

MoDOT Minute – Feb. 9, 2010

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT has committed all of the \$525 million it received in economic stimulus funds, beating the March 2 deadline almost a month early. Bids on the projects came in \$24 million under the estimate, allowing the department to tackle another 53 projects. To date, the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission has awarded 187 economic stimulus projects totaling \$469 million.

Distracted driving is the leading cause of all traffic crashes. A new radio advertising campaign is reminding Missourians to keep their hands off their phones and on the wheel. One radio spot focuses on the fatal consequences of texting while driving, while the other talks about the social consequences the \$200 fine can have. The campaign will run through Feb. 21. To listen to the ads, visit www.saveMOLives.com.

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