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Missouri Department of
Transportation

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The Shortest Distance

MoDOT Exploring Amtrak Rail Service Between Springfield and St. Louis

Amtrak passenger rail service between Springfield and St. Louis could bring a new transportation option to a growing portion of Missouri, reduce congestion on Interstate 44 and help save motorists from rising fuel costs. [Amtrak](#)

Motor Carrier Services Expands Hours

The department's latest effort to improve customer service is aimed at expanding its hours in its Motor Carrier Services Division. MCS in Jefferson City will adopt a change in business hours starting in July and will be open 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Most MoDOT offices are open from 7:30-4. [New Hours](#)

Interstate Cross-Country Convoy Underway

The "Celebrate the Interstate!" Cross-Country Convoy, which includes state and federal government representatives, sponsors, and others, began its journey June 16 from San Francisco, Calif. You can follow the convoy's progress on a Web site that features satellite GPS tracking, blogs, photographs and more. [Convoy](#)

Agreement Inked to Increase Diversity on I-64 Project

MoDOT is committed to employing a workforce that reflects the state's diversity. Recently, we took an important step toward increasing the diversity of the workers on transportation construction projects across the state. [Project Diversity](#)



Let the "Fun Shine" at the Missouri State Fair

The 2006 Missouri State Fair's theme is "Let the Fun Shine." The fair is in Sedalia, and runs Aug. 10-20. The department will have many new exhibits this year at the MoDOT Highway Gardens, including the Seatbelt Convincer, a traffic crash simulator designed to convince Missourians to buckle up. [State Fair](#)

Our Interstates at 50: A Missouri Celebration

Join us as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of our nation's interstate system. We'll mark the event by celebrating the first contract awarded at the site of the first interstate project, located at Interstate 70 and Fifth Street in St. Charles. A special sign unveiling will be held at 10 a.m. on June 28 at the Heart of St. Charles Banquet and Conference Center, 1410 S. Fifth St., St. Charles. Director Pete Rahn will be the keynote speaker, and a luncheon will follow the event.

SAFER ROADS

I-70 Guard Cable "Virtually Eliminates" Crossover Crashes

Median guard cables are now in place along Interstate 70 across Missouri, and a MoDOT study shows the barriers prevented vehicles from crossing the I-70 median 94 percent of the time in 2005. The three-strand, low-tension median guard cable is designed to "catch" a vehicle before it crosses into the opposing traffic lanes, bringing it to a stop before it collides with other vehicles. [Guard Cable](#)

MoDOT Marks Completion of Guard Cable Installation on I-70

MoDOT Director Pete Rahn held a news conference June 12 to mark the completion of median guard cable installation on the Interstate 70 corridor. The final stretch of this median barrier was installed in Cooper County near the city of Blackwater, bringing a total of 179 miles of median guard cable along I-70 at a cost of \$20.5 million.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

New Eminent Domain Legislation Will Impact MoDOT

The eminent domain reform that passed during the last session of the Missouri General Assembly may be already affecting MoDOT's ability to deliver projects within budget. [Eminent Domain](#)

Law Will Allow Tolls On New St. Louis Bridge

Legislation passed this year allows an innovative funding approach for the proposed Mississippi River crossing in downtown St. Louis – a private company that would build the bridge and get its investment

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our lives.

back by charging tolls. [PPP](#)

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Work Zone Web Page Helps Motorists Avoid Jams

As you travel this summer around Missouri, take a couple of extra minutes before you leave to check out the [Work Zone Advisory Page](#) on MoDOT's Web site. This page contains a current list of locations where motorists can expect significant delays in work zones across the state. Avoid the jams and Drive Smart. For a more comprehensive view of MoDOT work zones, go to our [Work Zone Location Maps](#) page.

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