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Public Invited to Weigh In on State Freight Plan

MoDOT has been working with stakeholders to identify opportunities and actions to improve Missouri's freight transportation system. The plan's purpose is to help meet the current and future needs of Missouri businesses and increase economic development and jobs.

The draft plan is available through Oct. 31. Provide public input on the plan now -- [Read more.](#)

Check out the [freight plan](#).



Washington Bridge Gets TIGER Grant

A new Route 47 bridge over the Missouri River at Washington will receive funding through the federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program, U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx recently announced.

MoDOT received \$10 million toward the total project cost that is expected to be nearly \$60 million. Construction is currently slated to begin in 2016 or early 2017, with the new bridge to be open to traffic in 2018 -- [Read more.](#)

MAJOR PROJECTS

U.S. 50 Expansion in Osage County

A \$25.5 million project to expand U.S. 50 in Osage County is completed and motorists are enjoying the improvements. Approximately 6.6 miles of U.S. 50 were relocated and widened to four lanes, from the U.S. 50/63 junction to County Road 604 west of Linn.

The project includes an innovative bridge with a support structure and girders made of a state-of-the-art concrete mix that is stronger and costs



less than traditional materials.

[Project Website](#)

Watch a video about the the new bridge -- [Video](#).

OFF THE ROAD NEWS



Rail Safety Week in Missouri, Sept. 29 - Oct. 3

MoDOT, Missouri State Highway Patrol and Missouri Operation Lifesaver declared September 29 through October 3, 2014, as Missouri Rail Safety Week. These three agencies along with local law enforcement and railroad companies are partnering together to raise public awareness about the dangers of disregarding railroad crossing laws and trespassing on railroad property - [Rail Safety](#).

Learn more about [Missouri Operation Lifesaver](#).



Missouri Students Participate in Walk to School Day

Missourians might notice more neighborhood foot traffic as students participate in International Walk to School Day on Oct. 8. MoDOT encourages parents and communities to help children establish ongoing walking and cycling programs -- [Walk to School](#).

To sign up or find out if your school is participating, visit the [Walk to School Website](#).

SAFER ROADS

Harvest Season is Underway on Missouri Farms -- *MoDOT Cautions Motorists to Watch Out for Slow Moving Vehicles*

It's harvest time on Missouri farms and MoDOT wants to remind motorists to pay extra attention for farm equipment using and crossing state roadways.

Tractors, trucks and other farm equipment are slow moving and motorists may be surprised



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when they come up behind one on a Missouri highway.

Motorists are advised to slow down when approaching farm vehicles. Be patient as the farm vehicles travel to their field entrances. In passing zones, please wait until it is safe and pass at a safe distance and speed.

Missouri's 33,000 miles of state roadway pass alongside the fields of more than 100,000 farms throughout the state.



HAVE YOU SEEN THIS?

Getting Social with MoDOT

This week on Facebook and Twitter, MoDOT welcomed the beginning of fall, announced Rail Safety Week and invited families to participate in Walk to School Day. Other topics included thanking truckers for their safe driving and warning drivers that deer are on the move.

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