

Hi, this is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT has issued figures showing more than 83 percent of Missouri's major roads are in good condition. That's compared to 2004 when only 47 percent were in good condition. The jump can largely be attributed to MoDOT's Smooth Roads Initiative and Better Roads, Brighter Future program. The Amendment 3-funded Smooth Roads Initiative improved 2,200 miles of the state's busiest highways in 2005 and 2006. Under the Better Roads program, the remainder of the state's major highways are getting smoother surfaces, wider stripes, brighter signs and paved shoulders.

You're Never Too Cool to Buckle Up. That was the message of the winning video for the 2008 Battle of the Belt challenge. 125 Missouri high schools competed against each other to increase safety belt use and save lives. The winning schools and video can be found at savemoyouth.com.

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