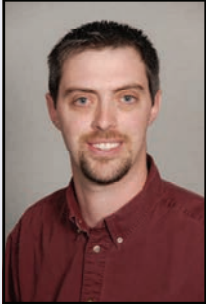




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Tough Choices Ahead for St. Charles, State of Missouri

The state of Missouri is facing some tough choices about how to take care of our roads and bridges. In 2017, MoDOT's construction funding level will drop to \$325 million for the entire state and we are making plans now to work within that budget. Currently, it takes \$485 million to take care of all our roads and bridges.

In order to make the biggest impact with limited funds, the department will categorize roads as primary roads or supplementary roads. It will take all of the \$325 million to keep the state's primary roads and bridges in their current condition. That means MoDOT will only be able to do limited routine maintenance, such as patch potholes, on supplementary roads and bridges.

Primary vs. Supplementary Roads

Primary - approximately 8,000 miles of Missouri's 34,000 mile system; the roads that connect cities across the state. In St. Charles County, those roads include I-70 and I-64.

Supplementary - the remaining 26,000 miles used for local travel. That includes roads like Route 94 and Route K.

Transportation affects every Missourian, even those that don't drive every day. The products and services we all rely on have to travel by truck, train, barge or plane. Good roads mean safer roads and good roads bring in new business, which helps keep the cost of goods and services low.

To learn more about the key issues facing MoDOT, go to www.modot.org. To have a voice in deciding the right choices for Missouri, contact your local transportation leaders and state legislators to let them know the condition of our highways is important to your safety and the state's economic prosperity.

Major Changes Coming to I-64 South Outer Road at Route K

Starting in February, motorists who use the commuter lot on the I-64 South Outer Road between Route K and Route 94 will no longer be able to access the lot directly from Route 94. MoDOT will make the outer road one-way starting next month as part of a project that will add a two-lane entrance ramp from southbound Route K to eastbound I-64.



To access the lot, drivers should take the I-64 North Outer Road to Route K and then head back to the south outer road and the commuter lot.

For more details on the project, go to http://www.modot.org/stlouis/major_projects/I-64SouthOuterRoadImprovements.htm.

To report a road concern, contact
MoDOT Customer Service at:
314-275-1500 or toll free at
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