



SH 349 Update

SEGMENT 3 (Purple/Violet Line)

Project Limits: Martin-Dawson County Line to SH 137 in Lamesa (12.8 miles)
 Letting Date: August 2013 (Tentative)
 Estimated Completion: ?
 Estimated Cost: \$13.8 million

SEGMENT 2 (Dark Blue Line)

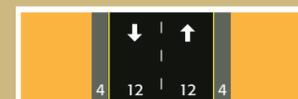
Project Limits: SH 176 to Martin-Dawson County Line (16.1 miles)
 Contract Awarded: September 2012
 Estimated Completion: August 2013
 Estimated Cost: \$13.2 million Actual Letting: \$13.77 million

The first phase of this project was let in late 2011, with construction beginning in April 2012 for \$7.37 million. The second phase was let in September 2012 at a cost of \$6.4 million.

SEGMENT 1 (Light Blue Line)

Project Limits: Midland-Martin County Line to SH 176 (16.7 miles)
 Contract Awarded: September 2012
 Estimated Completion: Early 2014
 Estimated Cost: \$15 million Actual Letting: \$15.1 million

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$42.67 million (Estimated)



SH 349 Segment Before Expansion



SH 349 Segment After Expansion

Thanks Go to the Following Entities for Their Financial Support of the Expansion of State Highway 349 Between Midland and Lamesa

Motor MPO
 (Includes Cities of Midland and Odessa, Ector and Midland Counties)

Midland Development Corporation
 Midland County
 Lamesa Development Corporation

City of Lamesa
 Dawson County
 Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance

Special thanks goes to
 Jami Owen and her family for their support of this project.



Chairman's Remarks



Tom McMinn
 MOTRAN Chairman
 (2011-2012)

There is a lot of ENERGY in the Permian Basin. And I'm not just talking about the 1 million barrels of crude oil produced daily in our area. New residents, new houses, new students, and new customers for local businesses have been a tremendous boost to our economy.

However, that increased activity has also brought some challenges. Midland-Odessa and the entire Permian Basin have seen the strain recent growth has put on our roads and highways, and nowhere is it more evident than in the increased traffic crashes and fatalities.

West Texas has never been a place for the faint of heart, but it is a place of incredible opportunity for those who are willing to work hard and face challenges head on. MOTRAN is doing just that.

Our efforts to 'FIX 349' and fund for other regionally significant projects are paying off. We've had a lot of successes this year that you probably never heard about, but that's okay, because our board and staff aren't here to build an organization or even a specific road.

We're here to build a better community. And as always, we have our work cut out for us. With the help of our business members and founding partners, we will continue to go after the funding necessary to improve and expand our transportation network for the entire region.

In the meantime, we have launched our Drive SMART campaign, aimed at increasing driver awareness and reducing the tremendous number of unnecessary crashes and fatalities in our area.

It has been an honor and pleasure to lead MOTRAN this year, but there is still a lot of work left to do. I hope you will consider joining us to help pave the way to a better future!



The WHY Behind Drive SMART

50.5% of fatal crashes in the Permian Basin involve a single vehicle. Many of these crashes and fatalities can be easily avoided if drivers will increase their awareness behind the wheel.

- 35% of fatal crashes in the Permian Basin involve the failure to stop or yield at an intersection. Reduce your chances of being in a crash by paying additional attention at intersections to both your own actions and the actions of other drivers around you.

- Be sure to allow enough room between your vehicle and others around you to prevent collisions in case of sudden stops. And remember, it is better to be stuck behind slower-moving traffic than to take chances by passing in unsafe areas.

- Wearing your seat belt improves your chances of surviving a crash by 50%.

- Roadway departures account for 44% of area fatalities. No call or text is important enough for you to risk your life by taking your eyes off the road.



We're Fixin' SH 158 Too!

SH 158 was a hot topic during the August TXDOT Energy Task Force meeting hosted by MOTRAN in the Midland-Odessa area.

State Representatives Craddick and Darby, Glasscock County Judge Kim Halfmann, and MOTRAN officials all made mention of the increased traffic and accidents on the roadway. During the past year officials with both the Midland and San Angelo School Districts had also instructed school buses to use alternative routes for school events due to increases in crashes and traffic.

After the August meeting, MOTRAN worked with Congressman Mike Conaway to identify nearly a million dollars in unexpended federal demonstration projects for the SH 158 improvements.

In response to public input and support of these improvements, the Texas Transportation Commission voted in October to revise its Unified Transportation Plan to expand SH 158 to four lanes from the Midland/Glasscock County Line to Garden City.

The announcement means that in the near future drivers will benefit from a four-lane highway all the way from Midland to Garden City. Incoming MOTRAN Chairman J. D. Faircloth said, "This is a tremendous accomplishment for the Permian Basin. While our goal remains to provide a four-lane roadway all the way from Midland-Odessa to Sterling City, this is a huge step forward. We appreciate the efforts of Congressman Mike Conaway, Representatives Tom Craddick and Drew Darby, and ultimately, the support of TXDOT and the Transportation Commission."

CRASHES ON SH 158 BETWEEN MIDLAND AND STERLING CITY

YEAR	FATALITIES	SERIOUS INJURIES	OTHER INJURIES	NON-INJURY	TOTAL
2010	0	3	10	33	46
2011	1	3	17	42	63
2012	2	2	15	36	55



AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC COUNT INCREASE FROM 2009 TO 2011

Midland County Segment	2009 ADT = 4,550	2011 ADT = 6,425	Increase of 41%
Midland/Glasscock County Line to Garden City	2009 ADT = 3,080	2011 ADT = 5,700	Increase of 85%
Garden City to US 87 in Sterling County	2009 ADT = 2,300	2011 ADT = 3,200	Increase of 39%