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## --- MEDIA ADVISORY ---

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### **TXDOT TO ANNOUNCE NEW EFFORT TO ENHANCE SAFETY ON ROADWAYS IN TOWNS WHERE OIL AND ENERGY INDUSTRY IS BOOMING**

*Increased traffic has brought increase in crashes and fatalities*

**WHEN:** Friday, March 1 at 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** Midland County Auxiliary Courtroom  
500 N. Lorraine Street  
Midland, TX 79701

**MEDIA:** Opportunity to interview Mike McAnally, TxDOT Odessa District Engineer; Luke Legate, Texas Oil and Gas Joint Association Education Initiative; Carey Matthews, Texas Department of Public Safety, Regional Commander, Region 4; and Judge Susan Redford, Ector County

**AUSTIN** — The Texas Department of Transportation, the Texas Department of Public Safety and oil and gas industry officials will gather on Friday (March 1) to announce a public education campaign urging motorists to drive cautiously in high-traffic oil and gas production areas.

While the increase in oil and gas activity in the Permian Basin has created new economic opportunities, it also has put more vehicles on the region's roadways, creating new hazards for drivers who might not be used to the additional traffic. Preliminary TxDOT crash reports indicate the Permian Basin energy sector saw a 27 percent increase in roadway fatalities over the previous year.

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