

MoDOT Minute – Aug. 2, 2011

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

A grant from the Federal Railroad Administration will buy about eight new rail cars for Amtrak in Missouri, replacing most of the equipment in use today. A four-state Midwest consortium made up of Missouri, Michigan, Iowa and Illinois will receive \$268 million to purchase next-generation, American-made trains. Details are yet to be worked out, but it is likely the cars would be maintained by Amtrak and kept in St. Louis.

The Missouri State Fair starts Aug. 11 in Sedalia, and MoDOT will be there in full force. In addition to the department's popular Highway Gardens, the Transportation Exposition Center will feature interactive displays, games and contests. Fairgoers can participate in a transportation scavenger hunt and enter to win an iPad and case donated by KTU Constructors. And what better way to get to the fair than by train? Amtrak runs between St. Louis and Kansas City with twice-a-day stops in Sedalia. For more information, visit www.amtrak.com.

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