

MoDOT Minute – Oct. 23

Hi! This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

The price tag to fix Missouri's large bridges is 300 million dollars to 500 million dollars over the next 10 years. Those are the findings of a MoDOT team that has been analyzing major bridge needs since January. Major bridges are those more than 1,000-feet long. There are 203 of them in the state, and on average, they're 33 years old and carry 21,000 vehicles per day.

MoDOT's snowplow drivers were recently tested on how well they clear icy, snowy roads. Employees had to complete a written exam, a vehicle inspection and a hands-on driving test.

This is Operation Safe Driver Week, and here are some safety tips for both trucks and cars. If you're driving a car, never cut in front of a truck or linger alongside and leave plenty of space between you and the truck. If you're driving a truck, be sure your mirrors are clean and properly adjusted. Obey speed limits and traffic signs, and change lanes only when safe and necessary.

And always remember to buckle up – it's your best defense in a crash.

That's been your MoDOT Minute. Visit modot.org every Tuesday for new information.