

MoDOT Minute – Dec. 8

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT is one of the first agencies in the nation to use solar power to keep ice and snow off bridges. The department has signed a contract with Pave Guard Technologies of Lee's Summit to install a solar warming system on two bridges in Excelsior Springs. The system uses solar panels to heat a solution that is pumped through tubing to keep the bridge deck from freezing. The goal is to extend a bridge's life by reducing the amount of chemicals and water used to melt ice and snow.

Amtrak trains running between St. Louis and Kansas City arrived on time 100 percent of the time during the Thanksgiving holiday week. This is a big improvement from past years when on-time performance ranged from 55 to 79 percent. One of the reasons for reaching this on-time goal is a new siding near California, Mo. The 9,000-foot side track allows slower freight trains to move off the main track so faster passenger trains can pass through.

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