

MoDOT Minute – Oct. 16

Hi! This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

Are highways and soybeans a good fit? That's what MoDOT is trying to find out. MoDOT is testing soy-based paint to see how it works for highway striping. The soy paint helps the environment because it's made from a renewable source and uses less petroleum. MoDOT buys 1.5 million gallons of striping paint a year.

Missouri has won a national safety award for reducing traffic deaths. The Show Me State led the nation in 2006 with 161 fewer fatalities. Increased enforcement and education - along with safety features such as median guard cable - are credited for the decrease.

Law enforcement agencies across Missouri are on the lookout for teens who aren't buckled up. The increased enforcement effort runs through Oct. 21st. 153 teens were killed in traffic crashes last year - 73 percent were not wearing seat belts. So remember: Buckle up and Arrive Alive!

That's been your MoDOT Minute. Visit modot.org every Tuesday for updated information.