

MoDOT Minute – Dec. 15

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT, Amtrak and Union Pacific officials dedicated a new, 9,000-foot railroad side track near California, Mo. on Dec. 8. The new siding helps unclog a major "bottleneck" that was caused by a 25-mile stretch of single track. The siding enables slower freight trains to move off the main line, allowing faster Amtrak trains to pass. The new line is estimated to reduce passenger train delays by nearly 17 percent a year.

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