

Hi, this is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

This week is work zone awareness week, and MoDOT is reminding motorists not to barrel through work zones. April marks the start of the highway construction season, and MoDOT will have plenty of construction work going on due to the federal economic recovery act and the Safe & Sound Bridge program. While work zone crashes and injuries are the lowest in five years, the number of fatalities is up. Motorists are asked to slow down, be alert and keep a safe distance from other cars when traveling through work zones. To plan your trip around construction work, visit MoDOT's Traveler Information Map at [modot.org](http://modot.org).

Joe Carmichael of Springfield is the newest member of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission. He is president and manager of the Springfield law firm Carmichael & Neal PC. Carmichael will serve a six-year term, which expires March 8, 2015.

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