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MoDOT Director Pete Rahn told legislators last week he's never been as dedicated to a cause as he is to persuading the General Assembly to change the state's existing seat belt law. Changing the law to allow primary enforcement would save an estimated 90 lives a year and prevent 1,000 serious injuries. Rahn said MoDOT is also looking forward to the possibility of additional funding for transportation projects from a federal economic recovery act.

In an effort to put more money into road and bridge projects, MoDOT is taking an aggressive approach to selling excess property it owns. In fiscal year 2008, the agency sold 112 properties at a value of more than \$4.4 million. The receipts were added to MoDOT's budget for road and bridge projects. A list of excess property for sale can be found at modot.org.

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