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Tough Choices

Let's face it. Decreased funding and increases in materials and labor costs ultimately result in deteriorating roads and bridges.

MoDOT's commitment to Missourians is to care for our roads and bridges for as long as we can with the resources we have, but TOUGH CHOICES must be made.

To take care of the system, MoDOT will focus on approximately 8,000 miles of highway that connect cities across the state. The remaining mileage, our supplementary routes, will see more limited attention – basically routine maintenance.

What are Primary and Supplementary Roads?

- **Primary** = Approximately 8,000 miles of Missouri's 34,000-mile system; they are the roads that connect between cities across the state.
- **Supplementary** = the remaining miles (approximately 26,000) used for local travel.
- The biggest changes:
 - Improvements and capital investments will only be made on primary roads and bridges.
 - Supplementary roads and bridges will receive only limited routine maintenance work.

The biggest impact for Missourians: Supplementary roads will become a patchwork of repairs. Heavy loads on Missouri bridges will be limited, and some bridges could be closed indefinitely.

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