

MoDOT Minute – Aug. 17, 2010

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

Traffic has begun flowing on the first highway project to begin construction under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The bridge spanning the Osage River near Tuscumbia, Mo. opened to drivers Aug. 16. The project, which began within minutes of President Barack Obama signing the stimulus bill, supported 240 direct and indirect jobs. The bridge provides an important route to state government in Jefferson City, regional medical care units, the Lake of the Ozarks and the Fort Leonard Wood army base.

Ridership on Amtrak's *Missouri River Runner* trains increased 25.7 percent in July as compared to a year ago. The 22,039 customers riding in July came close to setting a record high for the passenger rail service between St. Louis and Kansas City. In addition, *Missouri River Runner* trains reported a 92 percent on-time performance for the fiscal year ending June 30.

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