



Greetings from Your MoDOT Area Engineer

It's 2015 and a new year means new resolutions. One of my resolutions this year is to find ways to help Franklin and Jefferson County residents learn more about what is happening in their area. One way to do that will be through this quarterly newsletter.

Let me start by introducing myself. My name is Judy Wagner and I am MoDOT's area engineer for both Franklin County and Jefferson County. I started with MoDOT during college when I interned in the maintenance department. I was hired on full time after I graduated from the University of Missouri-Rolla in 1991. I spent 12 years in MoDOT's construction department before being promoted to area engineer in 2002. I am a resident of Hillsboro, where I live with my husband of 23 years, Mike, and our two children, 21-year-old Mandy and 18-year-old Johnny.

This quarterly newsletter will cover a variety of issues important not only to the residents of Franklin and Jefferson Counties, but to the state of Missouri as a whole.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the information you see here or anything MoDOT-related. Thank you.



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Looking Back and Looking Ahead: Funding

The Missouri Department of Transportation did a lot of work in 2014 to make the roads in Jefferson and Franklin County safer to travel on. Safety was the focus of several projects



Crews working on safety improvements on Route W last year near the Fox Run Golf Club.

around the region, including Route FF and Route W where we made curve improvements and added shoulders.

Safety improvements were also started last year on Route A between Union and Washington. Those improvements continue this year with work between Washington and Krakow.

Projects like those will soon be few and far between. MoDOT is facing some tough economic times in the very near future.

In 2017, MoDOT's construction funding level will drop to \$325 million for the entire state and MoDOT has to make plans now for how to work within that budget. In order to make the biggest impact with limited funds, the department will categorize roads into two groups: primary roads and supplementary roads. It will take all of the \$325 million to keep the state's primary roads and bridges in their current condition. Work on those supplementary roads and bridges will have to be limited to routine maintenance, such as patching potholes.



Turn lanes were added on portions of Route W in 2014, including at Mirasol Manor.

To learn more about the key issues facing the state of Missouri, go to www.modot.org. To have a voice in deciding the right choices for the

state, contact your local transportation leaders and state legislators to let them know that the condition of Missouri's highways is important to your safety and Missouri's economic prosperity.

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