

MoDOT Minute – March 30, 2010

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT Director Pete Rahn has announced he'll leave the department effective April 23 to take a job with HNTB, a Kansas City-based engineering firm. Rahn will lead HNTB's national transportation practice. He has been at the helm of MoDOT since September 2004 and has been credited with drastically improving Missouri's roads and increasing customer satisfaction. The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission has appointed MoDOT's chief engineer, Kevin Keith, as interim director, also effective April 23. Keith will serve until a permanent director is selected following a national search that could take several months.

Weather sensors recently installed along Interstate 44 have saved taxpayers money by providing critical information such as pavement temperatures and wind speed. The data helps road crews determine how best to treat road surfaces during winter storms.

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