

MoDOT Minute – May 5, 2011

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

MoDOT Director Kevin Keith has presented a plan to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission that includes reducing the size of the department's staff by 1,200, closing 135 facilities and selling more than 740 pieces of equipment. By 2015, the proposed direction will save \$512 million that will be used for vital road and bridge projects.

A severe decline in funding and the inability to match federal funds prompted the proposed plan of action. Missouri's state highway construction program has gone from averaging \$1.2 billion over the past five years to half that amount now and in the coming years.

MoDOT will hold community briefings throughout the state over the next month to explain the new plan. The commission is expected to act on the proposal at its June 8 meeting. More information can be found at <http://www.modot.org/>.

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