

## Infrastructure wins for Missouri



The first half of 2021 has given us a lot to be excited about.

Perhaps the biggest news is the passage of Senate Bill 262 which will provide MoDOT and the citizens of Missouri with much needed funds to improve roads and bridges throughout the state.

Under SB 262, the state motor fuel tax will increase 2.5 cents in October 2021 and grow by 2.5 cents on July 1 each fiscal year until reaching an additional 12.5 cents per gallon on July 1, 2025. When fully implemented, Missouri's state gas tax will be 29.5 cents. The additional 12.5 cents will generate approximately \$500 million a year for state and local transportation needs.

The legislation also established the Electric Vehicle Task Force which will increase fees for alternative fuel decals by 20% each fiscal year for five years. The actions of the Legislature and the Governor raised the gas tax for the first time since 1996. MoDOT stands ready to serve Missourians as these increased resources become available.

On June 23, we broke ground on the new Buck O'Neil Bridge with Gov. Mike Parson, Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas, along with other federal state and local officials in attendance. That \$220 million project began in July and will be completed by late fall of 2024. Massman-Clarkson was selected as the design-build team and includes the following firms: Massman Co., Clarkson Construction Co. and HNTB Corporation, all of which are from Kansas City.

COVID-19 case numbers among MoDOT workers continue to be a source of concern for me. Let's keep up our efforts to limit exposure with sensible behaviors and try to look out for each other whenever possible. If you have questions about vaccination availability, please check our resources at [www.mostopscovid.com](http://www.mostopscovid.com).

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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.*