

# Highways Get Cargo To and From Freight Rail

TEXAS RAIL  
SYSTEM MAP

Polk County Judge  
John P. Thompson's  
Presentation @  
Texas Good Roads  
July 8, 2014

US 190/I-14/Gulf  
Coast System

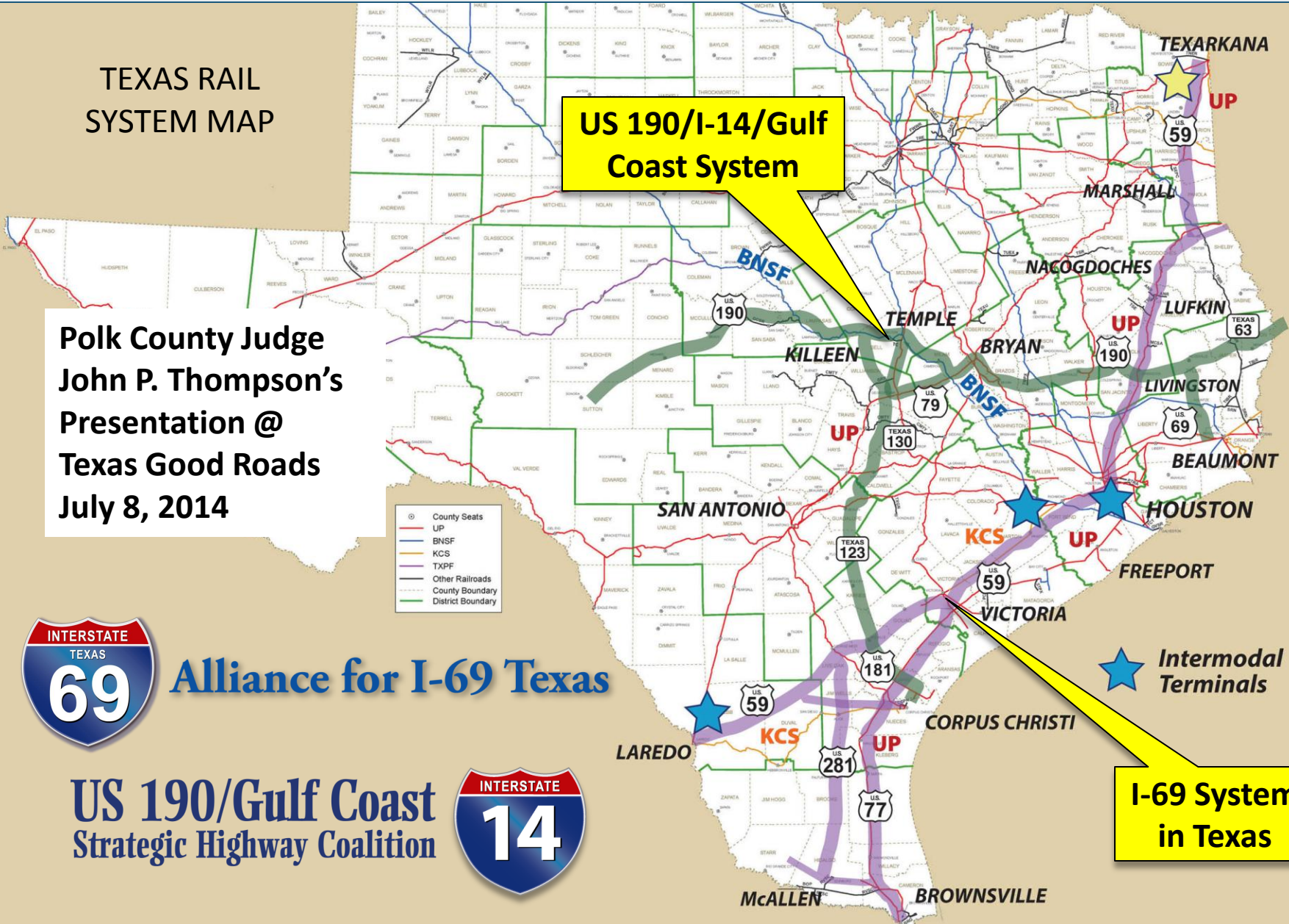
I-69 System  
in Texas

- County Seats
- UP
- BNSF
- KCS
- TXPF
- Other Railroads
- County Boundary
- District Boundary



Alliance for I-69 Texas

US 190/Gulf Coast  
Strategic Highway Coalition





## Alliance for I-69 Texas

***Building Interstate 69  
As A Series of  
Upgrade Projects***





# *20-Years of I-69 Advocacy*



- The Alliance for I-69 Texas was formed in 1993 by elected officials and economic development organizations
- All segments of route represented in Alliance
- Have an executive director plus Washington and State Capitol representation
- Persistence has helped build support from lawmakers, governor, Transportation Commission and local communities

# The I-69 System in Texas



- 1,076 system miles including I-69E, I-69C, I-69W, I-369 and I-2
- One-third of Texas population lives in the 35 counties on the I-69 Routes
- Already a very important freight corridor and connecting route
- Includes some long rural sections through low population areas
- Connects population centers, seaports, distribution points, and border ports of entry
  - Houston Metro – 6.4 million
  - RG Valley & Laredo – 2.1 million
  - Mexico Rio Grande – 1.7 million
  - Corpus Christi Metro – 427,000
  - Texarkana Metro – 144,000
  - Victoria Metro – 122,000

# Signed Sections

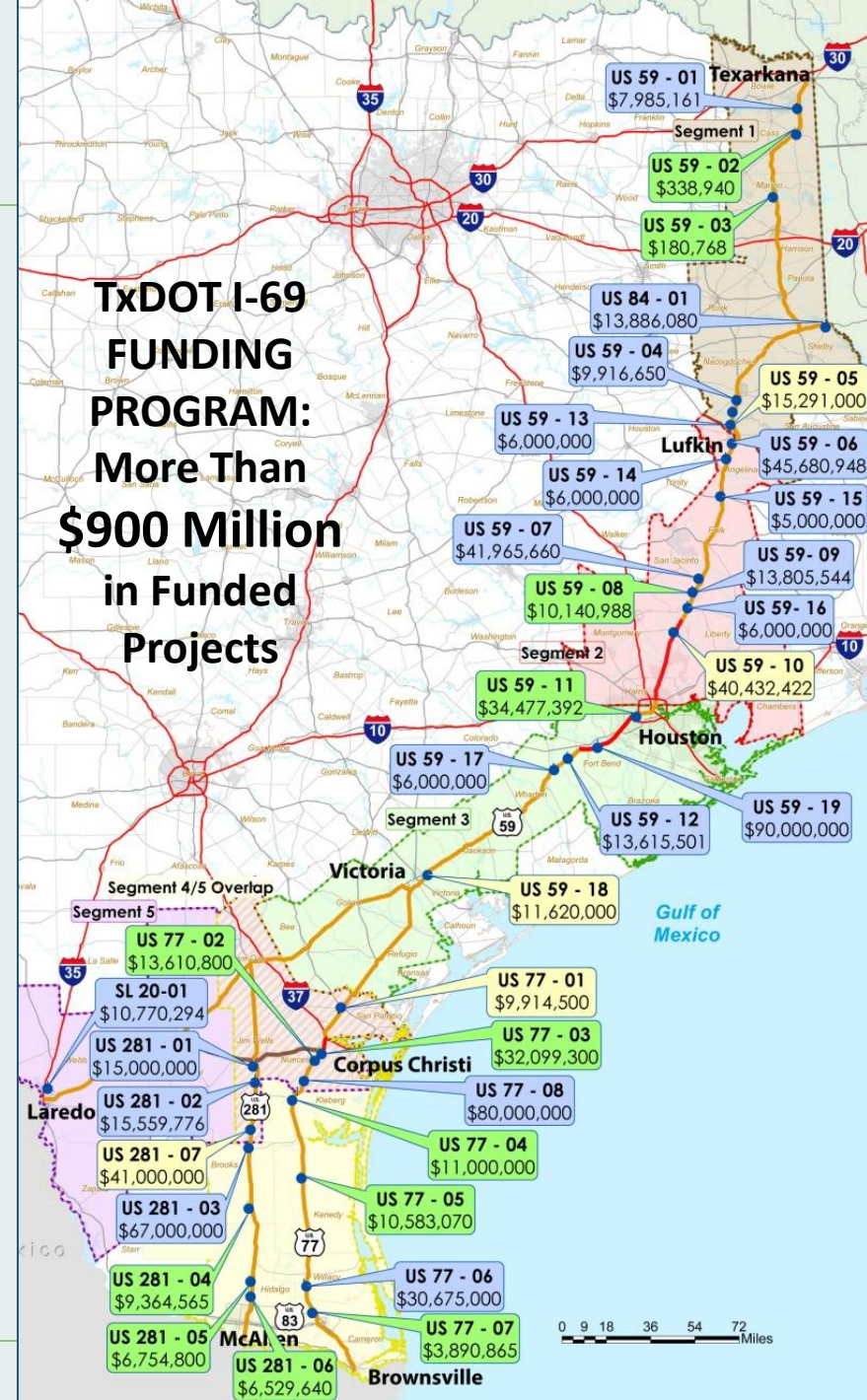
- Signed Miles
  - Rio Grande Valley – 114 (including I-2 connector)
  - Corpus Christi – 6
  - Houston Area – 63
  - Texarkana – 3.5
  - Laredo – 1.4
  - TOTAL – 188 MILES
- About 50 more miles are at freeway standard
  - 11 miles in Houston under review for addition to the Interstate Highway System
  - Coming – sections in Brooks, Kleberg & Nueces Counties in South Texas





# I-69 Funding Program

- I-69 in Texas is being developed as a series of incremental upgrades to existing highways – US 59, US 77, US 281, US 84
- 37 projects scheduled for funding by Texas DOT
- Texas is facing a major shortfall in highway funding
- Texas will need to continue the I-69 upgrade program and increased transportation funding will be needed to ultimately string smaller projects together



# *Milestones: First I-69 Section Signed (2011)*





# 2013: Sugar Land Signing Ceremony





# 2013: I-69E/I-2 Ceremony in Harlingen





# 2013: I-69C/I-2 Ceremony in Pharr





# Texarkana Signing Ceremony – Sept. 2013



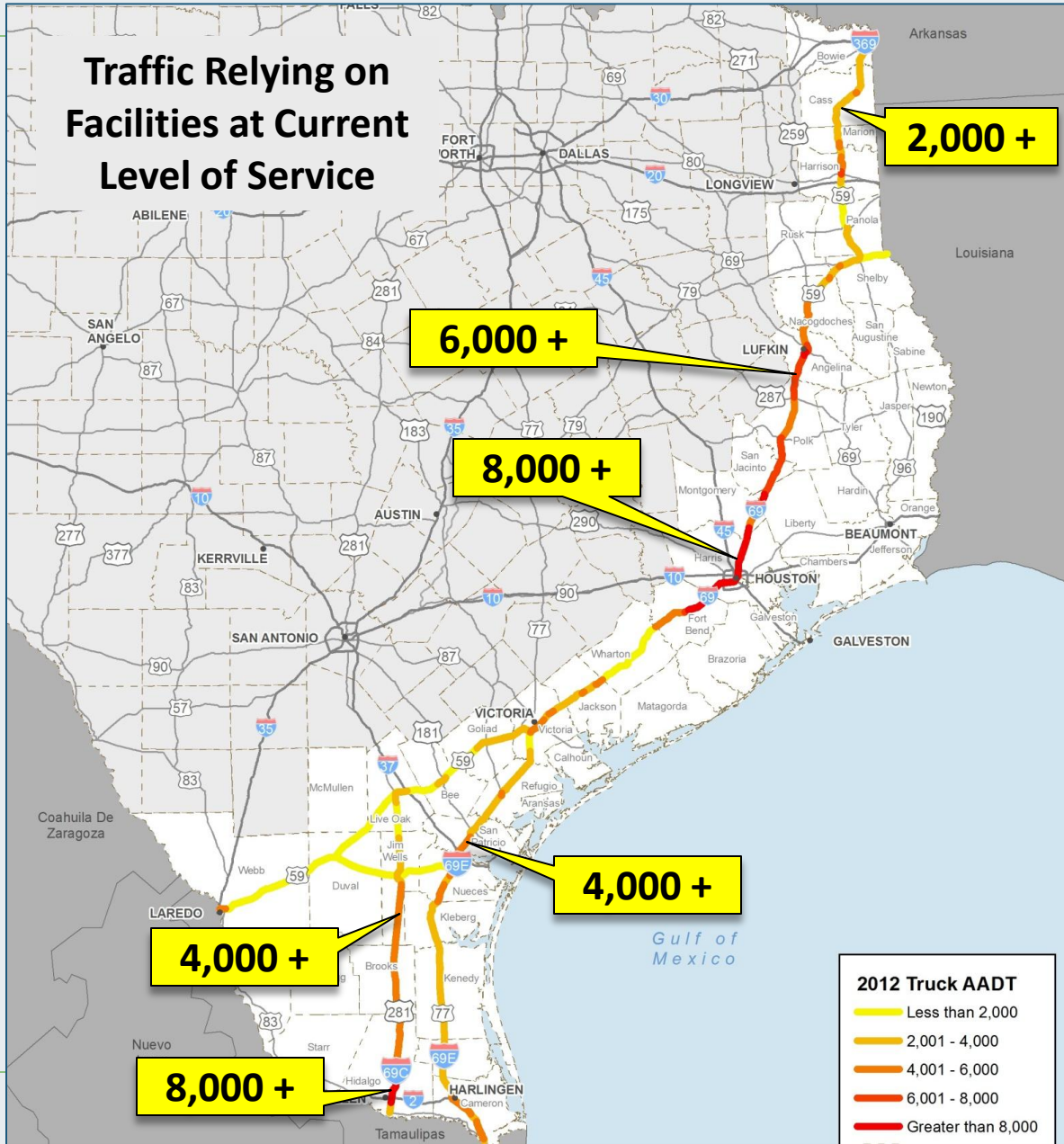


# I-69W at Laredo Designated – June 2014



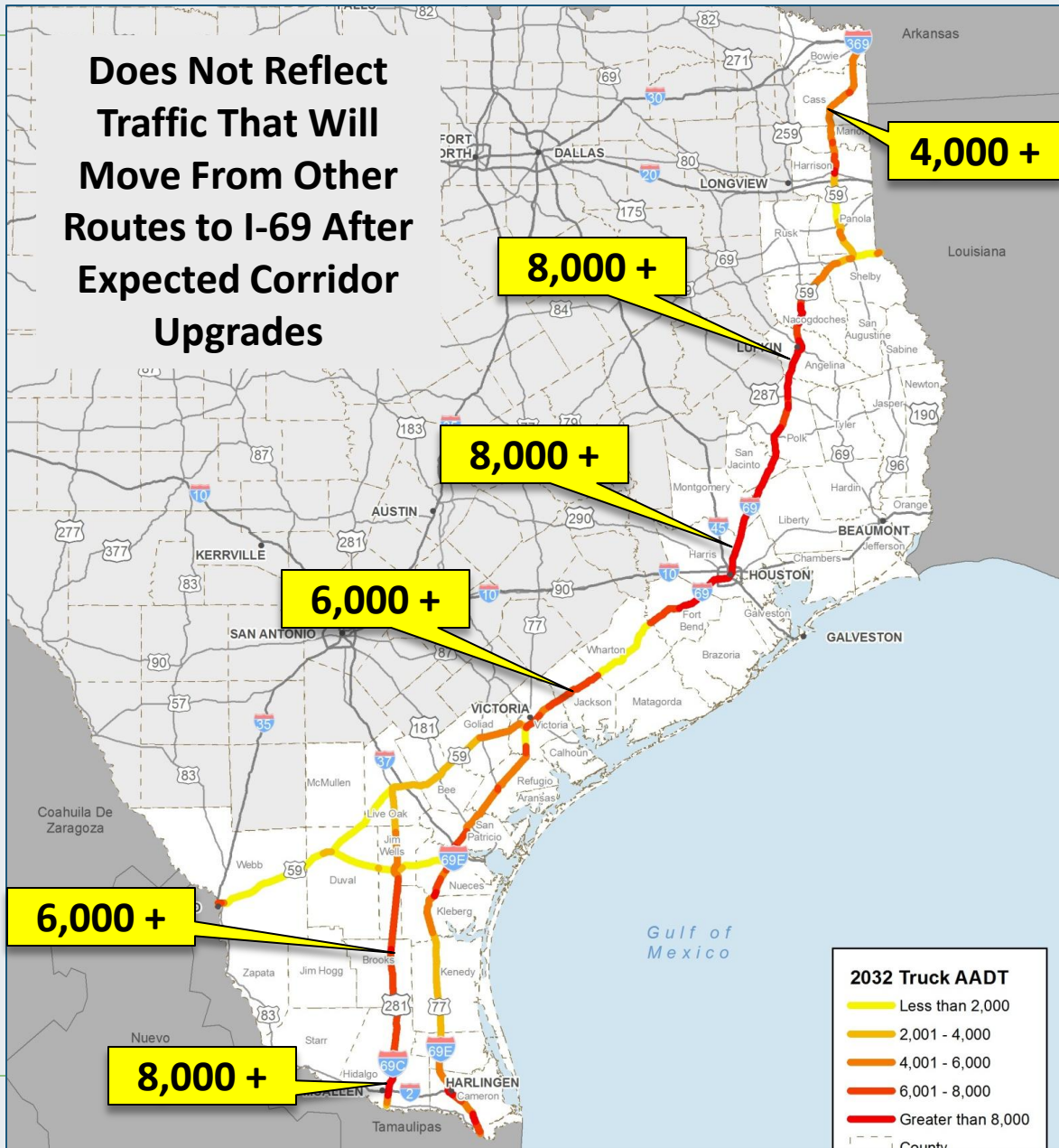


# 2012 Average Daily Truck Counts



# Projected 2032 Average Daily Truck Counts

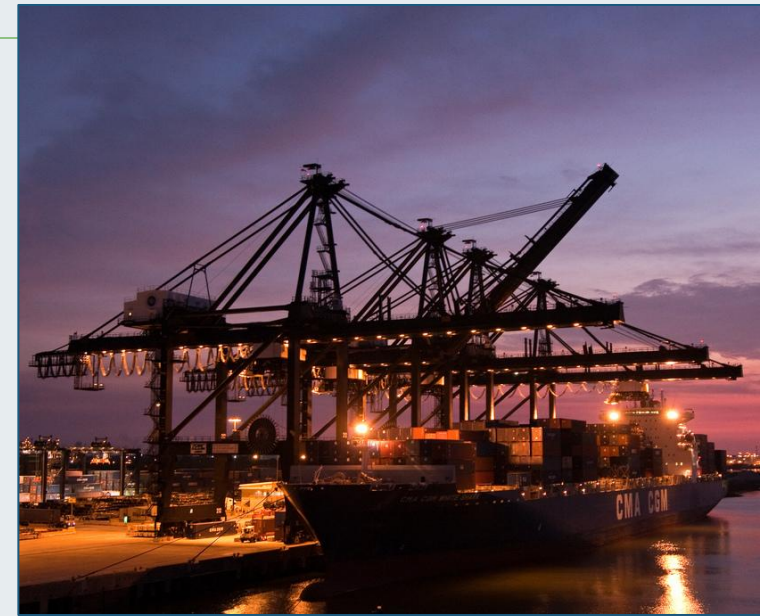
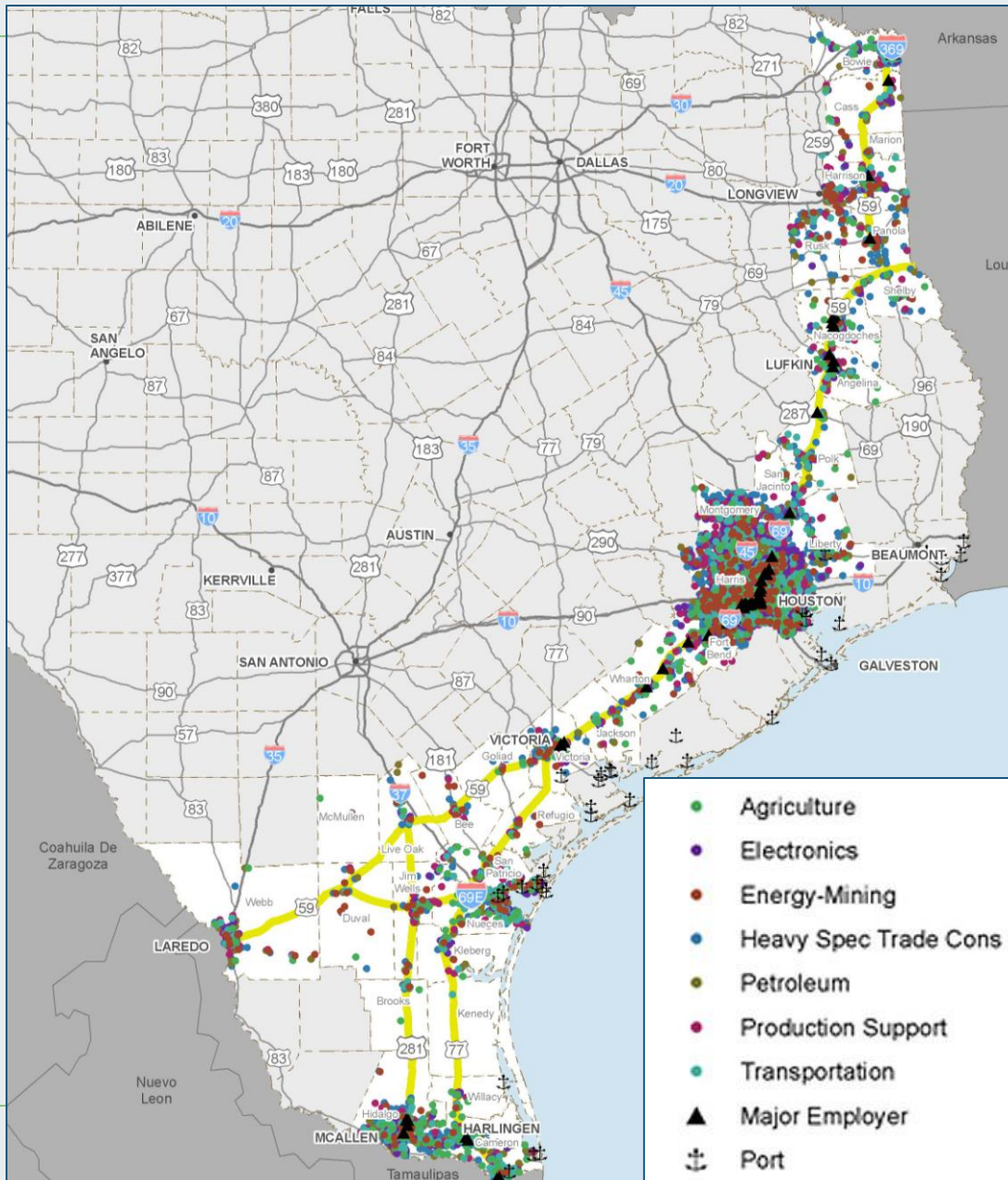
**Does Not Reflect Traffic That Will Move From Other Routes to I-69 After Expected Corridor Upgrades**



- TxDOT projects that average daily traffic will increase by 50% or more throughout the corridor by 2032.
- The majority of the route will be carrying more than 6,000 trucks a day by that year.
- Parts of the route currently not meeting interstate standards will be carrying interstate-level freight volumes.

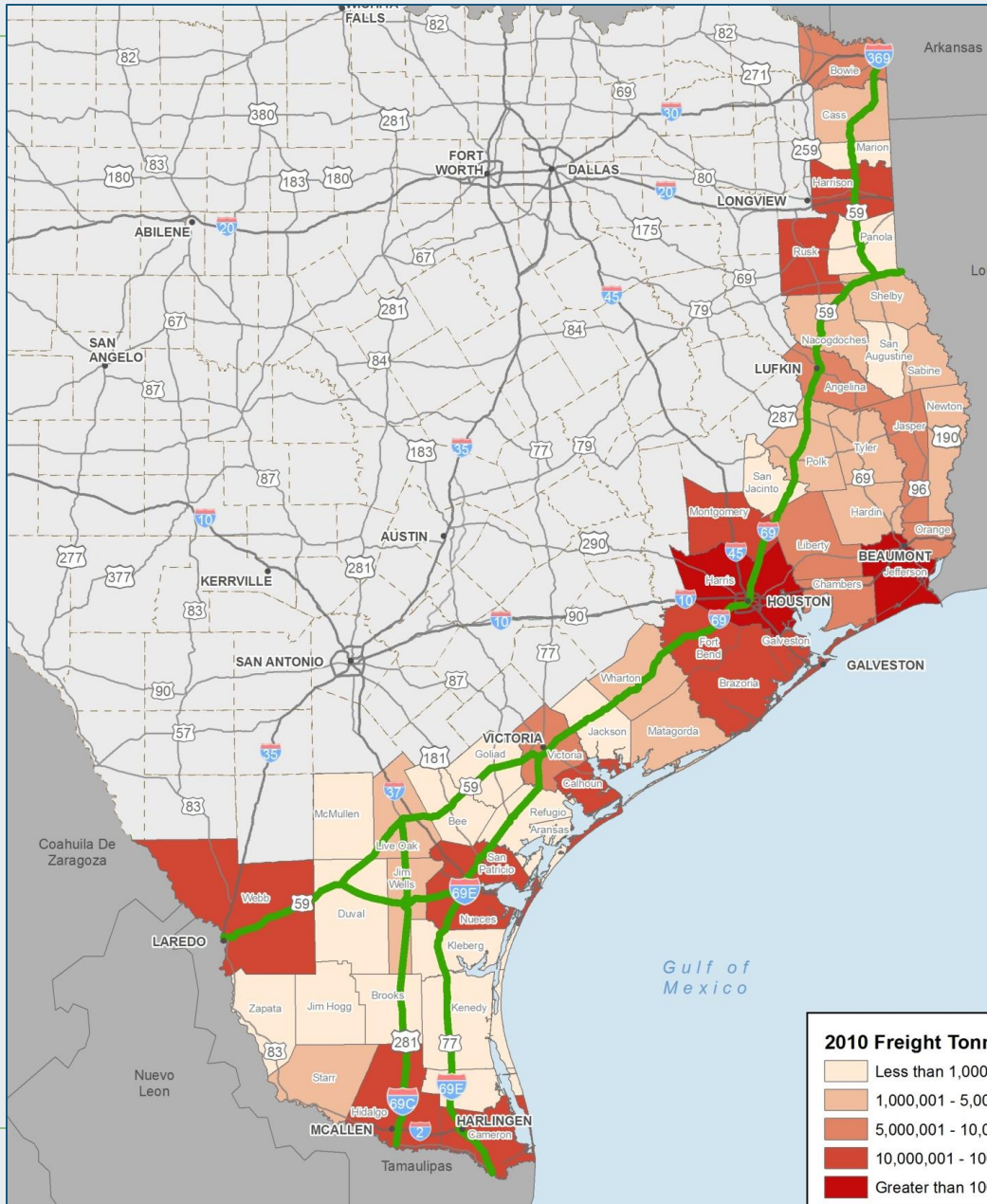


# Freight Generators in I-69 Counties Today





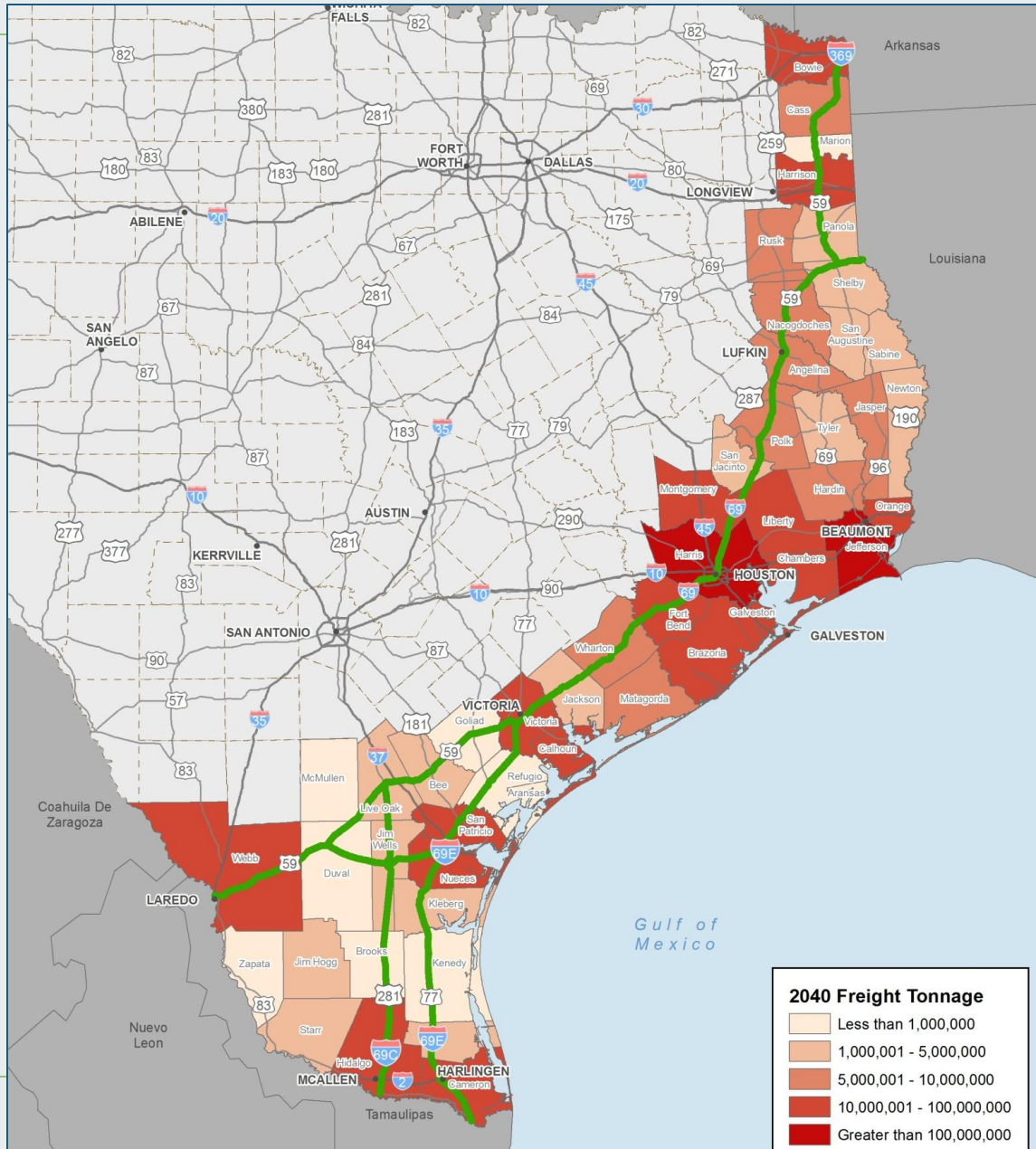
# 2010 Combined Freight Tonnage by County



TxDOT data shows significant total freight tonnage along I-69, particularly in the Laredo, McAllen, Brownsville, Corpus Christi and Houston areas.

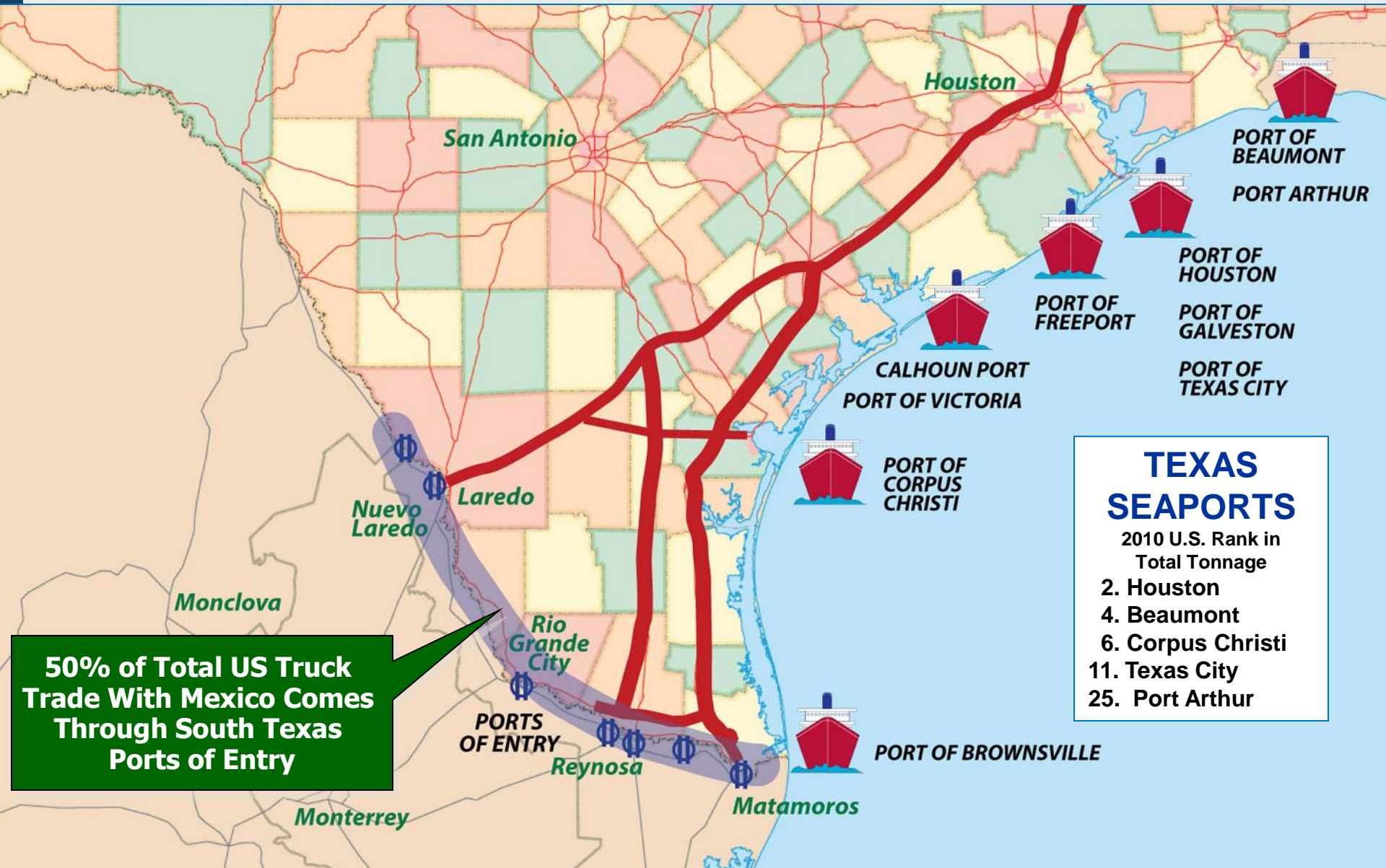


# Projected 2040 Combined Freight Tonnage



TxDOT projects freight tonnage to grow significantly throughout the corridor by 2040.

# Serving Texas Ports – Land and Sea





# I-69: A National Freight Corridor





# Setting the Stage for a New East-West Interstate Highway Starting in Texas

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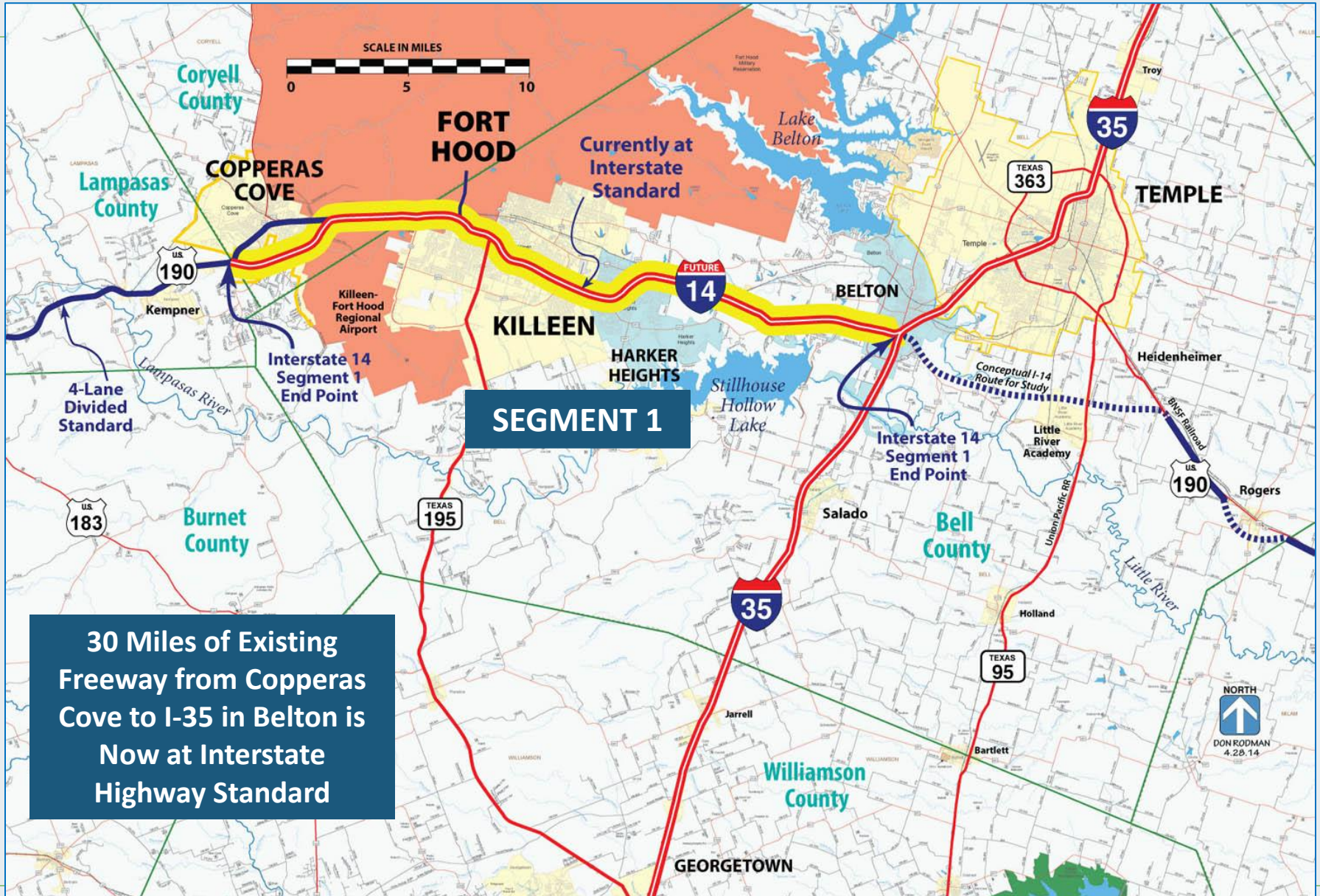


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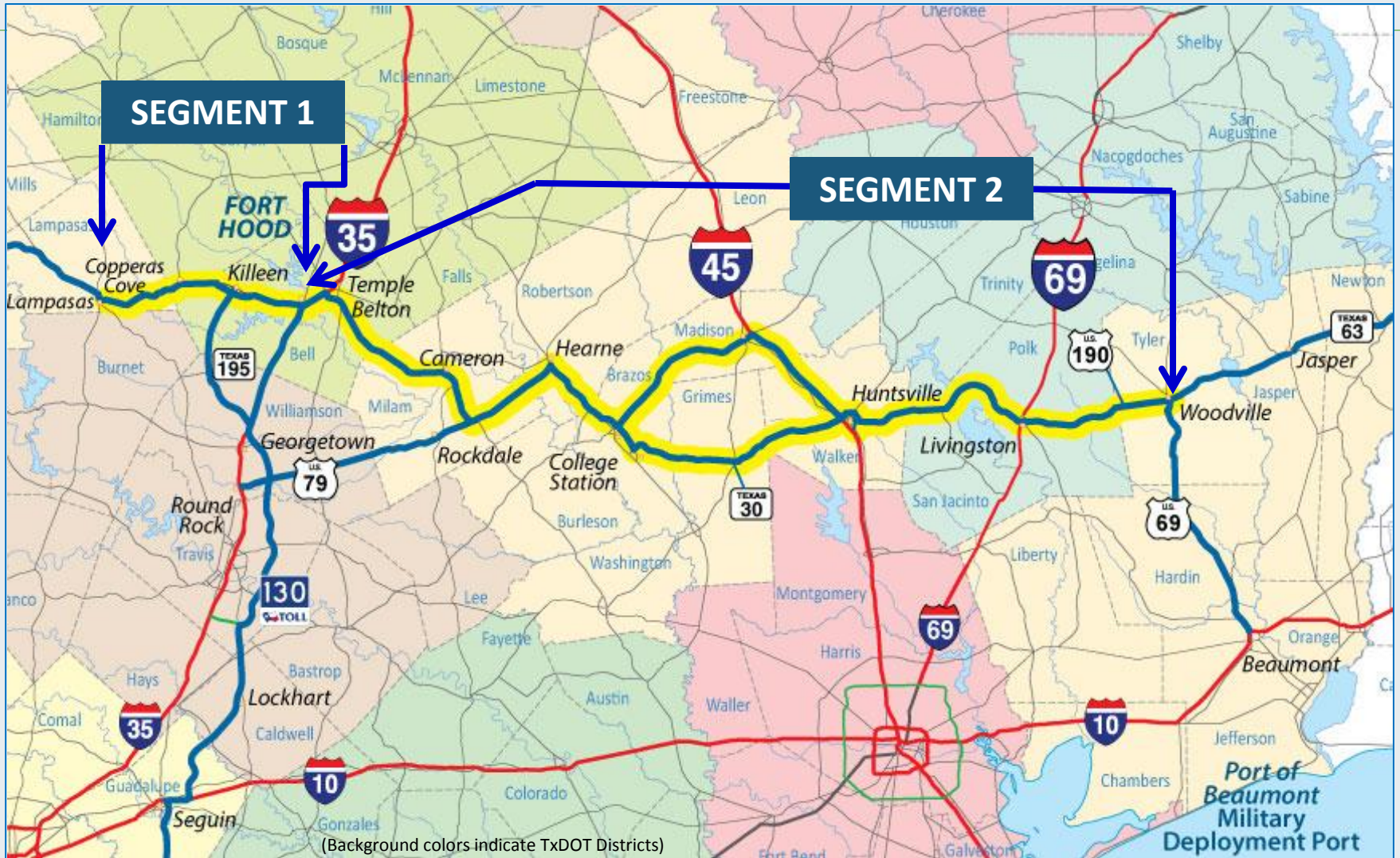


# Interstate 14 Can Begin Here





# 2<sup>nd</sup> Leg of I-14: Belton to Woodville

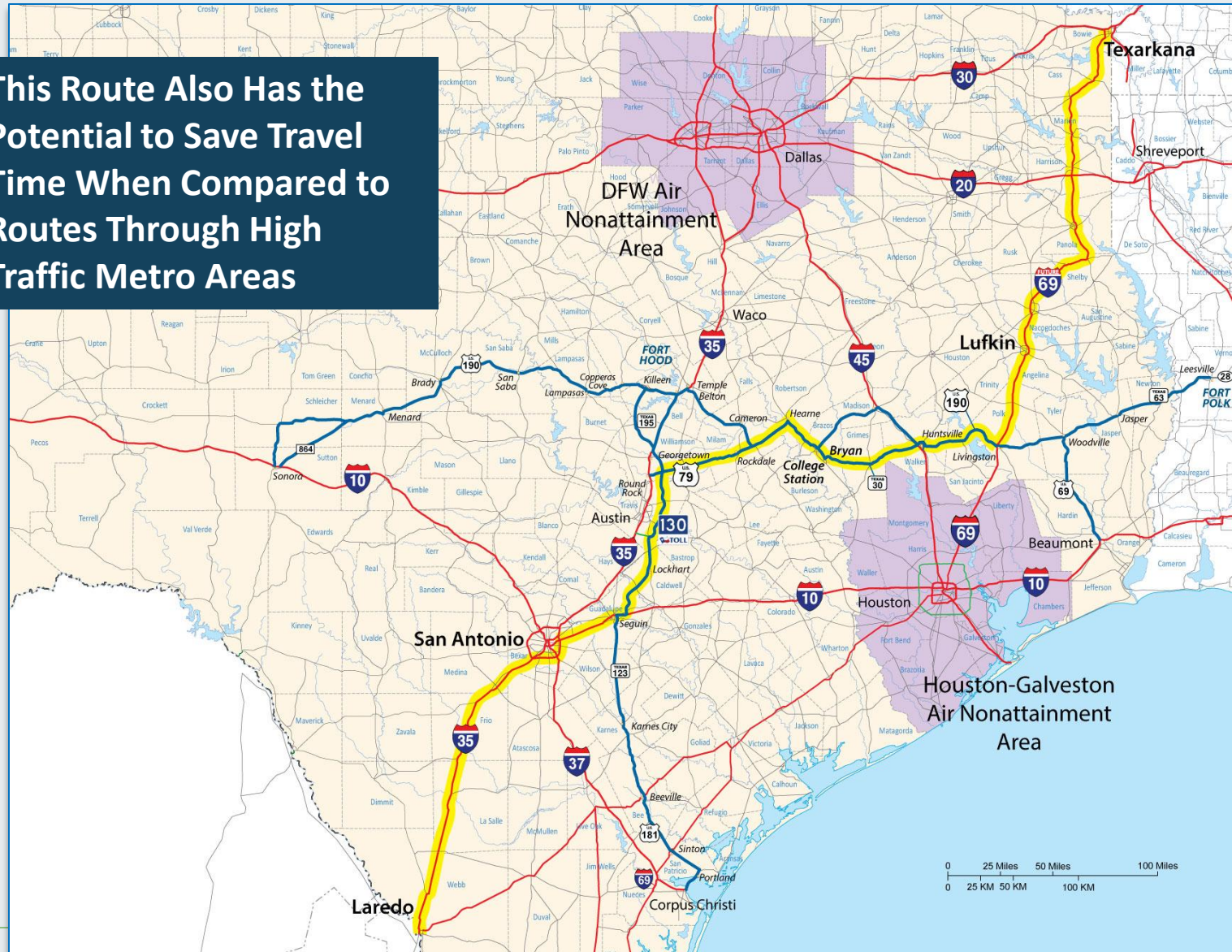


**Route Links 3 North-South Interstates: I-35, I-45 & I-69**



# Would Provide a Route Across Texas Outside Federal Air Quality Non-Attainment Areas

This Route Also Has the Potential to Save Travel Time When Compared to Routes Through High Traffic Metro Areas



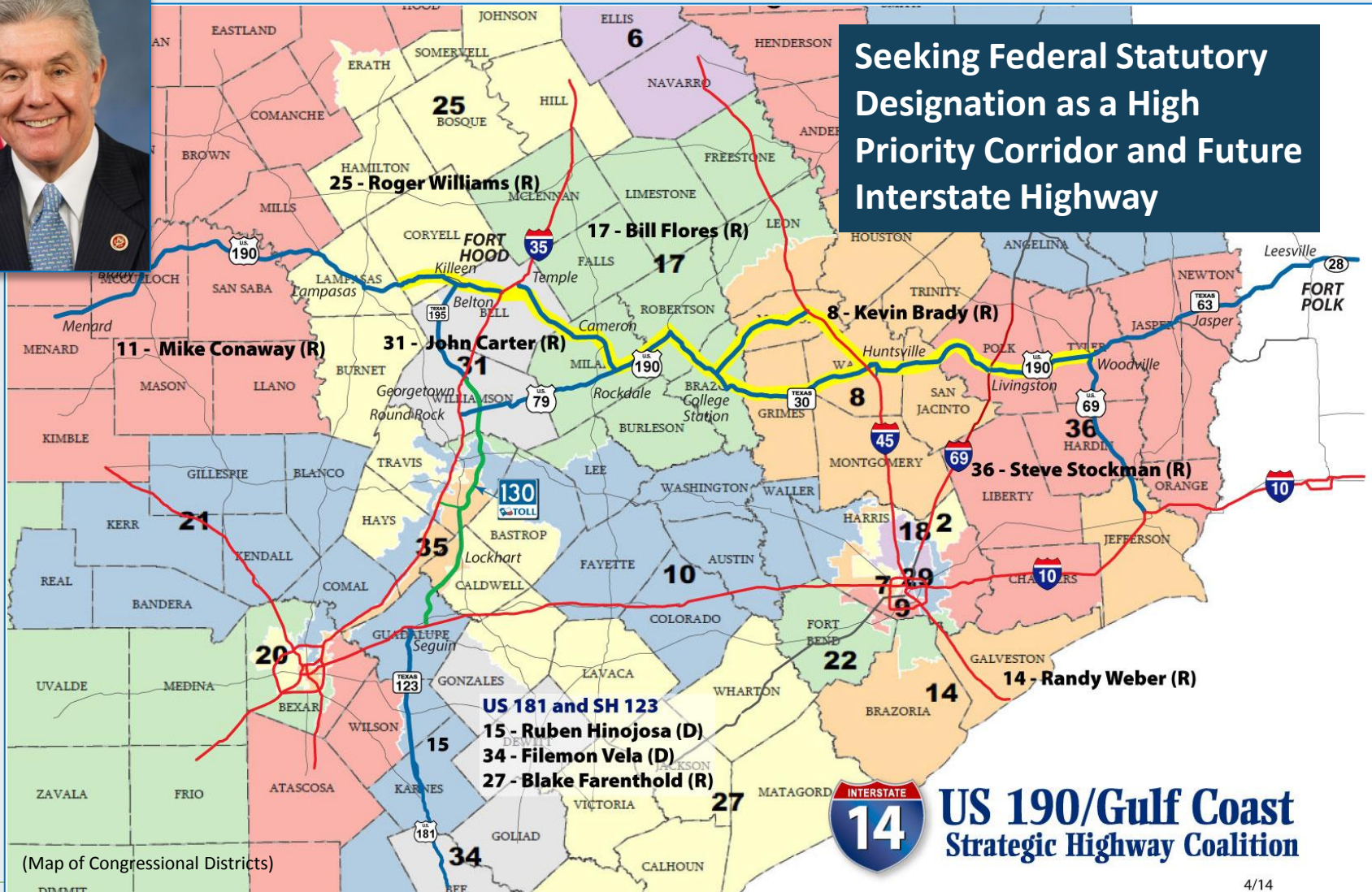


# Congressman Roger Williams to Lead Effort For Congressional Authorization

(As Was Done For I-69 in the 1990s)



Seeking Federal Statutory Designation as a High Priority Corridor and Future Interstate Highway





# *Letters and Resolutions of Support*

**Texas A&M University System  
Hart of Texas Defense Alliance**

**City of Killeen**

**Killeen Economic Development Corp.**

**Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce**

**Copperas Cove Economic Development**

**Corp.**

**Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce**

**Belton Economic Development Corp.**

**Belton Chamber of Commerce**

**Coastal Bend COG**

(The following are expected)

**City of Copperas Cove**

**City of Harker Heights**

**City of Belton**

**Congressman Roger Williams**

**Congressman John Carter**



**THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**

Office of the Chancellor

October 18, 2013

Mr. Phil Wilson  
Executive Director  
Texas Department of Transportation  
125 East 11th Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

Subject: Addition of a portion of US 190 to the Interstate Highway System

Dear Mr. Wilson,

On behalf of the Texas A&M University System, I am writing to thank the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the progress being made on highway projects along the approximately 30 miles of US 190 that link I-35 to our newest campus of Texas A&M University-Central Texas.

On August 26, 2010, Texas A&M University-Central Texas broke ground on our first building housed on 662 acres of land transferred from the US Army to the Texas A&M University System. That 100,000 square foot multi-purpose building opened in September of 2012.

Our second building, a \$50 million 125,000 square foot facility, will be completed in April 2014 and will open for the 2014 fall semester. The second building will be home to our Library, Counseling Center, Career Services, College of Education, Social Work Program, Distributed Learning and Instructional Technology, and will provide additional classroom and laboratory space. It will support university growth to more than 4,000 students.

The Texas A&M University System requests that TxDOT take the next step on US 190 improvements that will require only minimal additional funding but one that will assure our faculty, students and their families that our Central Texas campus is served by a safe linkage between the campus and Interstate 35. We would ask that TxDOT take the steps necessary to add the section of US 190 from Interstate 35 to Copperas Cove to the Interstate Highway System.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

John Sharp  
Chancellor

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# Total \$477 Million in Funded Texas Projects

## FUNDED PROJECTS

Highway	Description	From	To
US 190	1 Roadway Rework	US 377	San Saba CL
US 190	2 Frontage Rds	Lampasas CL	Clarke Rd
US 190	3 Resurface	Lampasas CL	Copperas Cove
US 190	4 New Lanes	Main Gate	WS Young
US 190	5 New Lanes	WS Young	FM 2410
US 190	6 New Lanes	FM 2470	FM 2410
US 190	7 Add Passing Lanes	Bell CL	1.7 W of FM 486
US 190	8 Add Passing Lanes	1.7 W FM 486	Cameron CL
US 190	9 Repair Roadway	US 79	CR 231
US 190	10 Replace Bridge	Little Brazos River	FM 2918
SH 6	11 Intersection Improve	FM 159	Loop 160
US 190	12 Repair Roadway	FM 2955	Loop 160
SH 30	13 Interchange	SH 30 at	FM 244
SH 30	14 Overpass	FM 1791	Huntsville
SH 19	15 Add Lanes	SH 30 N	I-45
SH 19	16 Safety Barriers	FM 425	SH 30
US 190	17 Replace Bridge	at Neches River	Relief
US 190	18 Replace Bridge	Neches River	Relief
US 79	19 Resurface	Tradesman Park	Harrell Pkwy
US 89	20 Repair Roadway	SH 326	SH 327
US 89	21 Repair Roadway	US 96 to	Jefferson CL
US 89	22 Resurface	Frontage Rds	Delaware St
US 89	23 Freeway Ramps	Dowlen	Lucas Dr
US 89	24 Freeway Ramps	Lucas Dr	I-10
SH 195	25 New Lanes	SH 138	3.4 South
US 195	26 New Lanes	3.4 S of SH 138	5.2 S of SH 138
SH 195	27 New Lanes	5.2 S SH 138	8.1 S of SH 138
US 195	28 New Lanes	8.1 S SH 138	9.2 S of SH 138
SH 195	29 New Lanes	9.2 S SH 138	Tr 135
SH 123	30 Widen Roadway	Wilson CL	Stockdale
SH 123	31 Widen Roadway	SH 80	Wilson CL
SH 123	32 Repair Roadway	Cibolo Ck Bridge	Wilson CL
US 181	33 New Lanes	Bee CL	S of Kennedy
US 181	34 Add Passing Lanes	Karnes CL	FM 1465
US 181	35 Add Passing Lanes	FM 1465	B 101 Beeville
US 181	36 Resurface	Bee CL	SH 89
US 181	37 Roadway Repair	Moore Ave	Turnaround

Total Funded Projects - \$477 Million

## UNFUNDED PROJECTS

Highway	Description	From	To
US 190	38 Widen to 4-lane divided	Copperas Cove	Lampasas CL
US 190	39 Copperas Cove Relief R	FM 2657	FM 2657
US 190	40 Reconstruct Intersection	SP 172 Interchange	
US 190	41 Upgrade Interchange	SH 195	
US 190	42 Add freeway lanes	FM 2410	Nola Ruth-HH
US 190	43 Add freeway lanes	Nola Ruth	I-35
US 190	44 East Extension (2 lanes)	I-35	SH 26190 East
US 190	45 4-lane 8-ft overpass	Bell CL	2 E Bell CL
US 190	46 4-lane divided rural	1.7 W FM 486	2 E Bell CL
US 190	47 4-lane divided rural	US 77	1.7 W FM 486
US 190	48 Widen to 4-lane divided	US 77	US 79
US 190	49 Milano Relief Route	SH 36	2.7 E SH 36
US 190	50 Widen to 4-lane divided	2.7 E SH 36	Robertson CL
US 190	51 Widen to 4-lane divided	Milam CL	FM 50
US 190	52 Hearne Relief Route	SH 6	US 19079 to west
US 190	53 Widen to 4-lane divided	Navasota River	FM 39
US 190	54 Widen to 4-lane divided	SH 36	3.1 miles to east
US 190	55 Widen to 4-lane divided	3 E FM 39	Madisonville CL
US 190	56 Widen to 4-lane divided	SH 90	I-45
SH 30	57 Widen to 4-lane divided	Navasota River	SH 90
SH 30	58 Widen to 4-lane divided	SH 90	Walker CL
SH 30	59 Widen to 4-lane divided	Grimes CL	FM 1791
US 190	60 Widen to 4-lane divided	SH 19	San Jacinto CL
US 190	61 Widen to 4-lane divided	Point Blank	Lake Livingston
US 190	62 New Bridge for 4-lane	at Lake Livingston	
US 190	63 Add Passing lanes	Osalaska	FM 2457
US 190	64 Widen to 4-lane divided	Lake Livingston	Sandy Creek
US 190	65 Widen to 4-lane divided	Sandy Creek	4.5 W of Livingston
US 190	66 New 4-lane highway	B 59	2.6 E Livingston CL
US 190	67 Widen and upgrade	SH 146	6.9 Mi East
US 190	68 Add Passing lanes	End of 4-lane	Tyler CL
US 190	69 Widen to 4-lane divided	7 E Livingston	FM 1276
US 190	70 Widen to 4-lane divided	FM 1276	FM 2500
US 190	71 Widen to 4-lane divided	FM 2500	Tyler CL
US 190	72 Widen to Super2	Poik CL	3 W of US 89
US 190	73 Widen to Super2	Woodville	Jasper CL
US 190	74 Widen to Super2	Tyler CL	SH 83
US 190	75 Widen to Super2	1.8 E SH 63	Newton CL
US 79	76 Rockdale Relief Route	W of Rockdale	E of Rockdale
US 79	77 Milano Relief Route	1 W of SH 36N	Proposed Relief R
US 89	78 Widen to 4-lane divided	Black Creek	Bees CL
SH 123	79 Widen to 4-lane divided	FM 465	Wilson CL
SH 123	80 Widen to 4-lane divided	Guadalupe CL	Stockdale
SH 123	81 Widen to 4-lane divided	Karnes CL	SH 90
SH 123	82 Add Passing lanes	Wilson CL	SH 90
US 181	83 Widen to 4-lane divided	Bee CL	Bee CL
US 181	84 Widen to 4-lane divided	Karnes CL	FM 1465
US 181	85 Widen to 4-lane divided	Normanna	B181 Junction



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**US 190 - Gulf Coast Strategic Highway System Projects**  
**Upgrading Existing Facilities**



# *Each Completed Section of I-69 Means Greater Freight Efficiency for Texas*



## Alliance for I-69 Texas

