

Hi, this is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

The transportation projects MoDOT will under take with economic recovery funds will save approximately 12 lives a year and prevent 61 disabling injuries on Missouri roads. The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety commended MoDOT for being the first to save lives under the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Missouri will receive approximately \$637 million for road and bridge projects and an estimated \$150 million to address air, rail, transit, waterway and pedestrian projects throughout the state.

MoDOT will hold three public hearings the first week of March on the idea of truck-only lanes on I-70 between Independence and Lake St. Louis. The hearings will be held in Warrenton, Blue Springs and Columbia. In addition, an on-line public hearing will be hosted at improveI70.org March 2 through March 16. The public review will allow MoDOT to be ready to move forward with the project should funding become available.

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