

First in Nation Economic Recovery Project - Create jobs, improve roads and save lives

Missouri is the first state in the nation to begin construction on highway projects funded by the Economic Recovery Act.

The minute President Obama signed the economic recovery bill, MoDOT went to work to replace one of the state's oldest and most rickety bridges, the Osage River bridge on Route 17 in Miller County near Tuscomb. Construction on three other recovery act projects also started immediately:

- New passing lanes on Route 60 in Barry, Lawrence, Christian and Greene counties
- Resurfacing on Interstate 35 in Clinton County
- Improving pavement on Interstate 55 in Pemiscot and New Madrid counties

Additional road, bridge, air, rail, transit, pedestrian and bicycle projects will be under way in the coming weeks and months. Each project is expected to have a ripple effect, creating work for road and project builders and designers, which in turn creates demand for related supplies and services, such as haulers, retailers, restaurants and hotels.

It's not the first time Missouri led the nation in transportation firsts – in 1956, Missouri was the birthplace of the nation's interstate system. MoDOT's predecessor awarded the first highway contract under the Federal-Aid Highway Act – a stretch of I-70 in St. Charles.

A complete list of the projects MoDOT is ready to tackle can be found at www.modot.org/firstinnation.



Online IFTA Quarterly Filing

In an effort to save taxpayers the cost of printing and mailing thousands of IFTA forms every quarter, MoDOT now uses postcards inform interstate carriers when tax return deadlines loom.

A growing number of carriers who use MoDOT Carrier Express to file IFTA tax returns find that the computer does all the math. Because the quarterly fuel tax rates are built into the online system, the carrier needs only to enter fuel and mileage information and ask the system to compute the figures. Correct calculations prevent underpayment and resulting penalties and interest.

Fuel tax return forms are available at www.modot.org/mcs/forms_manuals.htm. Carriers with no Internet connection can call toll-free, 1-866-831-6277 and press option 7 to request forms to be sent by mail or e-mail.

www.modot.org/mcs

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First in the nation! MoDOT wasted no time and started four American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects minutes after President Obama signed the bill.

Commercial drivers and other travelers benefit from highway improvement portions of the jobs bill. MoDOT is able to begin several projects earlier than originally scheduled.

The new work and warmer weather mean MoDOT and other crews are in full fix-up and build mode. Please keep an eye out for roadside workers and their equipment. You might be surprised to learn that most often, it's travelers who suffer injury and death in work zones – mainly because someone is not paying attention, is speeding and/or is impaired. Be ready to react if one of these drivers is near you.

One of the best ways to be ready is to use your seat belt. Remember, for drivers of commercial motor vehicles, the seat belt law is primary – meaning law officers can pull you over for no other reason than being unbuckled. So, if you use it for no other reason, use it so you're not delayed 30 minutes for failing to take four seconds to buckle up.

Last, but not least, we've got a full slate of training seminars on everything from general safety to passenger vehicle to understanding credentials -license plate, fuel tax and other requirements. We would love to see you!

Here's to a safe, prosperous quarter for all carriers.



Motor Carrier Services Director

HAZ MATT'S CORNER

CDL "N" Endorsement Needed for 119 Gallon Permanently Mounted Tanks



Matt Freeman is MoDOT's hazardous materials specialist. His column on the subject makes its debut in this issue of "News on Wheels".

If you haul a liquid or liquid gas, you need to know about a change to commercial drivers license endorsements.

Drivers who haul a liquid or liquid gas in a permanently mounted cargo tank rated at 119 gallons or more or in a portable tank rated at 1,000 gallons or more must have an "N" endorsement. Before the change took effect, the "N" endorsement applied only to much larger permanently mounted cargo tanks.

You can find the rule in the October 1, 2008 CDL manual published by the Missouri Department of Revenue. The manual is posted online at <http://dor.mo.gov/mvdl/drivers/>.

New Outreach: "HM Security Components"

In August, I'll lead a couple of classes on hazardous material carrier security. I encourage anyone who has questions about carriers' security plans to attend. We'll talk about :

- Security assessment
- Security plans
- Initial and recurrent employee training
- Recordkeeping requirements

The classes are scheduled on August 25 in Lee's Summit and August 27 in Chesterfield. For reservations, please contact MoDOT Motor Carrier Services toll free at 1-866-831-6277 extension #6 or register online at www.modot.org/mcs/training_outreach.htm. Seating is limited, so early reservations are encouraged.

Have a HazMat question for HazMatt? Send a note to contactMCS@modot.mo.gov.

Free Regulation and Credential Seminars Offered

MoDOT Motor Carrier Services offers free seminars to update commercial motor vehicle operators on the latest in safety regulations, passenger vehicle rules and federal hazardous materials law. A course on credentials – the licensing, permitting and authority process – is also available.

tion in the general safety sessions is limited to full-time motor carrier employees. Seating is at a premium, so please make your reservations as soon as possible. For location information or to make reservations, call 1-866-831-6277, extension 6. Register online at www.modot.mo.gov/mcs/training_outreach.htm

The training, scheduled for 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Central Time, is designed for company management. Participa-

General Safety

April 14	Macon	MoDOT North Central Area District Office	902 N. Missouri 63552
May 5	Chesterfield	MoDOT Transportation Management Center	14301 S. Outer 40 Rd 63017
May 6	Jefferson City	Motor Carrier Services Central Office	1320 Creek Trail Dr 65109
May 7	Joplin	MoDOT Southwest Area District Office	3901 E 32nd St 64804
May 7	Lee's Summit	MoDOT Kansas City Area District Office	600 NE Colbern Rd 64086
May 7	Licking	Inter-County Electric Co-op	102 Maple Ave 65542
July 16	Poplar Bluff	Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop E Office	4947 Highway 67 N 63901
July 28	Liberty	Liberty School District Support Services Building	801 Kent St 64068
August 5	Springfield	MoDOT Springfield Area District Office	3025 E. Kearney St 65801
August 18	Chesterfield	MoDOT Transportation Management Center	14301 S. Outer 40 Rd 63017
August 27	Lee's Summit	MoDOT Kansas City Area District Office	600 NE Colbern Rd 64086
November 11	Chesterfield	MoDOT Transportation Management Center	14301 S. Outer 40 Rd 63017
November 12	Jefferson City	Motor Carrier Services Central Office	1320 Creek Trail Dr 65109
November 13	Lee's Summit	MoDOT Kansas City Area District Office	600 NE Colbern Rd 64086
November 13	Joplin	MoDOT Southwest Area District Office	3901 E. 32nd St 64804
December 3	Willow Springs	MoDOT Willow Springs Construction Office	910 Springfield Rd 65793
December 9	Chillicothe	Best Western Chillicothe Inn	1020 S. Washington 64601

Basic Hazardous Materials

May 5	Liberty	Liberty School District Support Services Building	801 Kent St 64068
May 6	Springfield	MoDOT Springfield Area District Office	3025 E. Kearney St 65801
May 7	Chesterfield	MoDOT Transportation Management Center	14301 S. Outer 40 Rd 63017

Passenger Vehicle

July 15	Cape Girardeau	Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3838	1049 Kingshighway St 63701
August 6	Columbia	Columbia Convention and Visitors Center	300 S. Providence 65203
August 6	Springfield	MoDOT Springfield Area District Office	3025 E. Kearney St 65801
August 20	Chesterfield	MoDOT Transportation Management Center	14301 S. Outer 40 Rd 63017
August 26	Lee's Summit	MoDOT Kansas City Area District Office	600 NE Colbern Rd 64086

HM Security Components

August 25	Lee's Summit	MoDOT Kansas City Area District Office	600 NE Colbern Rd 64086
August 27	Chesterfield	MoDOT Transportation Management Center	14301 S. Outer 40 Rd 63017

Credentials

April 8	Macon	MoDOT North Central Area District Office	902 N. Missouri 63552
May 6	Chesterfield	MoDOT Transportation Management Center	14301 S. Outer 40 Rd 63017
May 15	Joplin	Mo DOT Southwest Area District Office	3901 E. 32nd St 64804
June 5	Sikeston	MoDOT Southeast Area District Office	2675 N. Main St 63801
June 11	Springfield	MoDOT Springfield Area District Office	3025 E. Kearney St 65801
July 24	Chillicothe	Grand River Inn	606 W. Old Hwy 36 64601
July 31	Jefferson City	Motor Carrier Services Central Office	1320 Creek Trail Dr 65109
August 7	Joplin	MoDOT Southwest Area District Office	3901 E. 32nd St 64804
August 14	St. Joseph	Pony Express National Museum	801 Kent St 64068
September 11	Cape Girardeau	Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3838	1049 Kingshighway St 63701

Fictitious Name

SOS Registration Renewal Required Every Five Years

Due to a change in state law, fictitious name registrations must be renewed every five years with the Missouri Secretary of State.

If a business is operating under a name other than their true name or the actual name of their company, they must register a fictitious name with the state. For example, if John Doe is doing business as "John's Tailor Shop" he must register that name.

Filings to renew names registered on or before August 28, 2004 must be renewed by August 28, 2009. If a fictitious name registration is not renewed, it will expire and business cannot be conducted under that name in Missouri. Names registered after August 28, 2004 will expire five years from the date they were originally filed.

The Secretary of State's office will send a reminder to all fictitious name holders with their expiration date and renewal information.

Names can be registered and renewed online or by mail. A \$7 filing fee applies.

Missouri Secretary of State

Look up fictitious name expiration dates:
www.sos.mo.gov/BusinessEntity/soskb/csearch.asp

Download registration form:
www.sos.mo.gov/business/corporations/forms.asp

Mailing address:
Missouri Secretary of State
Corporations Division
PO Box 2050
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Phone: 1-866-223-6535 (toll-free)

Don't Barrel Through Work Zones – Drive Smart!

In 2009, MoDOT will continue to improve roads and bridges with at least 32 projects under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; more than 800 bridges as part of Missouri's Safe & Sound bridge program; and improvements on 5,600 miles of roadway by the end of 2011, which will bring 85 percent of Missouri's roadways up to good condition. These improvements translate into many work zones across the state, so here are a few of the things MoDOT is doing to help keep you out of traffic jams this construction season:

- The Online Traveler Information Map allows travelers to see MoDOT's active work zones before they get in their cars.



- Multimedia - Various work zone safety ads will be heard around the state on the radio and seen on the Internet, in several gas stations and also on changeable message boards. Other educational materials will remind travelers to Drive Smart and Arrive Alive.

Drive Smart in Work Zones to Arrive Alive

- **Buckle Up!** – Every trip, every time.
- **Stay Alert!** – Dedicate your full attention to driving.
- **Follow Signs!** – They'll guide you through work zones.
- **Expect the Unexpected!** – Watch for flaggers, workers and equipment.
- **Pay Attention!** – Turn the radio down and don't use your cellular phone.
- **Be Patient!** – Remember workers are improving the road for future travels.
- **Don't Speed!** – Follow posted limits and adjust for weather conditions.
- **Don't Drink and Drive!** – Impairment of any kind is unacceptable and dangerous.
- **Be Nice!** – Merge as directed, don't tailgate and don't change lanes in a work zone.

Drop in Highway Deaths Makes MoDOT's Year

Looking back on 2008, none of MoDOT's accomplishments tops the drop in highway deaths.

The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety announced in January that Missouri had reached its goal of 1,000 or fewer deaths one year early. Not since 1993 has the state had fewer than 1,000 fatalities.

"Over the last two years, Missouri has seen a 21 percent decrease in traffic deaths - the second-largest decrease in the nation," MoDOT Director Pete Rahn said.

Much of the reduction is due to smoother pavement on the busiest highways, improved striping and signs, rumble stripes, replaced warning signs on many two-lane roads and median guard cable on interstates. That work, along with law enforcement efforts by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and other safety partners and educational activities including Battle of the Belt competitions among high schools and work zone awareness campaigns, helped make Missouri roads safer.

Here are the rest of MoDOT's top 10 accomplishments for 2008:

2. I-64 closing - Although St. Louisans braced for the worst, the closing of a five-mile stretch of Interstate 64 in the heart of St. Louis went off with few problems. In addition, this portion of the largest construction project in MoDOT history was two weeks ahead of schedule.

3. Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Program - In September, MoDOT launched the Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Program, which will improve 802 of Missouri's worst bridges in five years.

4. State highway conditions improve - In 2008, 78 percent of the state's major roads were in good condition compared to 44 percent in 2003. The Reason Foundation ranked Missouri 13th in the nation for state highway system performance. The Pew Center on the States gave Missouri a B+ for infrastructure performance, which beat all but four other states and the 50-state average grade of a B-.

5. More funding for other travel modes - Missouri legislators increased funding

for Missouri's passenger rail, aviation, port and transit travel by a whopping 74 percent in 2008.

6. Emergency response - In April, the Missouri House of Representatives honored MoDOT crews with a resolution thanking them for keeping Missouri highways clear and safe in the face of record snow, ice, flooding, earthquakes and even frogs. (During flooding, some highways were inundated with armies of frogs.)

7. Saving money - By pinching pennies, estimating construction work to the dime and encouraging innovation, MoDOT saved nearly \$50 million in 2008 that was used to tackle 36 new highway projects.

8. kclCON - MoDOT broke ground in April on kclCON, a major design-build project that will improve four miles of interstate 29/35 north of downtown Kansas City and build a new landmark, cable-stay Missouri River bridge.

9. Mississippi River Bridge - In February, the governors of Missouri and Illinois announced the two states had reached an agreement on building a new Mississippi River Bridge in St. Louis.

10. Last State of Transportation Address - MoDOT Director Pete Rahn delivered the fifth and final State of Transportation Address to Missouri legislators on Feb. 6. The law authorizing the annual speech contained a five-year sunset clause, which legislators did not extend.

"I believe the elimination of this speech sends a clear signal that MoDOT has regained its footing and your trust," Rahn told legislators. "Five years ago we faced uncertainty, but today there is no doubt - we've come a long way in a short time."



Propane Home Delivery Drivers' 16-Hour Short Haul Exception

Under the current federal hours of service regulations, propane home delivery drivers may be able to extend their workday, once per week, to meet the demands of their customers.

Local drivers, after reaching the 14th consecutive hour of duty, may be able to extend their workday by two hours, under certain conditions.

These conditions are that the driver:

- was released from duty at the normal work reporting location for the previous 5 duty tours, and



- returns to the normal work reporting location and is released from duty within 16 hours, and
- has not used this exception in the previous 6 consecutive days, except following a 34-Hour restart.

During each workday, drivers are still subject to the 11-hour driving limit. A 34-hour restart will allow the driver to use this exception more than once every six days, but the driver must have returned to the normal work reporting location for the previous five duty tours. Finally, for each day the local propane home delivery driver works and drives beyond the 12-hour limit, the driver will be required to complete a standard grid log.

If you have questions about the propane home delivery exception, send an e-mail to contactMCS@modot.mo.gov or call toll-free, 1-866-831-6277, extension 6.

Ben Goodin Retires from MoDOT

Ben Goodin of Jefferson City, a 43-year State employee, retired February 28 from the Missouri Department of Transportation. Starting with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Ben dedicated his career to promoting highway safety and providing assistance to both commercial and pleasure travelers.

Ben's work earned commendations from Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Transportation Security Administration, and the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance

for his commitment, leadership and efforts toward motor carrier safety.

Goodin and wife Dorothy have five children, seven grandchildren and one great grandson, who all enjoy the benefits of his fishing, hunting, camping, cooking and gardening hobbies.



Chuck Gohring Named Investigations Administrator

Effective February 1, Chuck Gohring is the investigations administrator of MoDOT Motor Carrier Services.

During his 22 years of experience with MCS and the former Division of Motor Carrier and Railroad Safety, Chuck served in almost every enforcement capacity – from investigator to hazardous materials specialist to program manager. While he gained ever-increasing responsibility, he also earned the trust and respect of the motor carrier community.



Most recently, Chuck served as second-in-command for the retiring administrator, Ben Goodin. While managing the efforts of his staff, Chuck also administered federal grants and, with Ben, led Missouri's involvement as a test-state for the Comprehensive Safety Analysis 2010. His experience as the ad-hoc committee chair of the Corporate Security Review program with the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance helped improve national safety measures.

Whether meeting with colleagues, speaking with drivers during an inspection or testifying before legislators, Chuck earns the respect of those he meets with his honest, good humor.

Thank You, Drivers!

From MoDOT's Springfield Area District Office

We want to thank all drivers who passed through Springfield, MO, on Saturday, Feb. 21, when our contractor demolished a bridge over Interstate 44 at Mile Marker 80.

Drivers approached the closing carefully and drove through the city on other freeways and city routes in a courteous manner. You did the same thing, by the way, when MoDOT had to close I-44 for a weekend in July 2007. We understand what a hassle it is when we must close an interstate. We do not take that move lightly because we know that time is money for you.

We aim first for safety and then for helping people navigate alternate routes as smoothly and quickly as possible. Unfortunately, we have to close I-44 at Mile Marker 80 again in late summer or early fall to knock down a second bridge, so we'll repeat the detours and ask again for your cooperation. (More information will be coming later.)

Bottom line: We don't express our appreciation enough to those of you who drive for a living and drive responsibly. We very much appreciate your professionalism.

-- Bob Edwards, MoDOT, Springfield

St. Louis Commercial Zone Expands into Jefferson County

Last fall, Jefferson County voters approved a ballot measure adopting a charter form of county government. This makes the county a "first class charter county" within the meaning of the state law that defines commercial zone boundaries.

Because Jefferson County borders St. Louis City and it is now a first class charter county, the entire county is now part of the St. Louis commercial zone according to Section 390.020 (4), of the state statutes

Carriers operating wholly within a commercial zone may be exempt from operating authority requirements. The commercial zone exemption does not apply to carriers transporting household goods, some passenger operations and carriers of commodities in bulk, including liquids in tank or hopper-type vehicles.

A vehicle route map that shows the new zone boundaries is available at www.modot.org/mcs/forms_manuals.htm in the Maps and Tools section.

Datelines

April 1

Carriers with apportioned plates that expire June 30 must file an application for renewal by this date

April 6 – 10

National Work Zone Awareness Week

April 15

Financial statements for household goods carriers and non-charter passenger carriers due

April 30

First quarter 2008 fuel tax returns due

May 8

Harry S Truman's Birthday Observed – State Holiday – MCS offices open, most other MoDOT offices closed

May 26

Memorial Day – State Holiday – All MoDOT offices closed

June 1

Carriers with apportioned plates that expire June 30 must pay renewal fees by this date

June 30

Carriers with apportioned plates that expire today must display new credentials

July 1

Carriers with apportioned plates that expire September 30 must file an application for renewal by this date

July 3

Independence Day (observed) – State Holiday – All MoDOT offices closed

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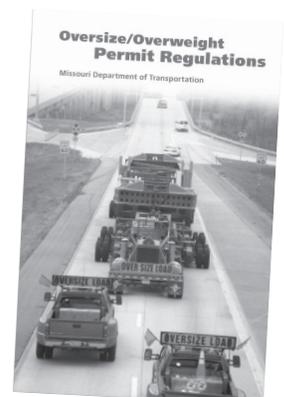
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New OSOW Regulation Book Available in Print and Online

As regular "News on Wheels" readers are aware, Missouri's oversize and overweight load regulations changed February 28, 2009. The rule is available as a handbook and electronically.

All carriers who have escrow accounts with MoDOT were mailed a copy of the handbook. To request more copies, send an e-mail to contactMCS@modot.mo.gov or call toll-free, 1-866-831-6277.

An electronic copy can be found at www.modot.org/mcs/forms_manuals.htm. Look for it in the Oversize/Overweight section. Make it a Favorite for quick retrieval.



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