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MoDOT Now Accepting Transportation Enhancement Grants

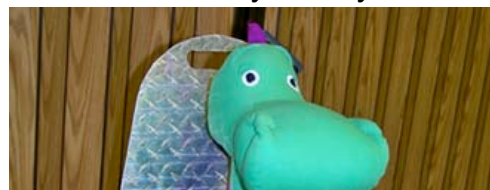
The Missouri Department of Transportation is now accepting applications for its enhancement grant program. While there are 12 eligible categories, the most common projects

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Buckle Buddy Visits Rolla, St. James Elementary Schools to Teach Kids About Safety

Kindergartners and first grade students at St. James and Rolla elementary schools have been getting lessons on road safety and the importance of safety restraints. The students participated in the new Buckle Buddy Program from the South Central Regional Coalition for Roadway Safety.

Jessica Mattingly of Meramec Regional Planning Commission delivered the message to a total of 300 students at the Lucy



Common projects are sidewalk construction and bike and pedestrian trail development. The following website—www.enhancements.org—details the 12 eligible categories and provide ideas on what is fundable.



The transportation enhancement program is a federal reimbursement program for local public agencies. Eighty percent of the eligible cost is reimbursed to the project sponsor. The remaining 20 percent is the responsibility of the project sponsor.

For counties and cities in District 5, the application is due no later than noon on Sept. 30, 2010, to the MoDOT District office in Jefferson City.

For counties and cities in District 9, the application is

Wortham James Elementary, St. James, and 255 students at Mark Twain Elementary, Rolla, during September. She will present the message to second graders at St. James and Mark Twain schools on Oct. 1.



The Buckle Buddy educational program was developed to assist children in developing safe passenger restraint habits at an early age and was designed to be educational, interactive and fun. The presentation is aimed at K-2 students, who learn about booster seats and safety belts, while having fun learning the "Buckle Buddy Song" and reading the "Buckle Buddy Story." Students also received an activity book, crayons, Arrive Alive t-shirt and backpack and other promotional items to take home.



South Central Regional Coordinator Kelly Martin said the curriculum has been a success. "The kids love the story and especially the song. I'm certain that these children took an important safety message home with them from this presentation," she said.

If you are in Crawford, Dent, Phelps, Pulaski or Washington Counties and would like Buckle Buddy to visit your organization, or for additional information, contact the MoDOT Customer Service Center, toll-free, at 1-888-ASK MoDOT (275-6636) or you may contact Mattingly directly at MRPC at 573-265-2993. Customers also may email the center at d9csc@modot.mo.gov. Information about the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety South Central Region is also available online at www.savemolives.com/southcentral.

27 Meramec Bridges Among MoDOT's 800 Better Bridge Program

The Missouri Department of Transportation's Safe & Sound

due no later than 11 a.m. on Oct. 7, 2010, to the MoDOT District 9 office in Willow Springs. If you have a project, questions or need assistance with an application, please contact Connie Willman or Kelly Sink-Blair at MRPC at 573-265-2993. MRPC can assist with applications under its MoDOT planning grant.

Free Team Spirit Workshop

Unfortunately, teen seat belt usage in south central Missouri is among the lowest in the state, so MoDOT District 9 is hoping to train young leaders to help others 'arrive alive.' Schools in Crawford, Dent, Phelps, Pulaski and Washington counties are invited to 2010 South Central Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety Team Spirit Conference. The workshop—a one-day action-packed, fun and informative leadership training in

Bridge Improvement Program is a two-phase program to improve 802 of the state's lowest-rated bridges by Oct. 31, 2013. The \$487 million project is the largest bridge improvement program in Missouri's history. Some 248 bridges have been identified for rehabilitation, and nearly half of them—117—were completed in 2009. The other 554 bridges are scheduled for replacement and have been packaged in a single Design-Build contract. KTU Constructors has committed to complete construction by Dec. 31, 2013. Some 493 of the replacement bridges will require road closures, averaging 45 days—about half of what a normal Mo-DOT bridge project would take. Twenty-seven of the replacement bridges are in the Meramec Region, and seven have been completed so far. A list of those bridges follows. If you would like to learn more about each bridge, visit MoDOT's interactive map at www.modot.mo.gov/safeandsound/index.htm.

Safe and Sound Replacement Bridges in the Meramec Region

Completed bridges:

- Crawford County—Route M over the Meramec River
- Maries County—Route 42 over Mill Spring
- Phelps County—Route M over Corn Creek
- Phelps County—Route B over Robinson Creek
- Washington County—Route W over Brazil Creek
- Washington County—Route 185 over Indian Creek
- Washington County—Route U over Big River

Scheduled for Replacement:

- Crawford County—Route O over Pine Branch
- Crawford County—Route N over Bourbon River
- Crawford County—Route BB over Cherry Valley Creek
- Dent County—Route 32 over Spring Creek
- Dent County—Route NN over Dry Fork
- Dent County—Route H over Dry Fork
- Gasconade County—Route W over Second Creek
- Gasconade County—Route W over Puncheon
- Maries County—Route V over Little Fly Creek
- Maries County—Route 42 over Mill Spring
- Maries County—Route 28 over Dry Fork Creek
- Maries County—Route A over Spring Creek
- Maries County—Route BB over Little Maries River
- Osage County—Route 133 over Sugar Creek
- Osage County—Route HH over Fork of Bailey's Creek
- Osage County—Route K over Doolings Creek
- Phelps County—Route JJ over Norman Creek

training— is planned Oct. 12 in Salem. The goal is saving young lives. The program is free. Participating schools will receive free resources along with a \$200 grant to help implement activities within those schools. For more information, please contact Kelly Martin at 417-469-6275 or toll free- 888-275-6636

- Phelps County—Route B over Robinson Creek
- Pulaski County—Route U over unnamed branch
- Washington County—Route M over Mill Creek
- Washington County—Route M over Wallen Creek

Fatality Numbers Down Statewide; Higher in Meramec Region

As of Sept. 12, 2010, 26 people have lost their lives this year in the Meramec Region’s eight-county area, up from 23 people for the same counting period in 2009. That represents a 13-percent increase in fatalities when the state, as a whole, is posting a 9-percent decrease for the time period. Statewide, 532 people have lost their lives in highway fatalities as of Sept. 12, compared to 586 in 2009.

Both District 5 and District 9 are posting fewer fatalities in 2010 compared to 2009. District 5 covers 13 counties in central Missouri including three Meramec counties. District 5 encompasses 13 counties in south central Missouri including five Meramec counties.

Some 53 people have lost their lives in District 5 in 2010, compared to 82 in for the same period in 2009. In District 9, 46 people have died in roadway accidents in 2010, compared to 52 in 2009.

Upcoming Meetings

TAC -
Oct. 14 -
4:00 p.m.
at MRPC

TAC MEMBERS

Crawford County
Robert Schaffer
Richard Martin
Ed Worley

Dent County
Gary Brown
Donald Dodd
Darrell Skiles

Gasconade County
Matt Penning
Ron Jost
Jim Decker

Maries County
Richard Huse
James Kleffner

Meramec Region Fatalities by County

Jan. 1 - Sept. 12	2010	2009
Crawford	5	0
Dent	5	2
Gasconade	1	0
Maries	2	1
Osage	3	3
Phelps	2	3
Pulaski	3	4
Washington	5	10
TOTAL	26	23

Statewide education and law enforcement efforts to encourage seatbelt usage and discourage drinking and driving and texting and driving may be contributing in part to the decline in statewide fatalities. Those education efforts, coordinated through the Missouri Coalition for Roadway

Lowell Tonding

**Osage
County**

Danny Foster
Russell Scheulen
Jerry Wolfe

**Phelps
County**

John Butz
Candace Connell
Larry Stratman

**Pulaski
County**

Bruce Harrill
George Sanders
Cecil Penning

**Washington
County**

John Casey
T.R. Dudley
Todd Moyers

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SMTS
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Tom Stehn,
MoDOT

Safety. Information about resources and programs to promote the Arrive Alive message can be found at <http://www.savemolives.com/> or by calling Meramec Regional Planning Commission at 573-265-2993.




The Meramec Region's Transportation Advisory Committee was formed in August 1994 to advise the Meramec Regional Planning Commission on regional transportation issues and priorities and to work closely with the Missouri Department of Transportation. The TAC is comprised of three appointees from each of Meramec's eight counties. The TAC meets every other month at MRPC, 4 Industrial Drive, St. James. The meetings are open to the public. For more information or to report a transportation need or issue, contact MRPC at (573) 265-2993 or www.meramecregion.org.

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