

MoDOT Minute – Aug. 2, 2011

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT and its rail partners have signed a service agreement that will allow work to begin on Missouri's first rail project funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The \$28.3 million project consists of building a second rail bridge over the Osage River. The new bridge will eliminate the last portion of single track between Jefferson City and St. Louis, as well as remove the last bottleneck on the eastern segment of the St. Louis to Kansas City corridor. Construction is expected to begin in the fall.

A Missouri teen, Kori Caswell, has won second place in the 2011 Ford Driving Skills for Life "Belt It Out" song contest. The contest focused on distracted driving. Caswell's song "On the Road, You Can Make Or Break Your Dreams," shared an important safe driving message: keep both hands on the wheel, face straight forward, and turn your cell phone off. Caswell received a \$3,000 savings bond.

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