

## MoDOT for all seasons



First, let me say how proud I am of every member of the MoDOT team and how appreciative I am for their families. From the first snow fight way back in November to the freezing rain and ice storms of the first quarter of 2019, MoDOT employees came through for our customers with a get-the-job-done attitude that went above and beyond their required duties. I also understand how important it is to have the support of all the families who have to share their fathers, mothers, husbands and wives when duty calls. I thank you for your understanding and sacrifice.

No sooner did we finish our brutal winter than we were faced with the potential of record flooding throughout the state. At this writing, there are 78 roads that are closed due to flooding. Spring flooding along the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers prompted Gov. Mike Parson to declare a state of emergency on March 21. According to the National Weather Service, the threat of long-term flooding is the worst since 1993.

Because of additional snow up north and the saturated ground, flooding could last through June. Mother Nature may be trying to test us, but she certainly won't defeat us.

We recently held the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Innovations Showcase in Springfield, where the creativity, ingenuity and problem-solving skills of MoDOT employees were put on display. More than 50 "imagineers" impressed us at this year's showcase. I always approach the showcase with a mixture of awe and pride.

We truly have the best of the best, both in good times and challenging times. And though the weather is improving, we have some other challenges in the road ahead as we work with the governor and the legislature to secure funding for projects vital to the state's transportation infrastructure.

Let's also remember our neighbors and friends in Nebraska and Iowa, as well as all in Missouri who have been impacted by floodwaters. We pray for their safety and strength to rebuild.

I am thankful for the great women and men of MoDOT and your families who faithfully are called to service in all seasons and conditions.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick K. McKenna". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Patrick K. McKenna

### Mission

*Our mission is to provide a world-class transportation system that is safe, innovative, reliable and dedicated to a prosperous Missouri.*