

Hi, this is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT has unveiled its proposed five-year transportation improvement program. The good news is many new projects will be built next year thanks to economic stimulus funding and the Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Program. The bad news is there is little money in later years for much more than maintenance. The \$6.5 billion program lists all transportation projects planned for fiscal years 2010 through 2014. You can comment on the proposal at modot.org.

Work will soon be under way on another 54 economic stimulus projects. The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission recently approved \$87 million worth of recovery projects bringing the total number under way to 91. This most recent round of projects includes repairing bridges, building new interchanges, resurfacing roadways and improving shoulders. MoDOT estimates the 91 projects will support almost 5,000 jobs.

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