



# THE STOUFFER REPORT

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## MoDOT Work Zones in Rural Missouri

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) recently announced their top 10 work zones Missourians should be aware of during these summer months, which happen to be one of the busiest times for motorists. According to MoDOT, the department is in the middle of their largest-ever construction season, with well over 1,000 work zones active in the state this year. As the Senate leader for transportation issues, I couldn't be more pleased with the progress MoDOT is making in the state.

MoDOT has created a [statewide work zone map](#) so drivers can be aware of construction zones in their area or along their destination route. Two of these top 10 work zones are located in our part of rural Missouri.

In Cooper County, west of Columbia, lanes will be reduced on Interstate 70 eastbound from the Saline County line to Route M for resurfacing. This stretch of road carries 28,000 vehicles a day. MoDOT says the speed limit will be reduced through the work zone and to expect lane closures during the day. Work will be completed this summer.

From Macon to Chillicothe on Route 36, four resurfacing projects are set for this 58-mile stretch across Macon, Linn and Livingston counties. These projects include 21 bridge rehabilitations (part of the Safe and Sound Bridge Improvement Project), where motorists could see driving lanes as narrow as 10 feet over the course of the summer. Drivers will also see upgrades to two narrow sections on eastbound lanes near Brookfield and Meadville as well as widening outside shoulders in several locations. This area of our state sees nearly 11,000 vehicles a day. Projects are expected to be completed this fall.

Pending projects in our area include the rehabilitation of two bridges, the Miami and Glasgow bridges over the Missouri River. As you can see in the photos below, these two bridges could receive a massive facelift.

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission adopted an objective method to distribute transportation funds using factors reflecting project size and roadway usage where people live and work. The allocation of funds is based on objective, transportation-related factors that are representative indicators of physical needs of an area in the state. We need to take care of the transportation system we have already built as well as add on new pieces for the future that will work for and benefit the people of the state.

For more information on the top 10 work zones in Missouri, work zone location maps, or how MoDOT distributes funding for each project, visit [www.modot.org](http://www.modot.org). If you have any questions over the Miami or Glasgow bridge projects, you can e-mail MoDOT at [safeandsound@modot.gov](mailto:safeandsound@modot.gov). Or if you have other questions or comments about any other issue, please call toll free (866) 768-3987 or send me an e-mail at [bstouffer@senate.mo.gov](mailto:bstouffer@senate.mo.gov).



**Glasgow Bridge – Current Condition**



**Glasgow Bridge – After Rehabilitation**



**Miami Bridge – Current Condition**



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