

Missouri Department of Transportation

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### National Report Cites Missouri's Success with Guard Cable

Preliminary figures released by MoDOT for 2008 show only one cross-median highway death where guard cable was installed. Guard cable installation has been complete on the state's two major interstates - 70 and 44 - for several years with tremendous results. <u>Cable</u>

### **New Member Joins Commission**

Joe Carmichael of Springfield recently joined the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission. He was appointed by Gov. Jay Nixon and confirmed by the Missouri Senate. MHTC

### MoDOT Forges Ahead With American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds

Department staff is hard at work on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects. Updated reports will be posted regularly on the MoDOT Web site. To date, the department has awarded 37 ARRA projects for \$90,108,940. The bids came in 15.3 percent below program estimates. ARRA

# OFF THE ROAD NEWS

### Work to Begin Connecting Kansas City Area to Katy Trail

Gov. Jay Nixon recently announced that work is scheduled to begin on the Rock Island Trail – Katy Connector from Pleasant Hill to Windsor. The connector will link the Kansas City area to the 225-mile long Katy Trail State Park, providing both recreational and economic benefits. Trail

## Agencies Focus on Improving Rail Safety

To draw attention to steps that can help eliminate senseless deaths and injuries at highway-rail crossings and on railroad tracks, April 12 – 18 will be celebrated as Rail Safety Week in Missouri. Rail



## SAFER ROADS

### **Primary Law Passes Through Committee**

Missouri's Primary Safety Belt law passed the House Transportation Committee last week. Now it will move to the house floor for a vote in the coming month. A primary law will save 90 lives, prevent 1,000 serious injuries, save \$230 million in healthcare and other societal costs and qualify Missouri for a \$16-20 million grant. For more info, visit saveMOlives.com.

## "Don't Barrel Through Work Zones" and Save Lives

In work zone crashes everyone loses. Motorists are the ones most likely to be killed or injured in a work zone crash, and too often highway workers are hurt or killed as well. MoDOT is reminding drivers: don't barrel through work zones. Work Zones

### Missouri Lights Up Orange for Safety

More than 100 Missouri buildings and landmarks participated in Operation Orange during Work Zone Awareness Week April 6-10, illuminating their buildings orange to remind Missouri drivers to be safe and aware in work zones. Work zone safety is important this time of year as many big projects are underway to improve state roadways. Orange



# HAVE YOU SEEN THIS?

## Check Out Missouri's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

MoDOT works with planning partners to create transportation facilities that work for all users because



we value bicycle and pedestrian travel. Check out MoDOT's bicycle and pedestrian program. Bikeped

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