

MoDOT Minute – Aug. 16, 2011

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

When a new bridge over Apple Creek on Highway 61 in Perry County opened to traffic on Aug. 9, it was the 500th bridge to be repaired or replaced under MoDOT's Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Program. On average this year, MoDOT has been opening more than one bridge per day under the program. The average closure has been about 40 days, or half the time a typical bridge replacement requires. Now more than 60 percent complete, the \$685 million Safe & Sound program is more than a year ahead of schedule and should be complete by the end of 2012.

Best practices in bicycle and pedestrian design will be the topic of an all day workshop hosted at various MoDOT offices around the state on Aug. 25. The workshop will focus on strategies for transportation designers that make it easier to access, walk and bike in neighborhoods, retail districts and other community settings. To register or for more information, visit www.modot.org.

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