

MoDOT Minute – March 2, 2010

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

Uncertainty about federal funding for highway and bridge projects forced MoDOT to cancel its Feb. 26 bid opening, putting 61 transportation projects worth about \$60 million on hold. That's because the highway bill passed by Congress last year contains about one-fourth less funding annually than the previous highway program. For Missouri, the resulting funding shortfall puts nearly \$250 million in state and local transportation projects in jeopardy. If Congress does not act to restore the funding, the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission will re-evaluate the remaining bid openings scheduled through May 21.

The groundbreaking for a new Mississippi River bridge in St. Louis scheduled for Feb. 26 was canceled because federal officials were not able to fly out of Washington, D.C., because of severe weather. Work on the bridge, however, will start as planned.

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