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District 10

Fall 2009

Dear friends:

The fall season is now upon us and MoDOT continues to stay busy with projects throughout District 10. I hope you enjoy this issue of MoDOT in Motion and continue to learn more about your roadways.

We have several bridge projects complete and more under construction. Read about our Establishment Creek bridge ribbon cutting on page 3. In addition, you can learn more about our Safe and Sound Bridge program from the article to the right and on page 3.

We have also provided updates on Route 72 and Route 61. Both routes have undergone many changes within the past year as we continue to make improvements. Read about those routes on pages 2 and 4.

Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, District 10 has been able to improve some of the minor routes throughout the district. You can learn more about those routes on page 5.

We hope to provide you with information on projects going on throughout the Southeast District. If you have additional questions or would like to provide feedback, please contact our Customer Service Center at 1-888-ASK MoDOT.

Travel safe this fall.

Thank you,

Mark Shelton, P.E.
District Engineer



D10 Delivers Bridge Improvements: Safe and Sound Update

With over half of the 20 quick start bridges in the Southeast District completed and open to traffic, the Safe and Sound program is well underway. Construction is currently in progress on two of the six remaining quick start bridges in the Southeast, with completion of both expected this fall.

Now that the quick start program is almost complete, the Southeast District will begin a new phase of Safe and Sound—design-build bridges.

In May, a design-build contract was awarded to KTU Constructors to replace 554 bridges across the state in the next four years. Sixty-eight of these design-build bridges are in the Southeast District. For a complete listing of the design-build bridges, please visit www.modot.org/safeandsound and click on the bridge project listing link.

“After meeting with the contractor, work is expected to
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The bridge over Koen Creek on Route O in St. Francois County is one of the many Safe and Sound bridges that has been completed.

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Route 72 Project Wraps Up

Since January 2006, a series of 11 contracts have been awarded to improve the 40-mile stretch of Route 72 between Fredericktown and Route 34 in Jackson. The fourth year of construction is currently underway, with many improvements already completed and more ahead.

Route 72 improvements in-

clude three significant roadway relocations: a two-mile long bypass at Fredericktown, a 0.7 mile long relocation at Castor River to eliminate several sharp curves and replace the bridge, and a 0.9 mile long relocation to eliminate a series of sharp curves in western Bollinger County. The work at Castor River and in western Bollinger County

has been completed.

The bypass project is expected to be completed in 2010—a year ahead of schedule. So far, the major earthmoving is complete with slope shaping underway. In the coming months, contractors will complete the final grading, place an aggregate base and begin asphalt paving.

“We have made a lot of progress in the past several years,” said Project Manager Tim Richmond. “In addition to the relocations, all the narrow bridges have either been replaced or are in the process of being replaced.”

The contracts included improvements to six bridges on Route 72. Improvements have been completed on Saline Creek, Castor River and Buckskin Creek bridges. Work to improve Little Whitewater Creek and Byrd Creek bridges is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The Whitewater Creek bridge project is expected to be completed summer 2010.

“The project is coming to an end,” said Richmond. “We have provided wider bridges, paved shoulders, a smoother driving surface with improved pavement markings, and have tamed and/or eliminated several of the sharpest curves. These improvements will lend to a safer, more comfortable drive between Jackson and Fredericktown.”

Contractors work to replace Little Whitewater Creek bridge in Cape Girardeau County. The project is expected to be completed by November 2009.



Route Y in Stoddard County Re-Opens

Route Y in Stoddard County is now open to traffic. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the project on August 12. The project included grading, paving and drainage work from Route 25 to the Union Pacific railroad crossing.

“Through a partnership with Stoddard County and Nestle Purina, we made improvements to Route Y in an effort to make travel easier and safer,” said Project Manager Eric Krapf. “We reduced hills and curves on Route Y. These improvements are especially important for the route’s truck traffic.”

Left to Right: David Blalock, MoDOT Southeast District Transportation Project Designer; Bill Robison, MoDOT Southeast District Planning Manager; State Rep. Billy Pat Wright; State Rep. Steve Hodges; State Senator Rob Mayer; Nestle Purina Logistics Manager Dan Heil; Josh Haynes on behalf of U.S. Rep. Jo Ann Emerson; Tom Schulte on behalf of U.S. Senator Kit Bond; Julian Steiner, Director of the Industrial Development Authority of Stoddard County; and MoDOT Southeast District Project Manager Eric Krapf.



Establishment Creek Ribbon Cutting Held

Nearly 90 people attended a ribbon cutting ceremony on Aug. 14, to commemorate the completion of Establishment Creek Bridge in Ste. Genevieve County near Bloomsdale.



Ceremony speakers and other special guests standby as Ms. Betty Carver cuts the ceremonial ribbon.

Guest speakers included: Tom Schulte on behalf of

U.S. Senator Kit Bond; Kathy Waltz on behalf of U.S. Representative Russ Carnahan; State Representative Joe Fallert, District 104; and MoDOT Southeast District Engineer Mark Shelton.

Other special guests included area Fire Chief John Pfaff, Mr. Mark Zadjura and Ms. Betty Carver and her family.

“We’d like to thank Chief Pfaff for partnering with MoDOT to ensure that area residents remained safe while the bridge was under construction,” said Shelton. “We’d also like to thank Mr. Zadjura, who has been delivering meals for ‘Meals on Wheels’ and had his original route significantly lengthened during the construction of the new bridge. To

both of these special guests, on behalf of MoDOT, I would like to thank you.”

Ms. Betty Carver, who cut the ribbon during the original bridge opening in 1930, was also recognized at the ribbon cutting.

“We were honored to have Ms. Carver and her family as a part of the ceremony,” said Shelton. “Ms. Carver was only 8 years old when she cut the ribbon for the original Establishment Creek bridge. It was a true honor to have her cut the ribbon during this ribbon cutting ceremony too.”

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission awarded the contract during its regular meeting in February. The \$1,118,236 contract was awarded to Goodwin Bros. Construction, Co., Crystal City, Mo. Work began in March and was completed in August.

Ms. Betty Carver and her family were honored at the Establishment Creek ribbon cutting ceremony. Ms. Carver cut the ribbon to the original bridge in 1930.



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begin on 35 of the Southeast District’s design-build bridges in 2010,” said Project Manager Andy Meyer.

Meyer explained that when scheduling the bridgework, MoDOT and the contractor worked together to create a schedule that did not conflict with the contractors’ plan, MoDOT’s STIP projects or local schedules of annual events.

“In the end, we came up with a rigorous schedule that should have over half of the Southeast District’s bridges under construction in a year,” said Meyer. “We hope to deliver the 68 bridges ahead of schedule, and complete D10’s portion of the program within 2 to 3 years.”

Southeast District’s Remaining Quick Start Bridges:

- **Route UU Bridge Over I-57 in Mississippi County**
The \$512,802 contract was awarded to All Type Excavating Inc./dba L. Krupp Construction, Inc., Ellisville, Mo. on Oct. 7. Work to improve the bridge may begin as early as Nov. 2009, weather permitting. Once work begins, the project is expected to be completed approximately 90 days.
- **Route N Over Castor River in Stoddard County**
The \$232,072 contract was awarded to All Type Excavating Inc./dba L. Krupp Construction, Inc., Ellisville, Mo. on Oct. 7. Work to improve the bridge may begin as early as Nov. 2009. Once work begins, the project is expected to be completed in six weeks, weather permitting.
- **Route 8 Big River in St. Francois County**
The \$767,924 contract was awarded to HBI Construction, LLC, Villa Ridge, Mo. on Sept. 2. Work on is expected to get underway in spring 2010. Due to a lack of suitable detour routes, work will be staged. During construction, traffic will be reduced to one lane and temporary signals will be in place.
- **Route 51 Bois Brule Creek Bridge in Perry County**
The project is expected to be awarded in December 2009.

MoDOT Ready to Plow Snow!

With the winter season upon us, the Missouri Department of Transportation's snow-removal crews are ready for action.

Have you ever wondered how MoDOT prioritizes snow removal routes? With different storms, MoDOT adjusts its practices with each storm and tries to return roads to near-normal driving conditions as soon as possible after a storm's end. Because MoDOT doesn't have enough workers or trucks to clear every highway immediately after a snowstorm, the department has set priorities for which roads to clear first.

Priority 1: Roads with the highest traffic volumes are cleared, or treated, first. These include interstates and other major routes, which receive continuous treatment throughout a storm.

Priority 2: Lower-volume lettered and numbered routes are cleared next. Traffic on these routes may be impeded until higher-volume routes are open and clear.

Even after all the roadway surfaces are as clear as possible, MoDOT's work is not done. Workers must clean up the accumulation on shoulders, bridge edges and at interchanges.

Our goal is to return the Priority 1 routes to a clear condition as soon as possible after the storm ends; and to plow and treat the critical areas of all other routes as soon as possible after the storm ends.

With plows, spreaders and de-icing materials in place, we work around the clock to clear snow and ice from the roadway surfaces. And while we adjust

our efforts to deal with each storm's unique characteristics, you can be sure that when the snow is flying, MoDOT crews are doing everything they can to get you back on the road.

Call 1-888 ASK MODOT to receive road condition updates during regular business hours or visit our Traveler Information Map at modot.mo.gov to learn more about road conditions.

Before this year's winter-weather season begins, Southeast District's crews are taking time to prepare. At the 2009 Snow Academy, participants drive snow plows and loaders.



Route 61 Paving Completed in Cape Girardeau, Perry and Ste. Genevieve Counties

Asphalt paving on Route 61 in Cape Girardeau, Perry and Ste. Genevieve Counties is complete. Now, the contractor will work to stripe the pavement and finish shoulder improvements.

"So far, the project is ahead of schedule," said Resident Engineer Darius Dowdy. "If weather permits, the project will be completed before December."

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission awarded the \$6,669,490 contract to G & M Concrete & Asphalt Co., Inc., in February, and work began in spring.

The project included resurfacing, improved shoulders, rumble

strips and striping from Route OO near Bloomsdale to Route 34 in Jackson.

As the contractor finishes the remainder of the work, traffic will be reduced to one lane at times, and there may be multiple work zones within the project limits. Motorists should expect up to 15-minute delays as the improvements are being made.

For more information, contact Resident Engineer Darius Dowdy at (573) 243-0899, Project Manager Andy Meyer at (573) 472-5296 or MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636).

New Technology Comes to the Southeast

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission awarded a contract in July for improvements to Interstate 55, Interstate 57 and Route 60 in Butler, Cape Girardeau, Perry, Pemiscot, Scott, New Madrid and Mississippi counties.

The project includes installing dynamic message signs (DMSs) and closed circuit TVs (CCTVs) in various locations along I-55, I-57 and Route 60.

The Southeast District already has several DMSs in use. These signs are used to provide travelers with real-time, traffic-related variable messages. The signs are located in highly-visible locations and near exits.

“With the push of a computer button, we can instantly change the message on these signs,” said District Traffic Engineer Craig Compas.

The signs are used to communicate information about road closings, accidents and hazardous road conditions to the traveling public.

CCTV’s will be a new technology to the Southeast District.

“The CCTV’s will help MoDOT stay even more up-to-date with what is occurring throughout the district,” said Compas.

He explained that the cameras will be used to monitor traffic flow and to manage incidents on the roadways by MoDOT staff.

“With the cameras, we can instantly verify an incident,” he said. “Then, we can send an update to the appropriate message board.”

Work began this October. During installation, traffic will be minimally impacted, with most of the work taking place on the shoulders. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Work zones will be marked with signs as work is underway. MoDOT will alert drivers prior to any change in traffic.

For more information, contact Resident Engineer Brian Holt at (573) 472-5325, District Design Engineer Barry Horst at (573) 472-5289, District Traffic Engineer Craig Compas at (573) 472-5310 or MoDOT’s Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636).



D10 Receives Additional Funding for Minor Routes

Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the Southeast District received funding to improve minor routes in 11 of the district’s 14-county region. Work began immediately, as contracts were awarded for overlay projects and MoDOT crews began working to complete chip seal projects.

“Work on these projects progressed quickly,” said Assistant to the District Engineer Cheryl Ball. “Actually, the first ARRA project to be completed in

the Southeast District was the minor route work on Routes D, DD and 164 in Pemiscot County.”

Other minor route overlay projects included: Route 47 in St. Francois County, Routes M and 142 in Butler County, Route 62 in Mississippi County, and Route H in Perry County.

In addition to an overlay, Route 51 in Perry County received shoulder improvements and rumble strips.

All of the contract projects

to improve minor routes through ARRA have been completed.

“MoDOT crews have also been working very hard to finish the ARRA minor route improvements,” said Ball. “We have finished more than half of the chip seal projects.”

Ball explained that despite the work that has been completed, minor routes are still in need of more improvements. Luckily, D10 will receive additional funding to be used for minor routes. Currently, D10

estimates to receive \$1.5 million in additional funding.

“We plan to allocate \$1 million for STIP projects and \$0.5 million for maintenance work within the district,” she said.

However, Ball explained that more funding is still needed for minor routes.

“Although the additional funds will make a difference, they will still not be enough to smooth the surfaces on all of the Southeast District’s 2,527 miles of minor routes.”

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