

Hi, this is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

With gas prices once again on the rise, MoDOT has launched a Web service to help match carpoolers anywhere in the state. The site is called Carpool Connections and can be found at modot.org. It provides information on existing carpools in your area or can help you start one from scratch. In addition, the Web site provides a list of state-operated commuter lots, complete with descriptions and detailed maps to find them.

MoDOT has created a new division to enhance efforts to involve minority-owned, women-owned and disadvantaged businesses in state construction projects. The new division - External Civil Rights - oversees the department's affirmative action, equal opportunity and nondiscrimination programs. One of the new division's goals is to further develop pre-apprentice and on-the-job training programs for socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.

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