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Work Zone Awareness

Earlier this month MoDOT recognized national work zone awareness week, which focuses on educating motorists to be alert and watch out for work zones.

It is also a time to remind motorists about the Move Over Law. Watch this 30 second clip to see how to "move over" for emergency and maintenance vehicles. [Move Over](#).

Click above to watch video.



MoDOT Launches Next Phase of Missouri Freight Plan - Goal is to prioritize existing funds and determine how to best invest in new freight projects.

MoDOT has launched the next phase of the Missouri Freight Plan to engage business and local leaders, along with freight and industry stakeholders, in a discussion regarding funding of Missouri's freight infrastructure. These discussions will prioritize how to use the scarce funds that exist, along with how to best invest new funds in freight projects, should

Click above to watch a video about Missouri's freight.

these funds become available.

MoDOT launched the Missouri Freight Plan as the next step in a process begun in 2013 to develop the state's long-range transportation plan. Freight forums will be held in Springfield, Kansas City and St. Louis.

Visit MoDOT's [Freight on the Move](#) web site for forum dates and locations and to learn more about the plan.



No MOr
Trash!

SAFER ROADS



Rate our Work Zones

Spring is here and once again MoDOT is asking motorists to rate our work zones throughout the busy construction and maintenance season. MoDOT is looking for the public's opinion on a variety of work zone details – including clear and understandable signing, channelizers and barrels providing proper guidance, and whether or not the work zone caused motorists any delays.

The department uses those survey results to evaluate work zones, look for ways to improve them and meet customer expectations.

All motorists traveling through a work zone are encouraged to participate in the on-line survey - [Rate Our Work Zones](#) - not while driving though!



Know Before You Go

Spring showers can mean flooded roadways and closures. Be sure to check the traveler information map before heading out during bad weather.

Never drive into standing water over a roadway. If the road is barricaded do not drive around the barricades. If barriers are not yet in place do not drive into the water. In both instances, turn around and take another route.

Visit the website - [modot.org](#) to view the map and sign up for text alerts, or call MoDOT's customer service 24/7 at 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (275-6636).



Sign up for text alerts at [modot.org](#)

Can They See You? Don't Bet Your Life On It. Motorists reminded to drive safely around big trucks

Commercial motor vehicles are an important part of our nation's economy. They carry goods from coast to coast, and make up 20 percent of all traffic on Missouri's interstates.

Crashes involving tractor trailers don't happen very often, but when they do, the disproportionate size of truck versus car means those crashes can often involve serious injuries or worse. Research shows that in the majority of these crashes, drivers of passenger cars, especially young people, unnecessarily endanger themselves by not paying attention and driving recklessly around big rigs. That's why it's so important for all motorists to drive safely around big trucks. [Read More](#)



OFF THE ROAD NEWS



Walter Cronkite Memorial Highway

Missouri Western State University hosted the dedication ceremony for the Walter Cronkite Memorial Highway, held April 4. A portion of U.S. Hwy 169 in St. Joseph, commonly referred to as the Belt Highway, runs adjacent to what was once the Cronkite family farm and was designated as the Walter Cronkite Memorial Highway.

Missouri Western is also the location of a memorial exhibit on Mr. Cronkite, who was born in St. Joseph. Though he moved away from St. Joseph at a young age, he would often come back to visit the family farm.

The sign was installed near the intersection of U.S. Hwy 169 and Route 6 in St. Joseph.

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A 250 Year Old Story

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the City of St. Louis. What better way to celebrate this milestone than uncovering evidence dating back to the first years of the city's history?

During an excavation by MoDOT archeologists beneath Poplar Street Bridge in St. Louis, the team uncovered evidence where a French colonial home which stood before the Louisiana Purchase.

An article and photos can be found on the St. Louis Public Radio website - [Discovery](#)

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