

Missouri Department of Transportation

Gateway Guide Program

**REMEMBER... FOR
REAL TIME
TRAFFIC
INFORMATION**

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CLICK"**



www.GatewayGuide.com
or call
1-888-511-4STL (4785)



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How do St. Louis metro area motorists spell relief? Gateway Guide!

The goal of the Missouri Department of Transportation's (MoDOT's) Gateway Guide program is to relieve congestion and improve safety. Gateway Guide is made up of many state-of-the-art devices that, when combined, serve as a powerful tool for relieving traffic congestion and improving safety. This ultimately helps MoDOT manage the region's transportation system more effectively. The program utilizes real-time traffic information to help reduce traffic delays caused by incidents, work zones and the rising number of vehicles on the highways. With Gateway Guide, you get better information for smarter travel!

Making Gateway Guide Work For YOU

- **Traffic Sensors** provide information on traffic speed and volume on the highways.
- **Closed-Circuit Cameras** provide live video of the area highways.
- **Dynamic Message Signs** inform motorists of incidents ahead, lane blockages and closures, and child abduction alerts.
- **MoDOT shares traffic information and live video** with the local media.
- **The www.gatewayguide.com web site** provides incident information, work zone information, and live traffic camera images.
- **The 1-888 511 4STL (4785) real-time traffic information hotline** provides information on traffic conditions, traffic crashes, construction lane closures, and child abduction alert information.
- **Motorist Assist and Emergency Response** crews patrol St. Louis metro area interstates in search of lane obstructions caused by disabled vehicles, debris and car crashes.
- ***55 cellular calls** are routed to the Missouri Highway Patrol for immediate response to incidents.
- **Coordinate signals** to better move traffic along area roadways.

Why does the St. Louis metro area need the Gateway Guide Program?

The Gateway Guide program better manages the growing amount of traffic on our roadways. By using Gateway Guide, MoDOT can maximize the use of the region's existing road system and minimize the effect of incidents on area roadways. Take a look at how incidents on the road can tangle traffic:

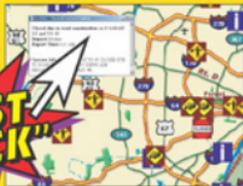
- Approximately 60 percent of congestion is caused by incidents.
- During peak hours, one minute of lane blockage can cause about 20 minutes of traffic congestion.
- A vehicle on the shoulder of the road reduces the capacity of the closest lane by 20 percent.

MoDOT's Gateway Guide program not only helps relieve congestion, it also helps reduce air pollution. Since idling vehicles and their emissions are one of the leading sources of air pollution, reducing traffic congestion will help reduce air pollution and positively impact the region's air quality.



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GatewayGuide.com is a full service, real-time traffic information web site that provides timely reports on traffic, crashes and any active construction projects. Drivers can see where the work zones are, when the lanes will be closed and the impact to traffic. The GatewayGuide.com web site provides real-time snapshot images from interstate cameras that are updated every 60 seconds.

MoDOT's Motorist Assist and Emergency Response Program Keeping St. Louis Moving!

MoDOT's Motorist Assist operators work hand in hand with local law enforcement agencies and private towing agencies to keep traffic moving. Motorist Assist operators can help change tires, provide fuel and perform other minor, short term repairs. MoDOT's Emergency Response crews assist fire department, police and EMT crews during major vehicle crashes. They also respond to emergency roadway clean-ups, debris clearing, pothole patching and hundreds of other functions to improve the safety of the roadway during off hours.



If a motorist becomes stranded on an interstate highway patrolled by Motorist Assist, he or she is encouraged to pull as far off onto the right shoulder as possible and, if safe, wait with their vehicle for a Motorist Assist truck to arrive. If a driver abandons their vehicle on the highway, it's difficult for Motorist Assist to effectively do their job. Unless there is an emergency, the average response time is 20 minutes.



- **Motorist Assist** - Patrols St. Louis area interstates from 5 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Sunday to Sunday (excluding some major holidays).
- **Emergency Response** - Patrols area interstates from 6:30 p.m. to 5 a.m., seven days a week (and on-call on major holidays and weekends).

