

Hi, this is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT's new Sponsor-A-Highway program is under way in St. Louis and Kansas City with several companies signing up to clean Missouri's highways. Under the Sponsor-A-Highway initiative, a sister effort to the state's successful Adopt-A-Highway program, individuals, groups or businesses contract with a private firm to remove litter from adopted highway stretches. In return, the sponsors get their name and logo on a Sponsor-A-Highway sign. The program will help reduce the \$5 million MoDOT spends each year on picking up litter.

On a related note, students can put their art skills to work helping keep Missouri litter free by participating in a trash-can decorating contest sponsored by MoDOT and the Missouri Department of Conservation. The school submitting the best decorated trash can will receive \$500 and a trophy. The deadline to enter is March 16. For more information, visit nomoretrash.org.

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