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Walker said board action would be needed by as early as the February meeting to approve an amendment to the MPO's budget to move the money into funding a private study.

Robert Stephens, Midland-Odessa Urban Transit District general manager and MPO policy board member, said the study is "a long time coming in doing transit planning."

"The system is very young; it's only been around

Plains All American expands into Permian Basin

■ Company to buy pipeline system from Concho, Energy Spectrum Capital

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

Houston-based Plains All American oil pipeline giant is buying big into the resurgent Permian Basin through new pipeline acquisitions and expansions.

Plains said Tuesday it will buy the Alpha Crude Connector pipeline gathering and storage system for \$1.2 billion from Midland-based Concho Resources and Dallas private-equity firm Energy Spectrum Capital.

Plains also said it will expand its existing BridgeTex and Cactus pipeline systems in West Texas.

The Alpha Crude Connector system was built primarily in southeastern New Mexico and completed in late 2015 by Concho and Frontier Energy Services, a company owned by Energy Spectrum. The companies put it up for sale late last year as activity picked up in the resilient Permian, particularly in the Delaware Basin portion.

The Permian — primarily in West Texas and extending into New Mexico — is now home to more than half of the

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