

MoDOT Minute – Aug. 30, 2011

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

Mother Nature has taken its toll on Missouri's highway system this year. MoDOT has already spent about \$5 million in repairs in Joplin due to the devastating tornado that hit the area May 22. The department estimates it will spend another \$7 million in repairs due to flooding in northwest Missouri and \$3 million for similar repairs in southeast Missouri. MoDOT won't know the full extent of the damage in northwest Missouri until all of the floodwaters recede. Another \$1 million is needed to make permanent repairs to traffic signals and signs in Joplin. MoDOT will apply for federal disaster aid to help pay for the repairs.

MoDOT recently received a \$1 million federal grant to use hybrid composite beams on three Safe & Sound bridge projects in Douglas, Shannon and Dade counties. These innovative structural elements are much lighter than conventional steel or concrete beams, making them easier to transport and install. You can learn more at [www.youtube.com/modotvideo](http://www.youtube.com/modotvideo).

That's been your MoDOT Minute. Remember to check back every week for new information.