



The Local Link

A newsletter for Missouri's local agencies

Saving Lives, Connecting Communities and Enhancing Resources

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A Message from the Administrator

Welcome to *The Local Link*. A resource to provide you with updates and important information. At MoDOT, we are here to help you successfully deliver projects on-time, on-budget and in compliance with the federal regulations. As the program administrator, I serve as your advisor, advocate and monitor. We want to provide you the necessary guidance, while remaining as flexible and as easy as possible, to assist you in investing the federal funds you have been given. That's why it is important we work side-by-side so we understand your challenges in delivering projects for the taxpayers. If at any time, you have comments, concerns, questions, suggestions or ideas, do not hesitate to contact myself or any of our knowledgeable and dedicated [local program staff](#) in your area.



Disaster Declaration and Emergency Relief Funds

Missouri has seen it's share of wind and water this spring leaving many agencies to recover from damaged roads and bridges. Did you know there is a program to help? State Emergency Management Agency ([SEMA](#)) administers federal grants to eligible public entities for the repair and restoration of damaged roads, bridges, public infrastructure and facilities in federally-declared disaster areas. So far, Missouri has one major disaster declaration affecting 13 counties, [DR-4435](#).



Missouri Buys

Did you know local agencies can purchase commodities from contracts the State of Missouri has in place? Called, Co-op bids, local agencies can purchase items from these contracts without bidding. The purchasing process has already been completed for you. Just call the company and order! Find which commodities are available on the [Local Public Agency](#) website by clicking the [Missouri Contract Board](#) link under the MORE INFORMATION section.

Save Your Life

Missouri's roadways have entered the busy construction and travel season. When working on roadways, MoDOT wants you to be safe so you go home to your family each evening. With distracted driving on the rise, being visible to motorists is the first line of defense. Wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) that is highly visible and reflective is a must. Never take for granted that a motorist or co-worker will see you working. Always stay alert, have a plan for what you will do if you have to avoid danger, wear appropriate ANSI certified Class 2 or 3 [PPE](#) and keep it in good shape. That bright, reflective shirt or vest may just save your life! To learn more about job site worker safety, watch this [video](#).

