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PERMIAN BASIN PETROLEUM MUSEUM BEGINS \$18 MILLION DOLLAR RENOVATION

The Museum will continue to operate during the renovation

Midland, Texas —The long awaited \$18 million dollar renovation has officially begun at the Petroleum Museum! Although there are several changes occurring, some things will stay the same. Educational Programs, Facility Rentals and the Museum Store will continue to operate as normal. During the renovation process, these departments will be the driving force of the Museum's public face due to the temporary closing of the North and East wings to the public.

"We are thrilled to be moving forward on this project. Our quality programs will continue throughout the renovation and we look forward to offering our community not only the highest quality programs, but also an exceptional museum." said Kathy Shannon, Executive Director of the Petroleum Museum.

To live up to our name for the next several months, we are developing a temporary petroleum exhibit in the front portion of the Mineral Gallery to accommodate school tours and museum visitors. Admission rates will reflect the inaccessibility to the North and East wings by dropping to the following prices:

Adults and Senior Citizens: \$5.00
Students: \$3.00
Children 5 and under: Free
Museum Members: Free

The Museum extends a special thank you to Midland County for generously offering temporary office space at Midland's Downtown Library. Half of the Museum's staff will office in the 2nd floor of the Library until the Museum's offices are completed. To reach staff at the Library, please call 432-742-7460.

As we work for an even better Museum experience, we will be working hard to continue our great programs, tours and experiences for our community and beyond. You can't stop us from telling the petroleum and energy story and its impact on our lives!

About the Petroleum Museum

The Permian Basin Petroleum Museum is dedicated to sharing the petroleum and energy story and its impact on our lives. Through education, technology, and community leadership, the Petroleum Museum continues to serve the Permian Basin community as an evolving resource for the petroleum industry and honors the individuals that have helped create its rich history. The Museum has expanded its offering to include one of the state's

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largest mineral galleries as well as the Transportation Wing, featuring the world-renowned Chaparral Gallery.

For more information, please call (432) 683-4403 or visit the Museum's website at www.petroleummuseum.org.

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