

MoDOT Minute – Oct. 12, 2010

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

Seven months after implementing a new five-year direction, MoDOT says it is on track to reduce costs by more than \$200 million in the next five years. The agency is also shrinking the size of its workforce. Since the end of February, MoDOT has decreased staff size by 201 employees and is on course to eliminate 400 positions by June 30. In addition, MoDOT is taking a hard look at its maintenance operations to find ways to save money. The savings will be used to improve the state's minor roads.

MoDOT has modified four low-water crossings in an effort to limit environmental impacts made during construction. The modifications let aquatic life move freely upstream, allowing for reproduction and population growth. They also decrease flooding, making the crossings safer. The improvements have saved nearly \$3 million.

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