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This is the 19th year for the annual 100 Mile Yard Sale!

Dexter, Missouri - Visitors and residents will be out in full force along Route 25 Memorial Day weekend in search of bargains at the 100-Mile Yard Sale, but MoDOT wants you to remember the greatest savings of the event could be a life.

"It's a fun weekend that people look forward to each year," says Traffic Engineer Craig Compas, "but we want people to remember that there's more traffic and more congestion along Route 25 this weekend than any other and drivers need to keep that in mind."

MoDOT will do its part to bring the safety message to the forefront. Message boards will be in place along the route to alert drivers of the unusual traffic patterns and promote safe driving.

"We really want drivers to be alert—to be aware of their surroundings, to be aware of sudden stops and to look for pedestrian traffic," Compas says. "It's a big event locally, and we want everyone to enjoy themselves and be as safe as possible."

For more information, contact Compas at (573) 472-5310 or call MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636).

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U.S. Route 60 in Stoddard County Reduced for Bridge Repairs

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U.S. Route 60 in Stoddard County Reduced for Bridge Repairs

Route 60 in Stoddard County will be reduced to one lane as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform bridge maintenance.

This section of roadway is located between Route 51 and Route WW.

Weather permitting, work will performed Tuesday, May 16 through Thursday, May 18 from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-**ASK-MODOT**

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Flood of 2017 Breaks Records in Missouri

Missouri - The flood of 2017 in Missouri began on April 29 and Missouri continues to have roads closed due to flooding on May 11.

The total cost of this flood will not be known for months. Three bridges were completely washed away in southern Missouri, and the Interstate 44 bridge at Hazelgreen had the top layer of asphalt peeled off. Many rivers hit record crests across the state.

Here's a recap of the record breaking statistics:

- On Sunday, April 30, Missouri peaked with 384 roads closed.
- MoDOT's Traveler Information Map reached more than 1 million visitors.
- Each day 35 to 45 MoDOT employees worked the customer service lines handling nearly 50,000 calls for the week.
- MoDOT was represented in approximately 1,500 media articles across the state.
- MoDOT's statewide Facebook page increased its following by12,265 followers, and the page reached 4.8 million users with flooding posts.
- Due to the increased following to the MoDOT statewide Facebook page, MoDOT now has the third highest following of any DOT.
- The statewide Twitter account increased by 1,503 followers and reached 1.2 million users with flooding information.

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Sandbagging Efforts Along Route 60 at Fisk - Press Release 11:50 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, 2017

The Missouri National Guard is currently sandbagging along eastbound Route 60 at Fisk, Mo. from Route DD to the Route 60/51 junction. After examining the latest projections for the St. Francis River, the levee is a proactive measure to keep the route open.

MoDOT does not have plans to close Route 60 at this time. Travelers should use caution in this area and expect a lane reduction on eastbound Route 60 from Route DD to the Route 60/51 junction. In addition, the eastbound Route 60/51 ramp is currently closed.

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Flooded Roads in Southeast Missouri Update May 2 at 11 a.m.

Missouri - The Missouri Department of Transportation has closed several state routes in Southeast Missouri due to the recent flooding.

In addition, motorists are encouraged to watch for flash flooding. This could cause water to quickly rise in areas that were previously safe. MoDOT crews will continually monitor state routes, but motorists are also urged to stop and turn around if they discover a roadway has high water.

Routes that are closed include:

Bollinger County:

Route H-north of Route 51

Route 91-Castor River Diversion Channel from Route T to Outer 91

Butler County:

Route 158-from Route 142 to US 67

Route 142-Route B in Ripley County to Route HH near Vastus in Butler County and from

Route HH north to Route 158

Route N-CRD 243 to CRD 232

Route PP-at Cane Creek; CRD 449 to CRD 423/Route TT

Route W-CRD 542 to Route O; near Hilliard

Route 53-from Route UU to Route HH

Route WW-at Black River in Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Route HH-from Route H to CRD 329

Cape Girardeau County:

Route A-from Route F to CRD 233 and from CRD 255 to Route U

Route N-from Route U to Route NN and CRD 253 to CRD 254

Route F-at Route A

Route HH-from Route OO to end of state maintenance

Route U-from Route T to Route A

Kingshighway-Route 74 to Castor River Diversion Channel at Scott City

Route 74-Route 25 to CRD 214

Route 177-from CRD 651 to Country Club Drive in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Carter County:

Business 60-at Van Buren; near James Street

Route 103-from Skyline Drive to Route Z

Route Z-from Route 103 to end of state maintenance

Route M-at Mill Creek and near Van Buren, Mo. at CRD 100

Route Y

Douglas County:

Route EE-at North Fork River; near Route AD

Route FF-at Hunter Creek; near Route 14

Route U-at Bryant Creek; south of Olathia

Route Y-at Cowskin Creek; approximately 3.5 miles after Route 76

Route 14-from Route 95 at Gentryville to Route AC

Route C-between CRD C-128 to just past the Wright/Douglas County line

Route W-near Route 95 at Vanzant to Route AH

Route AB-at Vera Cruz Access

Route AP-from Route 181 in Douglas County to Route 14 in Howell County

Dunklin County:

Route UU-from Route NN to CRD 711/end of state maintenance

Route DD-west of Route 53; from CRD 213 to CRD 203

Howell County:

Route 142-Route E to Route FF

Route UU-from Route 63 to east of CRD 2150

Route U-from Route UU to Route N

Route 63-from West Plains to south of Willow Springs, Mo.

Route N-from Route 17 to US 63

Route CC-from Dora, Mo. in Ozark County to Route AD in Howell County

Route AP-from Route 181 in Douglas County to Route 14 in Howell County

Route Z-from Route P to Route 76

Iron County:

Route C-east of Route 49 to west of CRD 424 in Madison County

Route D

Route F-at Crane Pond Creek

Route 143-Route 34 in Wayne County to Route 49 in Iron County

Madison County:

Route C-east of Route 49 in Iron County to west of CRD 424 in Madison County

Route V-CRD 243 to Route F

Oregon County:

Route 142-from CRD 243 to CRD 280; west of Calm/Route UU

Route M-south of Elliot Ford; between CRD 347 and CRD 349 and at Route DD at Rover

Ozark County:

Route 181-from Route H at Crossroads to Route N

Route 95-at Bryant Creek; between CRD 164 and CRD 156 and at Spring Creek; between

CRD 136 and CRD 138

Route T-between CRD 518 and CRD 527

Route H-from CRD 352 to CRD 346

Route 160-at Route 95, Lutie, Mo. and at Norfolk Lake at Tecumseh

Route JJ-from CRD 920 to CRD 916 at Thornfield, Mo.

Route CC-from Dora, Mo. in Ozark County to Route AD in Howell County

Route J-Lick Creek; north of Howards Ridge

Route PP-North Fork River; near Route 160

Route EE-from Route O to end of state maintenance

Route N-near CRD 142 to the Ozark/Douglas County line

Route O-from Route 101 at Bakersfield to end of state maintenance

Route V-from Route O to US 160

Perry County:

Route E-from CRD 534 to CRD 322

Route AA-between CRD 508/510 and CRD 522

Route A-from Wittenberg to CRD 448

Route B-from Route K to CRD 502

Route C-at Menfro

Reynolds County:

Route 106-from west of Ellington in Reynolds County to near Current River in Shannon

County (east of Route H)

Route F-at Logan Creek

Route K-east of Route O to west of CRD 440

Route B-CRD 786 to CRD 785 and CRD 758

Route HH-from Route RA in Reynolds County to Tacketts Pocket near Piedmont in

Wayne County

Ripley County:

Route 142-at Doniphan, Mo. and Route B in Ripley County to Route HH near Vastus in

Butler County

Route 21-in Doniphan, Mo.

Route A-near 21S-3 to CRD A-7

Route Y-from Pumpkin Patch Road to CRD Y-3

Route 160-at Current River near Doniphan, Mo. Scott County:

Route E-at Commerce

Shannon County:

Route KK-Piatt Road to Route K at Akers

Route W

Route NN

Route F

Route 106-near Current River (east of Route H) to west of Ellington in Reynolds County and from Alley Spring to Route E (due to slide)

Route TT-Low Water Crossing located east of TT-683

Route 99-at Spring Creek; north of Route MM

Route M-from Route 60 to end of state maintenance

Ste. Genevieve County:

Route 32-from Gisi Road to Siebert Road

Route J-from Route 61 to Buehler Road

Route 61-from Route H to Route M

Stoddard County:

Route M-at Leora; near Route K

Route T-from CRD 404 in Stoddard County to the Wayne/Butler County line

Texas County:

Route 32-from Hillcrest Road to Mason Drive

Route EE-from Route 181 to Route AD

Wayne County:

Route C-CRD 224A to Route 34

Route 143-Route 34 in Wayne County to Route 49 in Iron County

Route FF-CRD 378 to CRD 380

Route KK-south of CRD 456

Route 34-at St. Francis River Bridge; from Route 143 to CRD 310 (west of US 67)

Business 67-from Route D to US 67; near Greenville, Mo.

Route 49-from Mill Spring, Mo. to CRD 440

Route HH-from Route RA in Reynolds County to Tacketts Pocket near Piedmont in

Wayne County

Route D-at East Fork Lost Creek Route T-from CRD 404 in Stoddard County to the Wayne/Butler County line Wright County:

Route AB-Wolf Creek; near Adamson Road

Route E-Gasconade River; from Robinette Drive to north of Broyles Road

Route Z-Elk Creek-between Emmerson Road and Clayton Road

Route C-between CRD C-128 to just past the Wright/Douglas County line

Motorists are encouraged to use extreme caution and plan alternate routes.

MoDOT also offers the following driving tips that can help avoid delays and unsafe conditions during rainy weather:

Turn on your headlights when windshield wipers are needed. It's the law.

Slow down, use caution, and don't use cruise control when driving in rain to avoid skidding and hydroplaning.

Leave plenty of following distance behind the vehicle in front of yours.

Never move or drive around barricades placed on roadways due to high water. Barricades are a warning designed to protect you from an unsafe condition. You can put yourself at serious risk if you proceed into a flooded section of road.

If a road is closed, find another route.

Do NOT drive into high water. Stop and turn around. Notify local police, the sheriff or the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

"Turn Around - Don't Drown" as highways become impassable

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