

MoDOT Minute – Aug. 10, 2010

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT is opening a new state bridge every two-and-a-half days under its Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Program. In the last 15 months, 192 bridges have been repaired or replaced. When completed at the end of 2013, the program will have fixed 802 of the state's worst bridges.

MoDOT is offering visitors to the Missouri State Fair a chance to be part of the historic bridge progress taking place. Fairgoers will be invited to sign their names to a new 30-foot bridge beam that will later support a bridge in Pettis County. The beam is four feet wide, almost two feet thick and weighs more than 10 tons. The fair runs Aug. 12-22 in Sedalia.

And a new interstate is coming to Missouri. The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission has approved a project that will upgrade Highway 71 between Kansas City and Joplin to interstate standards by the end of 2012.

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