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A Missouri coalition of safety advocates has set an aggressive goal for reducing highway fatalities. The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety wants to reduce annual traffic crash deaths to 850 or less by 2012. The last time Missouri had that few highway fatalities was in 1949. To reach the new goal, the group has targeted 10 measures that include engineering, law enforcement and public education improvements.

So far, thousands of people have watched a YouTube video about how truck-only lanes might work on Interstate 70. Based on that experience, MoDOT recently held its first online public meeting to get feedback on improving I-70 in Missouri. More than 525 people participated in the virtual public meeting and 87 completed an accompanying electronic survey. Of those responding, 95 percent said there was a good case for rebuilding the interstate and 73 percent were in favor of the truck-only lanes concept.

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