

## **MoDOT Minute – Nov. 24**

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

Smart use of taxpayer dollars is allowing MoDOT to undertake an additional \$144 million worth of work on rural highways. More than 1,500 miles of lettered and smaller, numbered routes will be smoother and safer thanks to the added work. The additional work was made possible by operational and project cost savings. When MoDOT's maintenance work is added to contract jobs, nearly 4,000 miles of pavement improvements were completed on rural routes in 2009.

Popular Science magazine has named a new highway interchange in Springfield as one of its 100 best innovations of the year. Located at Route 13 and Interstate 44, the interchange uses a diverging diamond design to move traffic through the intersection. It is the first interchange of its kind in the United States. You can read the Popular Science article at [www.popsci.com](http://www.popsci.com).

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