Cutbacks Planned for Missouri Roadside Mowing

As you drive along Missouri Highways this summer, the roadsides will likely be a little shaggier than what you are used to. The Missouri Department of Transportation is hoping to save about 2.5-million dollars by eliminating one of the four mowings of medians and roadsides this year. Missouri Maintenance Engineer Beth Wright says the department usually mows prior to each major summer holiday and in October but will cut back this year. (play audio :28 seconds) Wright explains what the mowing schedule will be for this summer. (play audio :32 seconds) By saving the money on mowing, Wright says it should allow for about 50 miles of asphalt overlay, or about two miles of new highway construction. (play audio :16 seconds)

Dry weather in part of Missouri including the Northwest corner of the state could mean further savings as well. (play audio :23 seconds)

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