

MoDOT Minute – March 11

Hi. This is Sally Oxenhandler with your MoDOT Minute.

Most states have seen their infrastructure and transportation problems get worse over the past few years. Missouri is one of the few that has managed to improve. That's what a national survey published in *Governing* magazine had to say about Missouri's highway system. The study showed more than 80 percent of vehicle miles are traveled on roads in good condition, compared to only 52 percent five years ago. Missouri's infrastructure score of B+ beat all but four other states, plus the 50-state average grade of B minus. The state's transportation-planning processes were also touted as a national model.

MoDOT has used enough salt fighting snow and ice this winter to fill Mizzou Arena in Columbia – nearly 320,000 tons. That's compared to the annual average of about 222,000 tons. MoDOT crews have put in 550,000 hours and the department has spent more than \$46 million keeping Missouri roads clear this year.

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