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Stoddard County Route ZZ Closed for Pipe Replacement

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Route ZZ in Stoddard County will be closed as Missouri Department of Transportation crews replace the culvert pipe under the roadway.

This section of roadway is located between County Road 651 and County Road 657.

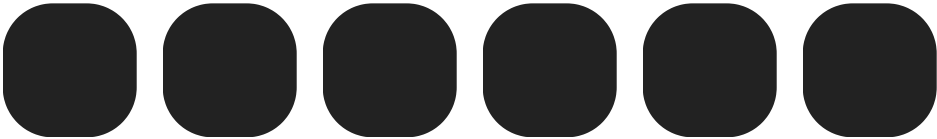
Weather permitting, work will take place Monday, Feb. 25 and Tuesday, Feb. 26 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

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) or visit www.modot.org/southeast.

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Stoddard County Route J Reduced for Drainage Improvements

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Stoddard County Route J Reduced for Drainage Improvements

Route J in Stoddard County will be reduced to one lane as Missouri Department of Transportation crews perform drainage improvements.

This section of roadway is located from Route AA to Route F.

Weather permitting, work will take place Monday, Jan. 28 through Friday, Feb. 1 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily.

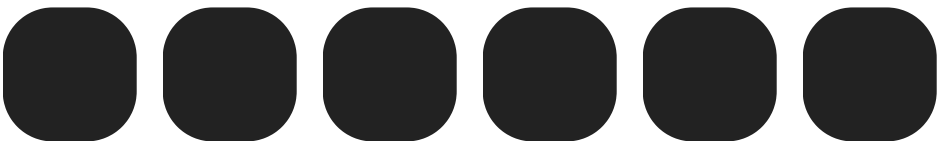
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Business 60 in Stoddard County Reduced for Pipe Replacement

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Business 60 in Stoddard County will be reduced to one lane as Missouri Department of Transportation crews replace the culvert pipe under the roadway.

This section of roadway is located between Baliff Drive and Jeanette Lane.

Weather permitting, work will take place Tuesday, Nov. 27 through Friday, Nov. 30 from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily.

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

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MoDOT Warns of Traffic Trifecta Around Thanksgiving Holiday

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MoDOT Warns of Traffic Trifecta Around Thanksgiving Holiday

As thousands of Missouri drivers travel home to spend Thanksgiving with family and friends this week, the Missouri Department of Transportation is urging them to exercise patience, caution and good judgment behind the wheel. The holiday week brings a trifecta of concerns to the roadway, including impaired driving, distracted driving and heavy interstate congestion.

The night before Thanksgiving, often referred to as "Blackout Wednesday," has become a popular night for get-togethers at bars before the holiday, often resulting in heavy drinking. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, from 2013 to 2017, more than 800 people died in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes during the

Thanksgiving holiday period, making it the deadliest holiday on our roadways.

"Driving impaired or allowing someone else to drive impaired is irresponsible and not worth the risk," said Jon Nelson, assistant to the state highway safety and traffic engineer. "Make the right choice this holiday season to drive sober or find another way to reach your destination."

Like Blackout Wednesday, Black Friday brings another hazard to Missouri roadways. On a day notoriously associated with impatient shoppers, MoDOT urges drivers to keep the online shopping out of the driver's seat.

"Everyone wants to hurry and find the best deals on Black Friday. Your best bet for staying safe on the way is to slow down, always buckle up, and put down the phone," said Nelson.

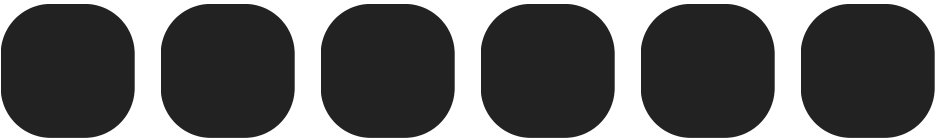
The likelihood of a distracted-driving incident increases during the holidays, as there are more drivers on the road. Rounding out the trifecta of holiday traffic concerns, the Sunday after Thanksgiving is one of the most popular travel days of the year, according to AAA, as most holiday travelers head home after a long weekend.

That means congestion. Missouri interstate routes will be heavily crowded, and MoDOT urges drivers to allow extra time for travel and plan their route according to the Traveler Information Map, which shows real-time road conditions and closures. The map is available at traveler.modot.org for desktop users, and mobile users can download the free mobile app from the iTunes App Store and Google Play.

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Alternate Date to Be Announced

Due to the threat of inclement weather, the Missouri Department of Transportation’s 15th Annual Bridge Building Competition will be postponed. The event was originally scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 15 at Southeast Missouri State University’s Academic Hall Auditorium in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

The competition challenges high school juniors and seniors to design and construct the most efficient model bridge using limited materials—15 pieces of balsa wood, thread and glue.

“We are pleased to have so many participants and know the students put a lot of work into their model bridges,” said Senior Highway Designer Anita Clark. “We will be happy to put their bridges to the test as soon as better weather is in the forecast.”

MoDOT is currently discussing alternate dates to hold the competition. Additional details will be released prior to the bridge breaking ceremony.

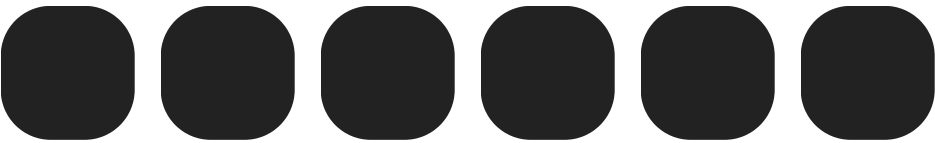
“MoDOT values safety, and we wanted to proactively provide information to participants and sponsors who travel to the competition,” Senior Highway Designer Gretchen Hanks.

For more information, please contact Clark at (573) 472-5294, Hanks at (573) 472-5294 or MoDOT's Customer Service C

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