

Interstate 44 Improvement Project Scheduled

An Interstate 44 improvement project, located 10 miles west of Rolla in Phelps County, is scheduled to begin this spring. Two existing westbound lane bridges will be replaced and a



1.5 mile section of the westbound lane will be realigned. The project is scheduled for completion by December 2003. Westbound traffic will be diverted onto the eastbound lanes resulting in two-way traffic

for approximately 3.5 miles. This restriction will remain in place continually from May to Sep-

tember. The westbound on and off ramps at the Sugar Tree Road Interchange will be closed during this time.

I-44 traffic is usually the heaviest on Friday afternoons from 3 - 7 p.m. and Sunday afternoons from 1 - 7 p.m. Those who usually travel this segment of I-44 should avoid these hours if possible. Motorists will be informed of traffic conditions via electronic message signs placed in advance of the construction site. Those wishing to avoid the construction area are urged to seek alternate routes. Be aware that normal overwidth and overdimension permit restrictions are in effect.

The interstate may be closed to through traffic within the limits of this highway improvement in the event of an accident.

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IRP Redefines "Established Place of Business"

The International Registration Plan membership has adopted a new definition of Established Place of Business and several Missouri carriers may be affected. The new definition, effective Oct. 1, 2003, establishes criteria for all carriers' registering in any jurisdiction.

The changes, approved by one vote when balanced by IRP member jurisdictions, require each registrant to provide an address linked to a specific physical structure and further that:

- The location be open during normal business hours;
- Have a publicly listed telephone registered in the name of the registrant;
- Have a person in the permanent employment of the registrant conducting their truck-related business; and
- Have, or have access to the fleet records.

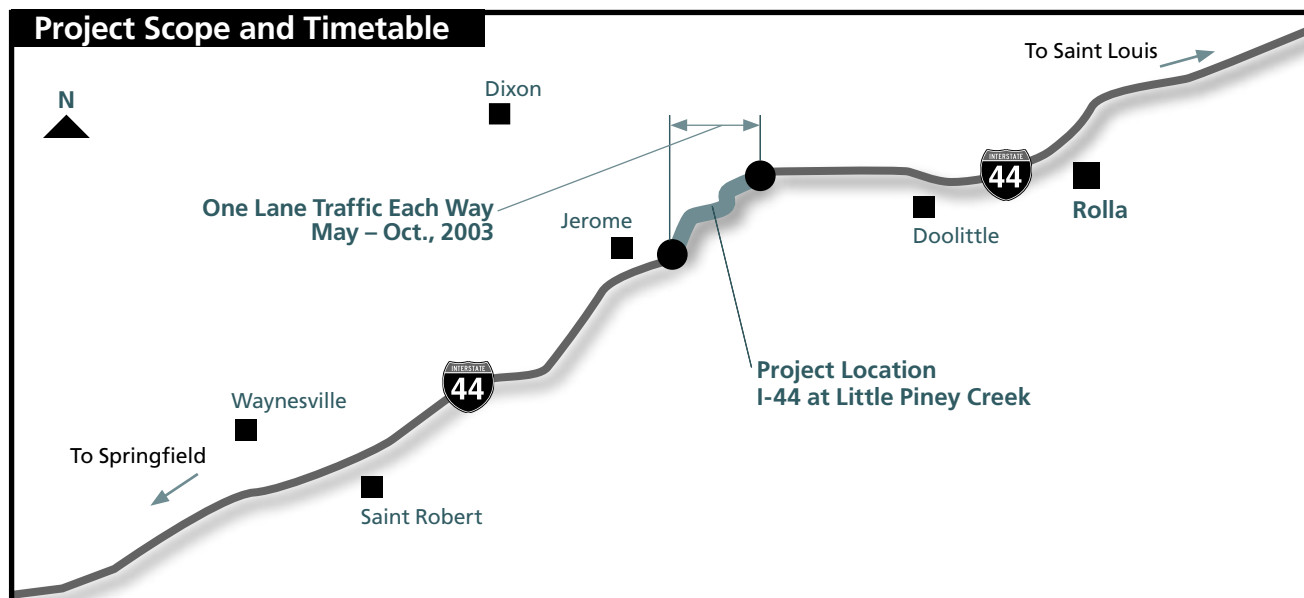
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If this happens, an emergency detour will be used. Electronic signs will announce the detour well in advance of the route. The emergency detour is 55 miles long.

The eastbound detour route is described as I-44 east to Route 28, Route 28 north through Dixon to Route 63,

Route 63 south to Rolla, and then east on I-44. For westbound traffic, follow the same route in reverse order.

For more information, contact MoDOT Customer Service at 1-888 ASK MODOT, 417.469.3134, or by e-mail at d9csc@mail.modot.state.mo.us

Statewide Safety Training Sessions

The Missouri Department of Transportation will be conducting seven Safety Outreach sessions designed to enhance motor carriers' ability to achieve compliance with Federal Motor Carrier Safety regulations. The training will be given by department enforcement inspectors and will include the topics of driver qualifications, drug and alcohol testing, drivers' hours of service, and vehicle main-

tenance and inspections. The training will be held at the locations and dates shown below.

The sessions will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m. Seating is limited. For reservations at any one of the locations below, please contact Ann Vaught toll free at 1-866-831-6277 extension #2; or dial (573) 751-7117; or FAX (573) 751-4354; or by e-mail at vaughn1@mail.modot.state.mo.us

March

March 19

Ramada Inn
2820 N. Glenstone
Springfield, MO 65803
417.869.3900

March 25

The Village Pavilion
303 S. Vansant
Clinton, MO 64735
660.890.2272

March 27, 2003

Best Western
1937 Christy Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65101
573.635.4175

April

April 1, 2003

Park Place Hotel
1601 North Universal Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64120
816.483.9900

April 3, 2003

Days Inn
Highway 63 South
Kirksville, MO 63501
660.665.8244

April 8, 2003

Ramada Inn
2608 East Malone
Sikeston, MO 63801
573.471.4700

April 10, 2003

Sheraton Four Points
3400 Ryder Trail South
Earth City, MO 63045
314.291.6800

IRP Redefines

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The trucking-related business within the base jurisdiction must constitute more than just credentialing, distance and fuel reporting, and/or answering a telephone. Employees in the permanent employment of the registrant, not contractual labor, must be performing the trucking-related duties.

This change was brought about by the improper registrations permitted by the state of Oklahoma. Oklahoma is under sanctions from IRP, Inc. in an effort to curtail this improper practice. Many carrier registrations are not being renewed in Oklahoma as a result of this action. Several jurisdictions are requiring returning carriers to pay back-taxes on both the state and county level.

Missouri and Kansas Multi-Agency Hazardous Materials Workshop February 20, 2003

Mapping Your Compliance Roadtrip

Workshop information includes:

- What you need to know if you ship hazardous materials or hazardous wastes.
- Roadside commercial-vehicle inspections while transporting hazardous materials.
- Compliance review procedures: What to expect during a Department of Transportation audit.
- Basic requirements for testing, inspection and operation of cargo tanks.
- State of Kansas and Missouri requirements for operators of cargo tanks.
- Hazardous materials training requirements.
- Hazard communication requirements: shipping papers, marking, labeling, placarding and emergency-response information.
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements related to hazardous materials regulations.
- Environmental Protection Agency requirements related to hazardous materials regulations.

The workshop is sponsored by the U.S. DOT, EPA, OSHA, Federal Aviation Administration, Missouri and Kansas State Highway Patrols, Missouri Department of Agriculture, and the Missouri Department of Transportation.

The workshop will be held at the National Weather Service Training Center, 7220 NW 101st Terrace, Kansas City, MO.

For registration and information, call the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

In Missouri 573.636.3246

In Kansas 785.267.7288

Employee News

Welcome

Motor Carrier Services welcomes two new employees – **Lori Hall** and **Michael Bohon** joined our team Jan. 16, 2003. Both are now part of our Motor Carrier Safety section. Lori is a clerk and Michael is a transportation enforcement inspector. Good luck with your new positions!

Farewell

Sandra Schaefer, clerk, retired Jan. 31 after 18 years of service with the IRP/International Fuel Tax Agreement compliance section.

Milestones

Marty Wirsig, intermediate transportation enforcement inspector, has been with the department for five years in March.

Susan Trowbridge, account technician, has been with the department for 20 years in May.

Michael Williams, resource management analyst, has been with the department for 20 years in February.

Thank you Marty, Susan and Michael for your dedicated service and hard work.

Datelines

February 28

2003 IFTA license and decals must be displayed

April 30

First quarter IFTA returns due

News on Wheels

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