















MoDOT's Storied History

Key Events in MoDOT's History 1913

Missouri Legislature forms State Highway

Department. 1916

Congress passes federal highway act, which makes federal funds available to states based on area, population and postal road mileage.

1917 Missouri Legislature passes Hawes Law so Missouri can receive federal funds and also creates State Road Fund and a four-member State Highway

1918 State Highway department produces one of the

earliest Missouri road maps

1920 \$60 million bond issue passes to "get Missouri out

of the mud."

1921 Formal department operations are established when the Legislature passes the Centennial Road

Law, creating a four-member <u>State Highway</u> <u>Commission</u> and the positions of secretary, chief engineer and chief counsel.

1924 Proposition 5 passes, creating the state's first fuel tax, 2-cents per gallon. 1928

Missouri becomes the first state to earmark and protect funds for highway purposes. 1931

State Highway Patrol is created.

1937

Missouri Legislature makes it "unlawful" to drive any motor vehicle on any highway of the state without either an operator's or chauffeur's license

1952 Fuel tax increases to 3 cents per gallon. 1952

Department takes over responsibility for almost

12,000 miles of county highways, bringing 95 percent of all Missourians to within two miles of a hard-surfaced road.

1956 Missouri becomes first state in the nation to take bids and begin construction on the <u>interstate</u>

highway system. 1961

Fuel tax increases to 5 cents per gallon; County Aid Road Trust (CART) Fund created. 1965

The commission's membership is increased by the Legislature from four to six members.

1972 Fuel tax increases to 7 cents per gallon.

1974 Missouri State Department of Transportation

created. 1980

Missouri Highway Department and Transportation Department merge creating the Missouri Highway and Transportation Department.

1987 Proposition A passes and increases motor fuel tax

by 4 cents per gallon. 1992

A 6-cent per gallon motor fuel tax is passed by the Legislature, to be phased in over a five-year period.

1994 The department commits to the Short-Term Action Plan to complete priority projects within a four-year period.

1996

Legislation passes stating the department shall be known as the Missouri Department of Transportation 1998

Accountability legislation passes requiring MoDOT to submit an annual report to the legislature by November 10 and creating the position of MoDOT

director.

1999 Department adopts <u>a rolling 5-year plan</u> for highway and bridge improvements in the state. The 15-Year Plan is no longer used by MoDOT as the financial blueprint for construction projects.

2000 Legislation was passed, effective May 30, 2000

allowing MoDOT to issue \$2.25 billion in bond financing to accelerate highway improvements. 2002

Legislation is passed extending the 6-cents-per-gallon motor-fuel tax, which was due to expire in 2008. 2004

In November, Missouri voters approved Constitutional Amendment 3, which requires all revenues from the sale of motor vehicles come to MoDOT. They implemented a strategic highway safety plan titled Missouri's Blueprint for Safer Roadways and began the Arrive Alive campaign, setting a goal to reduce roadway fatalities to 1,000 or fewer by 2008. 2007

The year ends with a traffic fatality count of 992 --meeting the first Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety goal of 1,000 or fewer deaths by 2008.

2008 The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission approved the <u>Safe & Sound Bridge</u> <u>Improvement Program</u> to repair or replace 802 of Missouri's worst bridges in five years.

2011

MoDOT moves from 10 districts to seven to consolidate and streamline operations 2012

The Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety sets a goal of 700 or fewer roadway fatalities by 2016 while working toward an ultimate goal of zero traffic fatalities.

2017 MoDOT launches the Buckle Up Phone Down campaign to address two critical issues: unbuckled fatalities and distracted driving crashes. 2019

Missouri receives an \$81.2 million Infrastructure for Rebuilding grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to build Missouri River Bridge at Rocheport. Receipt of the grant triggers bonding, authorized by the Missouri General Assembly to repair or replace another 250 bridges across the

2020

Many MoDOT employees moved their operations to their homes to prevent the spread of COVID-19. MoDOT also dealt with a significant decrease of revenue due to less driving amidst stay-at-home orders and mandates. Despite setbacks, MoDOT delivered a record construction program. 2021

Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission celebrates its 100th year serving Missouri.

Let's work together to write the next amazing chapter in MoDOT's history....