



# The Local Link

*A newsletter for Missouri's local agencies*

Saving Lives, Connecting Communities and Enhancing Resources

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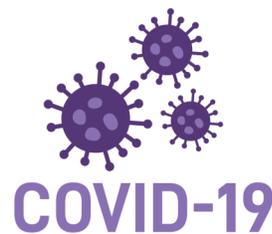
## **A Message from the Administrator**

These are challenging times for all of us as we endure a time of uncertainty for ourselves, our families, our local communities, our state and nation. Our thoughts are with you and your families, friends and co-workers. We will keep you informed moving forward as to any changes that might affect our business operations and our partnerships with you. During this emergency time, the movement of our needed goods is critically important and depends on our transportation system. We are all in this together, and together we will make it through. Please stay healthy and safe and let us know how best we can help you in light of this pandemic. 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.



## **Work Zone Season**

National Work Zone Awareness Week is April 20—24, 2020 and is celebrating 20 years! This annual campaign encourages drivers to use extra caution and safe driving through work zones. This year's theme is *Safe Work Zones for All: Protect workers. Protect road users.* Things can quickly change in work zones, not only day-to-day but minute-by-minute and so the importance of paying attention and not driving distracted. To learn more about this event, visit the [NWZAW](#) website. Posters, training materials and webinars are provided for you. Missouri will also be participating in awareness week. More information can be found at this [website](#).



## **MoDOT and COVID-19**

At this time, MoDOT is continuing the design and construction of the state's road and bridge projects and urge our local partners to do the same. MoDOT has a [COVID-19 Project](#) website for additional information and a list of frequently asked questions. This is a resource available to assist with the challenges of delivering projects during this pandemic. However, we will not jeopardize the safety of any worker and will only conduct work in accordance with the CDC and DHSS guidelines.

## **Transportation Funding for Local Projects**

For federal fiscal year 2020, Missouri's local agencies have \$214.7 million of federal funds to invest in local road infrastructure. As of March 31, 2020, local agencies have committed \$38.5 million or 18% of those funds. To keep federal funds flowing to Missouri, it is imperative 100% of these funds are committed each year in order to prevent a rescission of those funds and to allow MoDOT to ask for more federal funds in August, called August Redistribution. This information is reported in MoDOT's quarterly performance report, called TRACKER and can be found at the [TRACKER](#) website.

