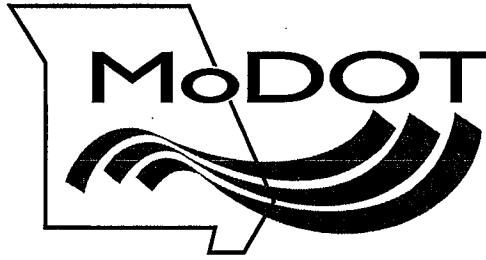


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Letters to the Editor
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RE: Editorial, "Risky Business", published August 4, 2008

Dear Editor:

Considering the great help the Post-Dispatch has provided in keeping the St. Louis region informed about the impacts of the New I-64 Project, it pains me to have to state that the August 4 editorial on quality oversight is plain flat wrong. MoDOT is absolutely accountable to the taxpayers for delivering a quality project and we take that responsibility very seriously.

MoDOT established six primary goals when we began the I-64 project. We are fully committed to delivering this project on time, within budget, designed and built to provide a quality, long lasting transportation facility. We will maximize the mobility and capacity improvements in the highway corridor, we will minimize and mitigate the construction impacts on the community, and we will demonstrate a quality construction and communication effort that creates a new model for design-build projects. We will not sacrifice quality or any of our goals for expediency or cost-savings. The public has already witnessed the accomplishment of these goals with the schedule and regional mobility during construction. The New I-64 will be an outstanding addition to our regional roadway network.

When we set out to deliver the I-64 project, we incorporated the best practices in the nation and assembled an exceptional team of experienced engineers and other professionals to work on the project. Ultimately, the quality of I-64 is the state's responsibility and with our experienced team of professional project staff observing the daily work, we are confident we are delivering a quality project for Missourians.

Sincerely,

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