

Hi, this is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

This year's Thanksgiving holiday weekend, one of the heaviest travel times of the year, was safer for motorists. Highway deaths were down about a third this year compared to last Thanksgiving. Overall, traffic fatalities are down 11 percent for the year, from 1001 highway deaths in 2006 to 881 this year. The goal of the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety is to have 1,000 or fewer fatalities by 2008.

Speaker of the House Rod Jetton is touring Missouri to look at transportation projects. Jetton will stop in each of MoDOT's 10 districts to get a feel for how the region's transportation infrastructure is faring. MoDOT Director Pete Rahn is accompanying Jetton on several visits. Jetton's tour wraps up Dec. 14.

Have you been saved by the belt? MoDOT's Saved by the Belt Club wants to know. The club recognizes people who wear their seat belts and are willing to share their lifesaving stories with others. For more information, call 800-800-BELT or visit savemolives.com.

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