

Hi, this is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

This week is Operation Safe Driver Week and MoDOT has some good news: the number of fatal commercial truck crashes fell 23 percent between 2005 and 2007. Crashes that resulted in injuries were down 11 percent. MoDOT is reminding motorists to keep a safety cushion around trucks and never linger alongside them.

More people are riding Amtrak in Missouri. According to Amtrak's annual report, ridership on the twice-daily runs between St. Louis and Kansas City increased more than 30 percent since last September.

There's also good news out of St. Louis. The closed five-mile section of Interstate 64 will reopen before the end of the year - ahead of schedule. When that section opens, a second five-mile stretch will be closed for construction through the end of 2009.

That's been your MoDOT Minute. Remember to check back every Tuesday for new information.