

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT shouldn't be affected by a nationwide salt shortage that has caused prices to spike. The agency already has received its first supply of salt to keep roads clear of ice and snow this winter. Its contract calls for the supply to be replenished between now and April 2009 if needed.

A recent survey shows only about 75 percent of Missourians are buckling up. MoDOT says amending the state's safety belt law to allow primary enforcement would cause seat belt use to increase and save about 90 lives a year.

The west half of the Interstate 64 reconstruction project will reopen to traffic two weeks ahead of schedule. Motorists will be able to use the new section of highway between I-270 and I-170 on December 15. The east half of the project, from I-170 to Kingshighway, will close the same day and remain closed through December 31, 2009.

That's been your MoDOT Minute. Remember to check back every Tuesday for new information.