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MoDOT Prepares For Winter With Statewide Drill

Snow is not in the local forecast yet, but the Missouri Department of Transportation wants to be ready when winter weather is here. To prepare, MoDOT will test its readiness for the upcoming winter season with a statewide drill on Nov. 5.

The drill tests MoDOT's winter battle plan to get travelers back on Missouri roadways as quickly as possible after winter storms.

"Over 3,500 MoDOT employees are involved in our winter operations, including every maintenance crew across the state," said State Maintenance Engineer Beth Wright. "The annual drill helps to make sure we all know our roles during a storm, and we can do our jobs successfully." - [Read More.](#)

Multimodal
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Workshops Help Local Transit Providers with Funding Grants

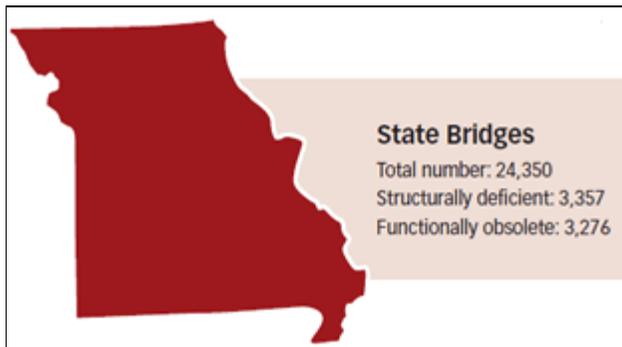
Local transit providers use Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grants to fund their capital and operational projects. MoDOT is responsible for working with these local agencies to assist them with compliance and FTA requirements. The transit section of MoDOT will hold six workshops in early November to address federal transit grant requirements and MoDOT's new approach for compliance reviews.

Sessions run from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on the following schedule: Nov. 4 in St. Joseph, Nov. 5 in Lee's Summit, Nov. 6 in Springfield, Nov. 12 in Sikeston, Nov. 13 in Chesterfield and Nov. 14 in Jefferson City. Registration is required. The application and more details are available at - [Workshops.](#)

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Roads & Bridges Magazine Features Missouri Bridges

MoDOT's State Bridge Engineer Dennis Heckman discusses Missouri bridge conditions in the October edition of Road & Bridges Magazine.

With thousands of bridges, including 53 that cross the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, MoDOT will always need to invest in maintenance, repair and replacement of these critical pieces of the state's transportation

infrastructure - [Read Article.](#)

MAJOR PROJECTS



Mainline Lanes of Route 364/Page Avenue Phase 3 in St. Louis to Open Weekend of Oct. 31

The driving lanes of the second half of Route 364/Page Avenue Phase 3 in St. Louis will open to traffic late in this weekend.

The opening of the lanes between Route K and Mid Rivers Mall Drive marks one of the final key pieces of a regional transportation vision that began more than 40-years ago when a grassroots group was formed in St. Charles County to push for what became known as the Page Extension. See all the project details - [Route 364/Page Ave.](#)

SAFER ROADS

Halloween is a Dangerous Night for Impaired Driving

From downtown costume parties to back road bonfires, many celebrations will likely include



alcohol. Make your plans for this year's Halloween fun, but keep in mind that one of the best choices you can make is to drive sober or designate a sober driver to get you home safely.

With an increased number of impaired drivers on the road and an increase in pedestrian traffic as children treat-or-treat, the National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration classifies Halloween as a statistically dangerous night for impaired driving. That danger can be prevented if drivers just plan ahead.

Click here for safe driving tips - [Halloween Safety](#).



Coalition Partners with the St. Louis Taxi Commission to Promote Safe and Sober Rides Home

The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety and the St. Louis Taxi Commission have partnered to promote taxi cabs as your designated ride home.

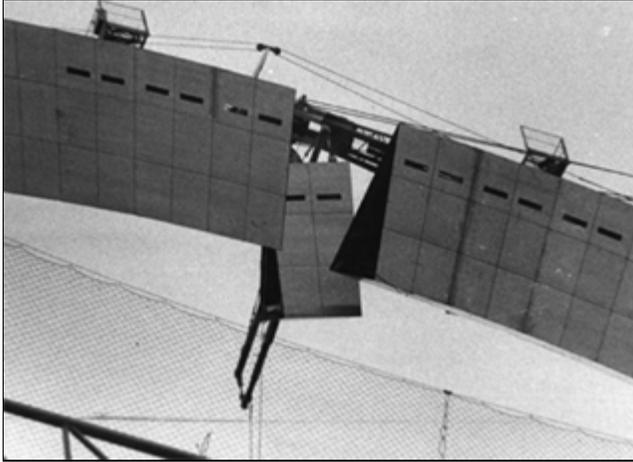
Just in time for the weekend Halloween festivities, new advertising at downtown St. Louis taxi stands offer a humorous approach to entice patrons to call a cab for a safe ride home.

Historically, Halloween is a deadly night on Missouri roadways. There were 46 serious injury crashes and nine fatalities during the 2013 Halloween holiday counting period. Four of the nine fatalities and seven of the 46 injuries involved drivers who were drunk or impaired.

Humorous messages at St. Louis taxi stands encourage Halloween partygoers to call a cab. The number one reason you are too drunk to drive - you can't read this sign.



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St. Louis Arch Marks 49th Anniversary

This week marked the 49th anniversary of the placement of the final piece of the Gateway Arch in St. Louis. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch has great riverfront and construction photos on their website - [St. Louis Arch](#).

Progress continues on the CityArchRiver project to improve pedestrian access to the Arch. Check out details about the project - [CityArchRiver 2015](#) and [Park Over the Highway](#).

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