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Let's Make 2018 the Year of Buckle Up, Phone Down

As we move further into 2018 I want to take a moment to ask you to take a pledge to always wear your seat belt and to put down the phone while driving. MoDOT and the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety are challenging all Missourians to take the Buckle Up Phone Down challenge - and that begins with you.

Why should you take this pledge? Preliminary numbers show that in 2017, 64 percent of the 928 people killed in crashes on Missouri highways were not wearing a safety belt. The Missouri State Highway Patrol reports that in 2015, cell phones were involved in 2,237 crashes.

At this time Missouri has no primary safety belt law and only bans texting by drivers 21 and under. Until that changes we need everyone to pledge to buckle their seatbelts and put down their phones.

MoDOT has already taken both of these steps with a mandatory safety belt policy and a ban of all cell phone usage by drivers, including voice, while operating a MoDOT vehicle.

For more information and to take the pledge go to <http://www.modot.org/BuckleUpPhoneDown/>.



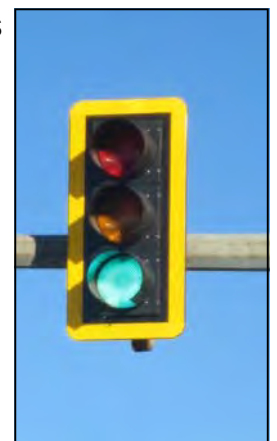
Safety Project Makes Improvements in St. Charles

The St. Louis Safety Design Build project is in its second and final year and crews have completed work at 11 of the 31 project locations in St. Charles and Franklin Counties.

One of the biggest changes is the new signal reflective backplates on Route 94 and at Zumbuhl and Veterans Memorial Parkway. The yellow backplates make the signals more visible to drivers.

Guardcable installation is also underway on Route 94 and will start late this year on Route 61. This year will also see the installation of pavement markers on stretches of I-64, I-70 and Routes 61, 94 364 and 370.

For more information on the project, go to http://modot.mo.gov/stlouis/major_projects/SLSafetyDBProject/ProjectDetails.html.



Reflective signal backplate

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