

MoDOT Minute – Oct. 30

Hi! This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

Missouri's Adopt-A-Highway Program is going wild. To celebrate its 20th anniversary, the program is giving groups the option to adopt roadsides solely to plant wildflowers native to Missouri. MoDOT is joining with Grow Native!, a program sponsored by the departments of Conservation and Agriculture, on this litter prevention and beautification effort. Anyone interested in adopting a highway can contact MoDOT at 888-ASK-MODOT or *modot.org*.

Freight is literally a growing issue. Congestion, capacity, safety and drivers' patience are all being taxed as more and more freight is moved on our highways. To help address these issues, MoDOT has formed a Freight Development Team. The team is charged with finding ways to move freight better and help position Missouri as a national and global freight hub.

This is the time of year when deer are on the move. Be on the lookout for deer as you drive and pay attention to deer-crossing signs – they're there for a reason. 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.