

## **MoDOT Minute – March 4**

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

Missouri and Illinois have signed an agreement to build a new bridge over the Mississippi River. The new Mississippi River Bridge will be built one mile north of the Martin Luther King Bridge in north St. Louis. It will reduce traffic congestion on the Poplar Street Bridge, which currently carries between 115,000 and 125,000 vehicles daily. The new bridge will carry Interstate 70 traffic from Illinois to Missouri connecting I-70 at the I-55/I-64/I-70 interchange on the Illinois side to I-70 near Cass Avenue on the Missouri side. It will have four lanes – two in each direction - with room to expand to six lanes. Design for the \$640 million project will begin immediately. Construction could begin as early as 2010 and will last four to six years. Visit [www.newriverbridge.org/](http://www.newriverbridge.org/) for more information on the New Mississippi River Bridge.

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