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### MoDOT Plan Has Directed \$177 Million to Highway Projects

MoDOT's plan to reduce staffing, facilities and equipment has resulted in \$177 million being redirected to critical road and bridge projects in Missouri. As of Sept. 30, the department had eliminated 667 staff positions, closed 23 facilities and disposed of 245 pieces of equipment under its Bolder Five-Year Direction. [Direction](#)

### Interstate 29 Now Open

Interstate 29 from Rock Port, Mo., (exit 110) to U.S. Highway 34 (exit 32) near Pacific Junction, Iowa, opened Saturday to traffic after almost four months of closure due to flooding. The 15 miles of Missouri interstate closed on June 15 when flood waters forced Iowa to close I-29 near the border. [I-29](#)

### MoDOT Employee Travels Extra Mile for Fallen Workers

One hundred and four miles. That's how far MoDOT employee Jim Feeney and his wife, Theo, walked on the Katy Trail to raise money towards the construction of a Fallen Workers Memorial in Jefferson City. [Memorial](#)

### Express Yourself!

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## INNOVATION

### MoDOT to Test Smog-Eating Concrete

MoDOT is testing a new type of concrete that's designed to absorb smog. On Oct. 19, crews will place the smog-eating concrete on a 1,500-foot section of Route 141 in St. Louis. An additive in the concrete uses sunlight to break down smog and releases it as nitrogen and carbon dioxide. [Smog](#)

## OFF THE ROAD NEWS

### Number of Missouri River Runner Riders Continues to Rise

The number of people choosing to travel by Amtrak Missouri River Runner trains continues to grow. In September, 14,150 passengers rode the Amtrak service compared to 13,038 in September 2010 - an increase of 8.5 percent. [Amtrak](#)

## TO THE POINT

### Battle of the Belt Encourages Teens to Buckle Up

Battle of the Belt is a fun and creative way to help teens learn the importance of making it click. Listen as Multimodal Director Michelle Teel explains how the contest works and why it's important. [To the Point](#)

## HAVE YOU SEEN THIS?

### Area Engineers Provide Community Contact

As part of its Bolder Five-Year Direction, MoDOT has strategically placed engineers throughout the state to serve as community contacts for their respective areas. Area engineers can answer questions, address concerns and speak to groups and organizations about transportation in Missouri. [Engineers](#)

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