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Safe & Sound Improved 121 Bridges in 2009

JEFFERSON CITY – Missouri motorists are driving on 121 new or improved bridges that were completed in the first year of the Missouri Department of Transportation’s “Safe & Sound” bridge improvement program.

That pace will more than double in 2010 on the way to having 802 bridges replaced or rehabilitated by the end of 2013. KTU Constructors, MoDOT’s design-build contractor who is responsible for 554 bridge replacements, will carry much of the load next year with 179 bridge replacements scheduled. MoDOT will also manage 60-70 rehabilitation projects in 2010.

KTU built four new bridges this fall while it geared up for next year’s big push. Those four were completed in an average of 35 days, and each was finished ahead of schedule. KTU will concentrate its work next year in the northwest, Kansas City, west-central and southeast parts of the state.

From the time the first Safe & Sound bridge was completed on April 23 in Polk County, through December 7 when the 121st project was completed in Cooper County, MoDOT reopened a bridge every 1.9 days. The 117 rehabilitation projects completed in 2009 lasted an average of 45 days and were finished, on average, four days ahead of schedule.

For more information about the Safe & Sound program, including an interactive web map that gives details and detours for each project, visit www.modot.mo.gov/safeandsound

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