

MoDOT Minute – April 1, 2010

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT is using a new product called warm-mix asphalt that increases pavement life, is easier on the environment and saves money. The asphalt is produced at lower temperatures, which means fewer emissions from burning fuels, fumes, and odors. Because less energy is used to heat the asphalt, it saves taxpayers 10 to 30 cents per ton compared to traditional asphalt. Lower production temperatures also make the pavement denser, which helps guard against potholes. About 500,000 tons of warm-mix asphalt was used on Missouri roads in 2009.

It's Rail Safety Week in Missouri. MoDOT is joining with safety and law enforcement partners to conduct safety events at highway-rail crossings along the St. Louis to Kansas City rail corridor. The goal is to remind motorists and pedestrians about the importance of safety at crossings and the deadly risks of trespassing on railroad tracks and property.

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