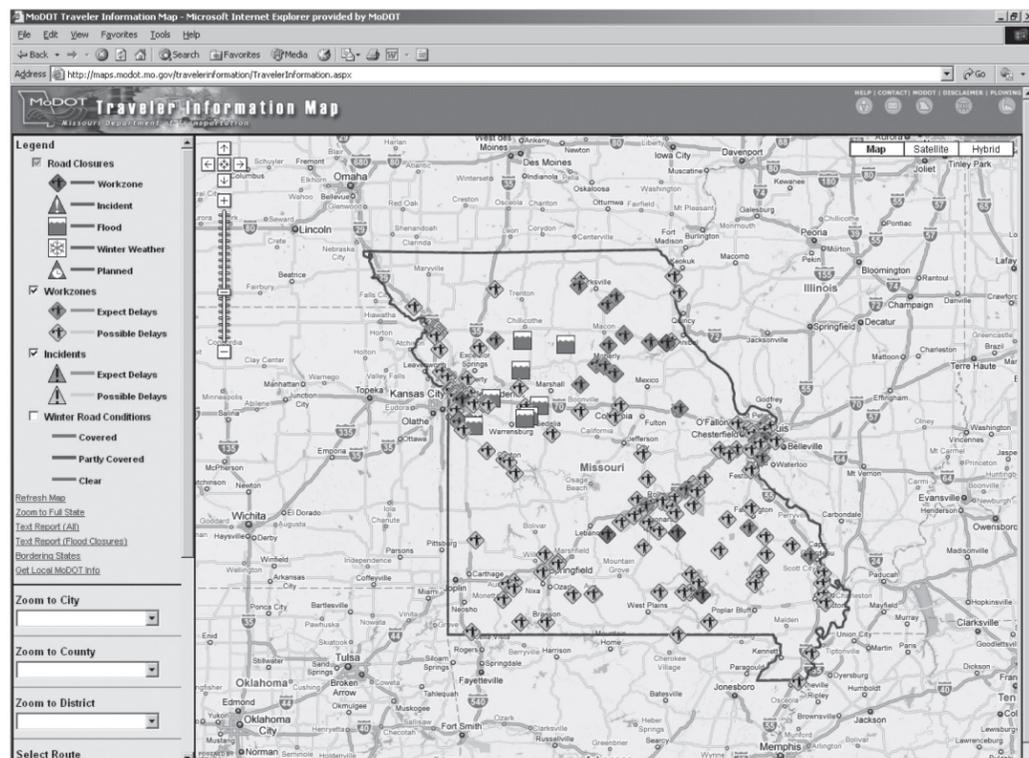
Traveler Information Map Gives Drivers an Edge on Weather-Related Road Conditions

Snow and ice are on their way. While Missouri Department of Transportation crews gear up for bad weather, drivers have a new tool to make their winter travels safer: MoDOT's online Traveler Information Map.

Located at www.modot.org, the Traveler Information Map gives drivers an up-to-the-minute view of road conditions for major Missouri highways before they step foot outside. Conditions for major routes across the state are

color-coded to give visitors the information they need at a glance. Green means clear, blue is partly covered, purple is covered and a red snowflake means the road is impassable.

The map shows road conditions for major Missouri cities, counties, MoDOT districts and other travel destinations. Individual routes can also be selected. A text report and links to road condition maps for surrounding states are also available.



Bypass Weigh Stations - Legally!

PrePass is a smart carriers use to have their vehicles pre-screened at designated weigh stations, ports-of-entry and agricultural interdiction stops nationwide. Cleared vehicles are then able to "bypass" the facility while traveling at highway speed, eliminating the need to stop.

Vehicles bypassing inspection facilities save drivers and their companies valuable time on the road, reducing fuel and operating costs, while increasing productivity. PrePass helps reduce congestion around inspection facilities and lets state inspection staff focus their efforts on carriers that demand the most attention. Learn more about how PrePass can help you save at www.prepass.com.

Warrensburg Office Moves to Lee's Summit

The Motor Carrier Services Safety and Compliance team that formerly worked from an office in Warrensburg moved to the MoDOT Kansas City Area District campus in Lee's Summit.

Kansas City Area carriers should note the new phone numbers and addresses:

Phone Number: 816-622-0041
Fax Number: 816-622-0046

Physical Address:
2050 N.E. Independence Ave.
Lee's Summit, MO 64086

Mailing Address:
600 N.E. Colbern Road
Lee's Summit, MO 64086

Motor Carrier Services Staff

People are moving at Motor Carrier Services! The promotion of Kelly Ray and Ken Sowers to new project management positions and the retirement of Rick McClure, former supervisor of the operating authority team, brought new faces to the management team.

Motor Carrier Services Staff

Jan Skouby	Director
Michelle Teel	Assistant Director
Barb Hague	Special Projects Coordinator
Ben Goodin	Enforcement Administrator
Chuck Gohring	Transportation Program Manager
DeAnne Rickabaugh	Outreach Coordinator
Kelly Ray	Motor Carrier Project Manager
Ken Sowers	Motor Carrier Project Manager
Debbie Bradshaw	Oversize/Overweight Supervisor
Joy Prenger	IFTA and Accounting Supervisor
Tina Thurman	Operating Authority Supervisor
Kim Wekenborg	IRP Supervisor
Diana Stickler	Support Services Supervisor
Tara Spencer	Executive Assistant

MoDOT Leadership Explained

The Missouri Department of Transportation does not expect a change in leadership. It is one of a few agencies that operate under the governance of an independent commission.

MoDOT is governed by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, an independent constitutional agency. While the governor has the responsibility to appoint members to six-year terms on the commission, MoDOT employees are not subject to political influence. MoDOT is a nonpartisan state agency.

The MHTC appoints MoDOT's director and the secretary to the commission. The director is responsible for all other employee appointments and hirings. The commission reviews and approves the department's budget and operating plans.

Member	Location	Term Expires
Duane S. Michie, Chairman	Hayti	March 2009
James B. Anderson, Vice Chairman	Springfield	March 2009
Mike Kehoe	Jefferson City	March 2011
David A. Gach	St. Joseph	March 2011
Rudolph E. Farber	Neosho	March 2013
Grace M. Nichols	St. Charles	March 2013

Datelines

December 25 & 26

Christmas Holiday – All MoDOT business offices closed.

December 31

2008 UCR registration and OS/OW 2008 blanket permits expire.

Last day that carriers with IRP apportioned plates can renew before other jurisdictions' fees increase.

January 1

New Year's Day - All MoDOT offices closed. Carriers whose IRP apportioned license plates expired Dec. 31 must display updated plates and carry new cab cards.

January 2

Carriers with IRP apportioned plates that expire March 31 must apply by this date to avoid penalty fees.

January 12 & 20

Missouri Governor and Presidential Inauguration Days – MCS open.

January 19

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – MCS open.

January 31

IFTA 4th quarter returns due

February 12

Lincoln's Birthday – MCS open, most other MoDOT offices closed.

February 16

Washington's Birthday - MCS open, most other MoDOT offices closed.

February 28

Deadline – OS/OW carriers must file proof-of-insurance (see page 1) New Missouri OS/OW rule changes take effect.

March 1

2009 IFTA licenses must be carried and 2009 decals displayed.

March 2

Fees due for IRP apportioned plates that expire March 31. Financial penalty and temporary vehicle registration suspension if paid late.

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Get Road Closure Info in Your e-Mail With e-Updates

Whiteout conditions forced 50 miles of Missouri Interstate 70 to close. How will you know? Sign up to receive e-mailed messages from MoDOT's e-Updates service.

You can sign up to get several kinds of information. Many of the updates are about highway incidents such as snow or flood closures, emergency shut downs or bridge trouble, but news about oversize/overweight permits, IRP, IFTA and safety is e-mailed, too.

Dispatchers love the service. If you're an independent driver, ask a friend or family member to sign up. They can

pass the messages on to you when you're on the road.

It's easy to start. Visit www.modot.org. Look on the left side of the page for a dark blue e-Update tab. Create an account, then choose your own userID and password. When you have the option to choose the information you'd like to receive, click on "Motor Carriers" near the bottom of the screen. Be sure to click "Submit" to complete your subscription.

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