

MoDOT Minute – March 8, 2010

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

Grace Nichols of St. Charles has been elected chair of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, the six-member, bipartisan board that governs MoDOT. The former chair, Rudy Farber of Neosho, was named vice-chair. Until her appointment to the commission in March 2008, Nichols was a Senior Circuit Judge in St. Charles County and was also mayor of St. Charles for two terms. In addition to Nichols and Farber, other commission members are David Gach, St. Joseph; Joe Carmichael, Springfield; Stephen Miller, Kansas City and Kenneth Suelthaus, St. Louis.

Dave Nichols is MoDOT's new chief engineer. The chief engineer reports to the director of MoDOT and is second in the line of authority. Nichols fills the vacancy left by Kevin Keith's promotion from chief engineer to director in November 2010. Nichols has been with MoDOT since 1984, most recently serving as director of program delivery.

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