

MoDOT Minute – Nov. 9, 2010

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT has a new director. Kevin Keith took over at the helm of the department on Nov. 4 after serving as interim director since April. Prior to that, Keith was the department's chief engineer for nine years. He has been with the department for more than 25 years. Keith is nationally recognized for his efforts to implement "Practical Design" a no-frills approach to building projects that allows MoDOT to satisfy customer needs while saving money to put toward more transportation improvements.

As one of his first official acts as director, Keith presented MoDOT's annual accountability report to the Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight. He told the legislators MoDOT is accountable to the public it serves and trusted by most Missourians, but is underfunded. As a result, MoDOT is shrinking its work force, cutting spending and reducing services to meet the commitments of its five-year direction implemented in March.

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