

Hi, this is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT has marked a milestone in its mission to fix 802 of the state's worst bridges in five years. The department re-opened the first bridge repaired under the Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Program on April 23. The bridge, which crosses over Hominy Creek on Route AA near Halfway, was fixed in 60 days. Work on two other Safe & Sound bridges located in Howell and St. Francois counties also finished up last week. You can track MoDOT's bridge improvement progress through an interactive map at www.modot.org/safeandsound.

MoDOT is poised to go after \$9 billion in funding the Obama administration is making available to create 10 high-speed rail corridors across the nation. The Kansas City to St. Louis corridor would be eligible for this funding as a part of the Chicago hub network. Missouri's proposed plan would make the train service on the existing Union Pacific line faster over time.

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