

Hi, this is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

It's still not clicking with Missouri teens that they need to buckle up. Survey results released by the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety show only 62 percent of teens are wearing their seat belts, compared to the overall state rate of 77 percent. For teen pickup truck drivers the rate is even lower: less than 50 percent. In the past three years, 80 percent of the teens killed in Missouri traffic crashes were not wearing their seat belts.

MoDOT has received a \$3.3 million federal grant to improve Amtrak travel between Kansas City and Jefferson City. The grant will help fund a new 9,000-foot siding near California on the Union Pacific line. A siding is a parallel track that allows trains to pass each other without stopping, thus reducing delays. MoDOT will also use the funding to extend an existing siding at Knob Noster.

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