

Hi, this is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT minute.

MoDOT is studying the state's 232 truss bridges following a federal report citing gusset plates as the probable cause of the Minneapolis bridge collapse. Gusset plates are steel plates that connect the beams of a bridge's frame. Engineers are studying bridge designs and plans to make sure all bridges are strong enough to handle the traffic they carry. MoDOT doesn't expect to find any problems, but is double-checking to make sure what happened in Minnesota doesn't happen here. For a complete list of bridges, visit modot.org.

Although Amtrak ridership is growing across the country, it's shrinking in Missouri because trains often run behind schedule. To improve service, MoDOT is proposing an investment of more than \$10 million to upgrade tracks and install electronic on-time messaging at stations across the state. State legislators will debate the proposal in the next few months.

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