

## **MoDOT Minute – Dec. 1**

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT Director Pete Rahn delivered the department's annual report to the Missouri legislature last week. Rahn noted 83 percent of Missouri's major highways are now in good condition, and highway deaths have dropped 24 percent since 2005. However, MoDOT is facing a severe decrease in funding. Construction awards in fiscal year 2009 total a high of \$1.5 billion. They then drop to a low of \$421 million by fiscal year 2014. You can find the full report at [www.modot.org](http://www.modot.org).

The days between Thanksgiving and Christmas can be a dangerous time on Missouri roads. In 2008, 94 people died in traffic crashes between the two holidays and 5,163 were injured. The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety is running advertising through Dec. 20 urging drivers not to drink, or to call a cab or designate a driver. Visit [www.savemolives.com](http://www.savemolives.com) for more information.

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