

MoDOT Minute – Aug. 31, 2010

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

A statewide seat belt survey shows a one percent drop in safety belt use among Missourians. Only 76 percent of Missourians buckle up regularly, compared to 77 percent in 2009. The latest statistic is eight percent less than the national average of 84 percent. Since 2004 seatbelt use in Missouri has fluctuated only slightly between 75 and 77 percent.

Missouri's carbon footprint has become a little smaller thanks to MoDOT's Transit Unit. The unit helped public transportation agencies in Poplar Bluff and Warrensburg buy new hybrid vehicles that promise to run cleaner and cheaper than standard buses.

And westbound I-470 in Kansas City is now open again. The highway reopened last week 19 days ahead of schedule after sliding soil caused the pavement to collapse.

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