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SIKESTON - For Missouri Department of Transportation crews, spring marks the beginning of striping season. Work to re-stripe various state routes in Poplar Bluff, Dexter, Sikeston, Cape Girardeau, Kennett and Jackson will begin Monday, April 9, weather permitting.

Striping work will be underway from 6 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. daily. Work is expected to be completed by Friday, April 13.

"Our striping caravan is a continuous, moving operation," said District Traffic Engineer Craig Compas. "Due to the fact that the operation is always moving, no stationary signs will be posted. Proper safety measures will be in place during each operation, including warning signs on MoDOT striping vehicles. We urge motorists to use extreme caution and allow the machinery the space needed to properly apply the reflective paint."

Motorists are advised to stay back 500 feet and follow all safety signage.

"For the safety of area motorists and our MoDOT crews, motorists should not pass any of the equipment while it is operational," said Compas. "In addition to safety issues, we also suggest that motorists do not pass the equipment, to avoid getting paint on their vehicles."

The reflective paint used to stripe roadways is a unique type of paint chosen for its reflective and adhering qualities.

"The paint is designed to 'stick' to the roadway, which means it will stick to other surfaces that it comes in contact with too. If you pass the striping equipment, you may be taking the chance of getting paint on your personal vehicle," he said.

For additional information, contact the Missouri Department of Transportation's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636).

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