

MoDOT Minute – Oct. 9

Hi! This is Sally Oxenhandler, Community Relations Coordinator, with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT has completed inspections on the state bridges that are similar to the one that collapsed in Minnesota, and all are safe to cross. Five bridges needed repairs, which were handled right away. The rest required no immediate action, although some are showing signs of rust and wear - not surprising considering their average age is 70 years. The 10,000 bridges on the state highway system are inspected every two years; more often if needed.

MoDOT Director Pete Rahn has been elected to lead the national group that represents state highway and transportation departments - the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. Rahn said he plans to focus on three issues critical to the future of transportation: investment, accountability and safety.

And, this is the time of year we're out mowing in full force, so watch out for tractors moving along many of our state highways.

That's been your MoDOT Minute. Check back every Tuesday for updated information.