

MoDOT Minute – Sept. 6, 2011

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

A recent survey shows more Missourians are buckling up. Seat belt use in general rose to 79 percent this year up three percent from 76 percent in 2010. Among teens, seat belt use rose one percentage point from 66 percent to 67 percent. While the numbers are on the rise, MoDOT officials are quick to point out that Missouri is still six percentage points below the national average of 85 percent and a significant number of people - 21 percent of the general public and 33 percent of teens – still don't wear their seat belts. In 2010, 392 people killed in traffic crashes were unbuckled. The department continues to support the need for a primary seat belt law to increase seat belt use and save lives.

The first six-lane highway in southern Missouri has opened to traffic. Motorists began using the new lanes of Route 65 through Springfield last week.

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