

MoDOT Minute – Nov. 3

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

One hundred of Missouri's worst bridges have been repaired or replaced under MoDOT's Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Program. The 100th bridge to be completed opened Tuesday over the Platte River on Route E in Platte County. MoDOT is fixing a bridge almost every two days under the \$700 million program that will repair or replace 802 of the state's worst bridges by the end of 2013.

MoDOT has sold the last of the bonds authorized by a constitutional amendment voters passed in 2004. Amendment 3 ended the diversion of highway user fees to certain state agencies and redirected them to road and bridge projects. The additional funding has enabled MoDOT to deliver 2,200 miles of smoother highways, 55 projects that were years down the road and 97 brand new projects. Today, 83 percent of the state's major roads are in good condition and traffic fatalities have decreased 24 percent since 2005.

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