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MoDOT SCHEDULES COMMUNITY BRIEFINGS ON FUNDING CRISES AND PLANNED CHANGES

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) has scheduled a series of community briefings throughout the state to present the Department's proposed Bolder Five-Year Direction to local officials and area residents. The new five-year plan was presented to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission on May 4, 2011 for consideration. The Commission is expected to act on the plan at its June meeting.

The plan proposes the reduction of the MoDOT workforce by approximately 1,200 people, the closing of 135 facilities, and reducing MoDOT's equipment inventory by about 740 pieces. The plan includes the consolidation of the current 10 MoDOT districts to seven. The proposed plan is expected to save \$512 million that will be used for vital road and bridge projects.

Public officials and residents of the Region are encouraged to attend one of the briefings. The Southeast District (**District 10**) will hold seven briefings throughout its 14-county area. All meetings will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Meeting dates and locations include:

- May 12 – Osage Community Center, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
- May 17 – Dexter High School Auditorium, Dexter, Missouri
- May 18 – Perry Park Center, Perryville, Missouri
- May 19 – Farmington Community Center, Farmington, Missouri
- May 26 – Malden High School Cafeteria, Malden, Missouri
- June 1 – Poplar Bluff Chamber of Commerce, Poplar Bluff, Missouri
- June 2 – MoDOT Southeast District Office, Sikeston, Missouri

The South Central District (**District 9**), which includes Iron County, has announced 12 briefings:

- May 11 – Hampton Inn, St. Robert, Missouri (1:30 to 2:30 pm)
- May 12 – Phelps County Courthouse, Rolla, Missouri (2:00 to 4:00 p.m.)
- May 13 – South Central District Office, Willow Springs, Missouri (4:00 to 6:00 p.m.)
- May 16 – Southwest Baptist University, Salem, Missouri (12:00 to 1:00 p.m. and West Plains Civic Center, West Plains, Missouri (4:00 to 6:00 p.m.)
- May 17 – Doniphan Police Department, Doniphan, Missouri (4:00 to 6:00 p.m.)
- May 19 – Houston Storm Shelter, Houston, Missouri (4:00 to 6:00 p.m.)
- May 20 – Super 8, Cuba, Missouri (4:00 to 6:00 p.m.)
- May 23 – Super 8, Potosi, Missouri (3:00 to 5:00 p.m.)
- May 26 – Alton Senior Center, Alton, Missouri (4:00 to 6:00 p.m.)
- May 27 – Ellington City Hall, Ellington, Missouri (1:00 to 3:00 p.m.) and Van Buren Community Center, Van Buren, Missouri (4:00 to 6:00 p.m.)