

**MoDOT Minute – Economic Recovery Act
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Hi. I'm Pete Rahn with your MoDOT Minute.

I'm proud to announce Missouri was the first out of the gate to create jobs and jumpstart the economy by beginning construction on highway projects funded by the Economic Recovery Act.

The minute President Obama signed the economic recovery bill, we went to work to replace one of the state's oldest and most rickety bridges, the Osage River bridge near Tuscumbia. Construction on three other recovery act projects also started immediately. They involve building new passing lanes on Route 60 in Barry, Lawrence, Christian and Greene counties; resurfacing Route 35 in Clinton County and improving pavement on Route 55 in Pemiscot and New Madrid counties. Additional road, bridge, air, rail, transit, pedestrian and bicycle projects will be under way in the coming weeks and months.

We had said we'd be ready to go with critical transportation projects, and we delivered. That shows our commitment to putting taxpayer dollars to use as quickly as possible to create jobs, improve roads and save lives.

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