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MoDOT reminds motorists to slow down and not be distracted when driving through construction areas. The emphasis on safety is part of National Work Zone Awareness Week.

In 2017, 13 people were killed in work zone crashes on state system routes and an additional three on the local system, for a total of 16 fatalities.

Interstates and major roads will have numerous work zones set up through the fall. There will be work zones along interstates 44, 55, 64, 70, 270 and on U.S. Route 65.

Motorists are urged to observe warning signs and merge before reaching lane closures. Please be aware of changing traffic conditions. Traffic could slow or stop unexpectedly, traffic lanes can merge or equipment and workers can enter the roadway. Be aware and be prepared to slow down. Driving too fast for the conditions is a major factor in work zone crashes.

**The best defense in a work zone crash, or any crash, is a seat belt.
In 2017, 65 percent of vehicle occupant fatalities were not wearing one.**

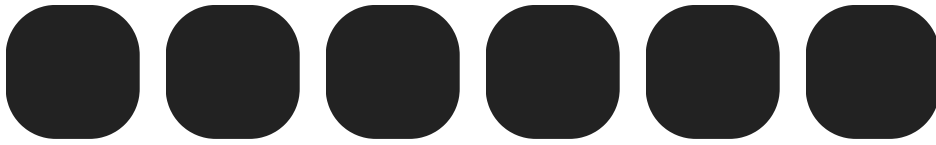
To help make your travel safer, visit [MoDOT's Traveler Information Map](#) for work zones. Motorists can comment on the quality of MoDOT's work zones with an [online customer survey](#).

For information on work zone safety and a list of high impact work zones across the state, visit <http://www.modot.org/workzones/index.htm>.

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SCAM ALERT!!!! Individuals are receiving calls stating they are from the IRS and telling them they have a warrant for their arrest and law enforcement will pick them up unless they send them money. The amounts they request to keep from being arrested varies. The caller has valid information about the individual they are calling. They will ask them to go to a store that has gift cards and purchase cards and send to a specific address. Those who are receiving these calls should not send any money because of a phone call.

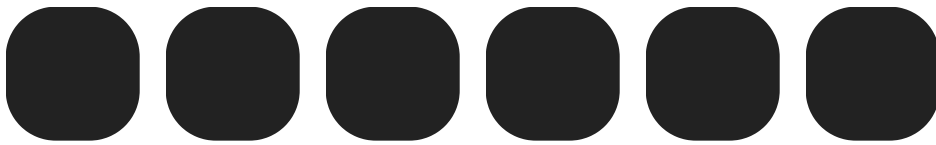
THE IRS DOES NOT MAKE PHONE CALLS OR MAKE THREATS REGARDING WARRANTS. INDIVIDUALS SHOULD USE COMMON SENSE AND NOT SEND

MONEY TO ANYONE WHO IS DEMANDING IT OVER THE TELEPHONE,
REGARDLESS OF WHAT THEY SAY.

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Route KK in Stoddard County will be reduced to one lane as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform pavement repairs.

This section of roadway is located from Route 114 and County Road 732.

Weather permitting, work will take place Tuesday, April 10 and Wednesday, April 11 from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

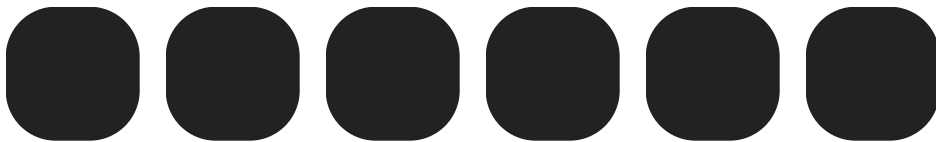
The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, contact MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888-ASK-MODOT (1-888-275-6636)

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[Get more information on the April 15 – May 15 Trash Bash online at \[nomoretrash.org\]\(http://nomoretrash.org\).](#)

Jefferson City, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) encourage people throughout Missouri to help “bash trash” during their 16th annual No MORE Trash! Bash April 15 through May 15.

The event focuses on “spring cleaning” the outdoors by asking people to pick up litter across Missouri from roadsides, parks, neighborhoods, rivers, streams, trails, and other places. Trash Bash activities also include various educational efforts in schools, community events, and Earth Day celebrations around the state.

"Littering harms the environment and pollutes our waterways," said MoDOT No MORE Trash! Coordinator Stacy Armstrong. "Please consider the impact you can make on the environment by recycling, reusing, and disposing of waste properly."

Each year, MoDOT spends about \$6.75 million to remove litter from more than 385,000 acres of roadsides along 34,000 state highway miles. Annual volunteer efforts to pick up litter along Missouri highways are valued at more than \$1 million.

Littering also hurts wildlife and Missouri outdoors.

"Many animals mistake litter for food and become sick and die when they try to ingest it," said MDC No More Trash! Coordinator Joe Jerek. "Birds, fish, turtles, and other animals also get tangled in litter, such as plastic six-pack holders and fishing line, and it can kill them."

Last year, volunteers collected more than 43,000 bags of litter and several truckloads of debris during the spring No More Trash! Bash. People also attended numerous educational events that stressed the importance of not littering.

Volunteers also participated through Adopt-A-Highway and Stream Team litter cleanup events. Missouri Stream Team Program volunteers removed 547 tons of litter from waterways and dedicated more than \$2.3 million worth of volunteer time to litter removal statewide annually.

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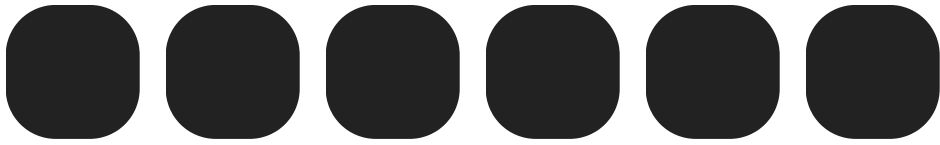
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