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The state's five-year highway construction program starts with a bang largely due to recovery act funding, the Safe and Sound Bridge Improvement Program and the new Mississippi River Bridge in St. Louis. However, after the first year, spending for Missouri's roads and bridges drops drastically. The construction program for fiscal year 2010 totals \$1.3 billion. By 2014, it drops to \$421 million.

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission has approved another 12 recovery act projects, bringing the total to 111. The projects cost \$71.9 million and will support almost 2,000 jobs.

Mike Kehoe of Jefferson City has resigned as chairman of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission. David Gach of St. Joseph is the new chairman, and Rudy Farber of Neosho will serve as vice-chairman.

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