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## **New MoDOT Director Starts in December**

Just in time for the new year, MoDOT is getting a new director. The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission selected Patrick McKenna to replace interim Director Roberta Broeker.

McKenna takes over as the head of MoDOT on December 7. He comes to us from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, where he served as chief financial, operating and legislative officer. He also spent time in leadership roles in the public, private and non-profit sectors.

"Missouri faces a lot of transportation challenges, but MoDOT's employees have proven time and again they can handle it. The department's nationwide reputation for innovation is proof of that," said McKenna.

On a personal note, I want to welcome Mr. McKenna to this wonderful organization and look forward to working with him to better the lives of not just St. Charles County residents, but all Missourians.



New MoDOT Director Patrick McKenna.

Roberta Broeker returns to her previous position as MoDOT's chief financial officer.

## The View from the Chair: Messages from the MHTC

The Missouri Highways and Transportation commission is the six-member board that governs MoDOT. Following each commission meeting, MHTC Chairman Stephen Miller writes a personal newsletter called "The View from the Chair." This is a great tool to keep up-to-date on the happenings of the commission. The most recent issue, as well as previous issues, can be found at <u>www.modot.org/ViewFromTheChair.</u>

## Major Project Updates: Boone Bridge and Route 61

Two St. Charles County projects hit major milestones this month, with one getting one step closer to completion and the other moving closer to becoming a reality.

The westbound I-64 Boone Bridge, which was built in the 1930s, closed to traffic and drivers were switched onto the old eastbound bridge. There is still a lot of work to do, including putting traffic in its final position and finishing the bike-ped path on the new eastbound bridge. Demolition of the 1930s bridge will happen in early 2016.

Meanwhile, a public hearing was held earlier this month on the safety improvement plans for Route 61. The project would remove the Route P and Peine Road crossovers and replace them with one interchange to serve both roads. In addition, the crossovers at Grothe Road and Granville Drive would be changed to right-in/right out access. Public comments on the project are being accepted until November 30. Comment forms and project details can be found at www.modot.org/stlouis/major\_projects/Route61SafetyProject.