

MoDOT Minute – March 25

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT recently released new numbers that show median guard cable installed on Missouri's interstates is virtually eliminating highway crossover deaths. Statistics for 2007 show only two crossover fatalities at cable locations, compared to 55 the year before cable was installed. Nearly 500 miles of guard cable was installed from 2004 to 2006. The cable is designed to "catch" a vehicle before it crosses into opposing traffic lanes.

Gov. Matt Blunt has nominated Grace Nichols of St. Charles to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission. Nichols is a senior circuit judge for St. Charles County. She replaces Bill McKenna of Crystal City. The Missouri Senate still must confirm her appointment.

April 1 kicks off the annual No More Trash Bash, a month-long effort to pick up litter throughout the state. To get involved, visit nomoretrash.org.

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