## COUNTY OF GAINES

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FROM: Cindy Therwhanger, Gaines County Judge

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SUBJECT: Updates from TxDOT - Traffic Studies

On August 13, 2024, Sheriff Ronny Pipkin, EOC Director Robert Barrett and I met with representatives with TxDOT to review the results of traffic studies. Speed Zone studies did show a need to slow traffic down prior to entering the city on US 385 (north and south), Hwy 180 (east and west), and FM 181. TxDOT will continue to work through the details and return with more details along with speed zone maps for the County to review.

In addition, an intersection study was conducted at FM 1788 and US Hwy 385 South. This study did warrant the need for a traffic light and meets the criteria for a signal. Funding for this is estimated at 1.5 million from TxDOT. With the amount of large trucks and traffic, TxDOT would like to concrete the intersection. Due to the funding requirements, this project will not begin immediately but it will be added to TxDOT's list of projects for Gaines County.

TxDOT is continuing to work on signage for the intersections previously designated as dangerous.

We are thankful for the coordination of entities working together with TxDOT. Together, we can enhance the safety for our citizens.

If you have any questions on these projects, please call our office at 432-758-4621.