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New Route 47 Missouri River Bridge to in December

After years of planning, preparation and hard work the new Route 47 Missouri River Bridge is just weeks from opening. The columns are up, the deck is poured and the finishing touches are underway.



A public viewing of the new bridge starts at 1 p.m. on December 1, with a ribbon cutting ceremony set for 3 p.m. Following the ceremony, the city of Washington will host a party on the riverfront to mark this momentous day.

The bridge itself is expected to open to traffic the week of December 3. This is not the end and there is still a lot of work to do including demolition of the old bridge and cleaning up and reopening the trail under the bridge. Both of those will happen in 2019.

For more information on the ribbon cutting and the bridge opening, go to <https://www.modot.org/route-47-missouri-river-bridge>.

Winter Is Around the Corner, Snow Preps Underway

Winter is coming! As much as we've been enjoying Fall, it's only a matter of time until snow, sleet and ice cold temperatures are here.

MoDOT crews are already busy prepping for the winter season and will do their dry run for plowing operations on November 7 and 8.

While our crews are prepping for winter, you should do the same. Make sure your car is in good working order by checking the fluids, battery and windshield wipers and making sure the tread on your tires is good.

Also consider putting together a winter weather car kit with a flashlight, blanket, gloves, hat, ice scraper, first aid kit and flares. Kitty litter or sand is also a good addition to help gain traction if you're stuck.



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Judy's Safety Minute

There is a growing problem in the region with drivers running red lights.

Here are some basic rules of the road when it comes to traffic signals:

- Stop at all red lights, even flashing ones.
- Stop at the stop line. Do not move into the intersection until the light turns green.
- A flashing red light should be treated like a stop sign. Come to a complete stop and when it is safe to do so make your turn or proceed through the intersection.
- When your light turns green don't just take off. Take a second to make sure everyone else is stopped.