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Heat Can Lead to Pavement Blowups

(KLZA)-- With temperatures nearing 100 degrees this week, motorists should be aware that the extreme heat can cause pavement blow-ups.

A pavement blow-up occurs when the roadway surface expands at a crack or joint where moisture has seeped in. The crack weakens the pavement and the heat causes the pavement to buckle and warp.

While it is difficult to know where or when a pavement blow-up will happen, Missouri Department of Transportation crews are monitoring state routes for these blow-ups and will make repairs as soon as possible.

Motorists can report pavement blow-ups, or any other roadway concerns, by calling MoDOT's 24-hour, toll-free customer service center at 888 ASK MODOT (888-275-6636) or online at www.modot.org.

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