

**2025 ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS**

# **MOTRAN**

**MIDLAND-ODESSA TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE, INC.**



## Remembering Fred Thomas “Tom” McMinn, Jr.



Many in our area knew Tom McMinn from his over 50 years at McMinn's furniture. We knew him as a long time board member, Treasurer, and past Chairman.

Tom was born on January 6, 1952, in Odessa. He spent most of his childhood in Abilene and San Angelo before graduating from San Angelo Central High School in 1970.

While at Texas Tech, he met his wife, Annette, to whom he was married for more than 50 years. After graduating from college, he came back to Odessa to take over the family business, McMinn's Furniture.

Tom and his wife have three daughters; Keely, Anna, and Kate, as well as eight grandchildren.

In addition to his service at MOTRAN, McMinn also served as a member and chair of the Odessa Development Corporation, Chairman of the Parish Council at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, as a board member of Holy Cross Catholic High School, and the Information and Discussion Group.

## NEW FACES

This year the MOTRAN Board is welcoming three new directors.



Garrett Clark is the facilities manager for Gulf Coast Authority in Odessa. He is a graduate of UTPB with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.



Jitendra Thakur, Ph.D., P.E., a principal with Terracon, also joins the board. He received his bachelor's degree in engineering from the Institute of Engineering in Nepal and then received his master's and doctorate degrees in civil engineering from the University of Kansas.



Ryan Bray is the Vice President of West Texas Operations for Butler-Cohen, which held the official opening of their West Texas office in Odessa this year. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in construction science.

# FINISHING LOOP 250 AND MAKING PROGRESS ON LOOP 338

After several discussions with TXDOT, we recently saw the acceleration of the final project for Loop 250, an overpass at Todd Road and the installation of main lanes. The project lets in December 2025, and when completed, will mark the culmination of years of efforts dating back to the early 1970's.

We have long held that development of completed freeway design loops in both Midland and Odessa are critical to moving people, freight, and improving safety, and made them the centerpiece of our local leveraging efforts.



TXDOT recently completed much of the initial work to accomplish this same objective in Odessa on the Northeast segment of Loop 338. This year we worked with the Odessa Development Corporation to provide additional funding to construct all of the necessary overpasses that are necessary to bring this same standard to Odessa residents.

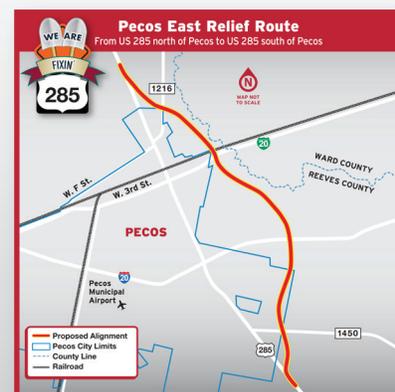
When we first devised the local leveraging program, we had concerns about allocating local funds to these projects, that should have been done long ago. But we also realized something had to be done to get the process moving again after decades of being dormant. While none of these projects will be completed overnight, we have made significant progress and we are on the right path to get there.

## OTHER SIGNIFICANT REGIONAL ROADWAY PROJECTS



In this year's UTP, we also saw the allocation of \$38 million to continue SH 302 as four lanes divided to the Ector Winkler County line. We will continue pushing for this improvement on to Kermit and ultimately US 285, north of Pecos.

The new UTP also contained funding for the US 285 Reliever Route around Pecos. Currently, there is \$194 million in funding to construct a new reliever from I-20 to US 285 north of the city on the east side. This will help improve safety and reduce travel times for those working in the Delaware Basin.



# PERMIAN BASIN/TXDOT ODESSA DISTRICT

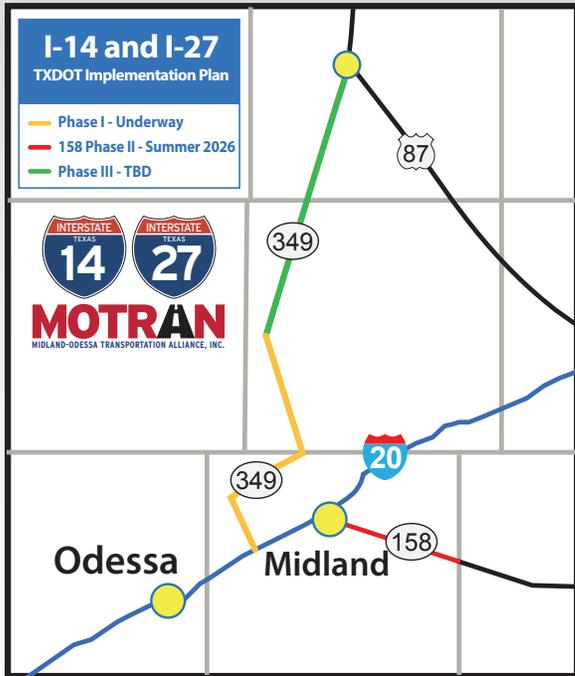
In **2024**, the **Permian Basin** accounted for **73.5%**  of all severance tax dollars generated, as well as **76%**  and **50.6%**  of oil production and gas production in the State of Texas.

In addition, the **twelve counties** of the TXDOT-Odessa District accounted for **53.4%**  of all severance in the State of Texas, as well as **55.4%**  and **32%**  of oil production and gas production

So far in **2025** (January-mid July), the **Permian Basin** accounts for

**65%** of new permits in Texas  
with **44%** of new permits in the TXDOT-Odessa District.

# I-14 AND I-27 DEVELOPMENT KICK-OFF

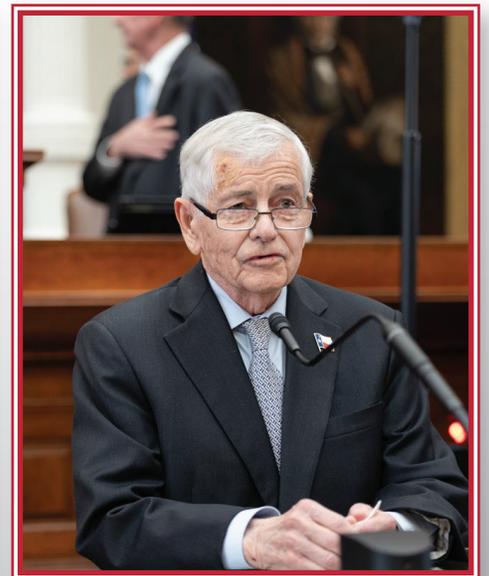
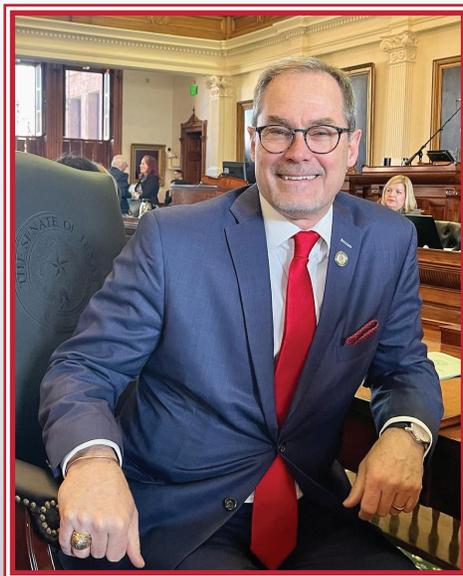
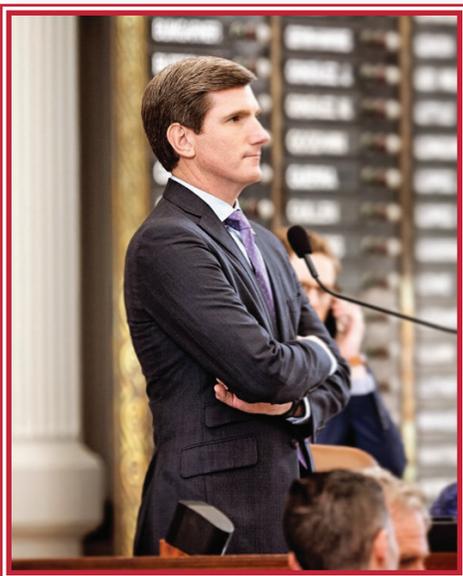


Work kicked off this year on the planning of I-14 and I-27 in the Midland-Odessa area. The first segment includes the Craddick Reliever Route (FM 1788 and SH 349) from north of Midland to I-20. The work will include design and environmental submissions for four-lane divided with the necessary right-of-way to accommodate frontage roads. In 2026 we will see this process continue with the SH 158 corridor, followed by SH 349.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The regular Texas Legislative session began in January. We were fortunate to work with our local legislators to accomplish some big wins for the area. Senator Sparks and Representative Landgraf helped us pass a bill to include representatives from the City of Odessa and Ector County to TXDOT's I-27 Advisory Committee. We also worked with Representative Craddick, who chaired the House Transportation Committee, to secure \$300 million in additional funding for off-system grade separation of rail crossings.

While we were unable to secure additional funding for the County Road Grant Program for Energy Impacted Areas, these legislators and many more from our region put up a good fight and we look forward to continuing that work in the next legislative session.



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