

Hi, this is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT has increased the number of projects it would have ready to go with additional funding from the Economic Recovery Act. The wish list includes transportation projects throughout the state totaling \$969 million. Under the proposed plan, \$661 million would go for road and bridge projects, \$239 million for rail, air and transit projects and \$36 million for improving trails and sidewalks. The projects will provide work for thousands of Missourians. A complete list of the projects MoDOT is ready to tackle can be found at [www.modot.org/readytogo](http://www.modot.org/readytogo).

State Rep. Bill Deeken and 60 legislative co-sponsors have filed a bill to amend the state's seat belt law. The legislation would allow law enforcement to stop motorists solely for not wearing their safety belts – something they can't do under the current law. Changing the law would save an estimated 90 lives a year.

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