

MOTRAN'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

25 years ago, MOTRAN was founded by Midland and Odessa business and civic leaders to help jointly advance infrastructure and economic opportunities for communities.

At the time, one of the main topics was the potential extension of I-27 and development of an international trade corridor. Since then, a lot has happened in the world. Our communities have changed but MOTRAN has continued in those efforts.

25 years later, we are celebrating the Congressional designation of not just Interstate 27, but also Interstate 14. We have seen tremendous increases in exports along the La Entrada al Pacifico corridor.

Along the way, we have worked for over \$3 billion in additional infrastructure funding for projects benefiting the region. We have also advocated successfully for additional airline flights and rail improvements.

Whether it has been public campaigns to Fix 349 and 158, or public support for Unified Transportation Plan revisions, our success has been made possible by an active and engaged population here in the Permian Basin. The last 25 years has been a remarkable partnership with incredible dividends. We appreciate all of our partners and look forward to accomplishing even more in the future.



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2022 ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS



2022 NEWS & NOTES

DIRECT AIR SERVICE FROM MIDLAND TO AUSTIN RETURNS

Direct air service from Midland-Odessa to Austin returned in March of 2022.

The new flight is part of an effort that saw Southwest Airlines add 20 new flights per day at Austin Bergstrom International Airport. New flights will provide a total of 46 non-stop destinations for Southwest out of Austin.

The new flight coincided with the 50th Anniversary of the Texas based carrier and the airlines, first flights to Midland-Odessa 45 years ago.

This year, commercial carriers have seen a 40% increase in passenger boardings at Midland International Air and Space Port and are on track to see over 600,000 passengers making this the second best year since 2019.

Southwest has also seen a healthy increase in their market share, climbing to just over 50% of passengers.

HISTORY AND FAST FACTS ON SOUTHWEST IN MIDLAND-ODESSA

- Service to area was announced in 1976, and flights began on May 20, 1977
- Seventh city in Southwest's system
- Current cities served out of Midland: Dallas, Houston, Las Vegas, Denver
- Nine departures a day, including four to Dallas.
- Ground operations employees: 39
- Accounts for 50.6% of Midland Passengers



PERMIAN BASIN 101

This year we held a briefing for state legislative staffers ahead of the coming session to share information about the economic impact of the Permian Basin on Texas and the nation.

Dr. Perryman presented his recent economic report on the Permian Basin to the group. In addition, Senator-Elect Kevin Sparks provided his perspective as an oil and gas producer and operator. 34 legislative staffers were present representing 17 house and 11 senate members, as well as, United States Senator Cruz's office.



In addition, over the last year we have been engaged in a social media effort to help inform state and national decisions makers and key industrial and business contacts about the economic importance of the Permian Basin and the opportunities for development. During the fiscal year we reached over 1.3 million and just over 3 million views.

“One of the great challenges is making people who are not in the Permian Basin aware of what is going on here and what our needs are,” stated Evan Thomas, Chairman-Elect. “This effort has been an important step forward in our ability to effectively communicate to others the importance of our region.”

YUKON FROM MIDLAND TO ODESSA

Nearly \$62 million in work is underway along the Yukon Corridor that will now reach from Midland to Odessa. Work will be complete by the end of the year on the segments from FM 1788 to SH 191 being constructed by Midland County at a cost of just over \$6 million. In addition, the portion of Yukon through the Parks-Bell development to SH 191 will also be completed by the end of the year at a cost of nearly \$8 million being constructed by Parks-Bell.

The overpasses for Yukon at SH 191 and Loop 338 are also underway with completions scheduled for 2024 and 2023, respectively and are funded and directed by TXDOT. The Odessa Development Corporation also put \$2 million towards the development of the overpass at Loop 338 to help leverage the project.

“There is no doubt that the importance of this critical east-west corridor will grow in time,” said MOTRAN Chair Trey Crutcher. “This project has been another excellent example of MOTRAN bringing together our many partners to expedite progress for the area.”



I-14 AND I-27 COMING TO THE BASIN

In late 2021, the United States Senate adopted the designation of I-14 from Augusta, Georgia to Odessa, Texas by a vote of 100-0. This year a designation of I-27 through the Midland-Odessa area was also added as an amendment to the Omnibus Appropriations Bill.

“These projects are going to take a long time to be completed,” said MOTRAN President James Beauchamp. “But we realize there will be continued development in our area for decades to come and these projects give us the opportunity to shine light on projects we already need, as well as, to lay the groundwork to leave a better transportation system for generations who will come.”

ADDITIONAL FUNDING

This year's UTP contains approximately \$130 million in additional funding for the TXDOT Odessa District, with approximately \$40 million in additional funding for the reconstruction and expansion of Interstate 20 in both

BUILDING BETTER BORDERS

This year Governor Greg Abbott finalized approval of the final segment of the recent international road bridge expansion in Presidio and Chihuahua Governor Maria Campos recently announced funding for the Camargo – Ojinaga highway. The roadway is 153 miles long and designed to accommodate industrial traffic. The two 12-foot lanes are accompanied by 8-foot paved shoulders.

The roadway is being built for industrial specifications and includes needed overpasses at intersections for safety and efficiency.

The project also includes the complete rebuild of the existing 10 miles south of Ojinaga that connects to the Chihuahua bypass route completed in 2004. “Those first ten miles are critical to many businesses in Chihuahua in helping improve access,” stated MOTRAN President James Beauchamp.

The total project from the Presidio/Ojinaga port to Camargo is programmed at \$427 million US dollars.

“The project improves access to those Fortune 500 companies in Chihuahua, but also opens up an important gateway to the industrial areas in Camargo, Delicias, and Jimenez.”

Exports through the area have been dramatically increased via natural gas pipelines exporting Permian Basin natural gas into Mexico. Natural gas exports along the corridor have risen from 600 million cubic feet daily in 2019 to over 1.6 billion cubic feet in 2022.

AIR QUALITY IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

Earlier this year, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) posted notice of a potential designation of the Permian Basin as a non-attainment area for Ozone. MOTRAN hosted a meeting with local citizens and stakeholders, as well as, TCEQ officials to discuss the proposed notice by the EPA and its potential impacts on the area. The discussion included comments from Commissioner Bobby Janecka from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and staff from the TCEQ Air Quality Division.

State Representatives Brooks Landgraf and Tom Craddick, as well as, Senator-Elect Kevin Sparks also participated in the discussion.

Prior to the meeting, MOTRAN staff conducted air sampling throughout the Permian and found those levels to be far below the 70 parts per billion threshold denoted by the EPA, as a non-attainment area. MOTRAN subsequently shared those results with the EPA and other elected officials, following the meeting.

