

Texas to Michigan Progress Report

TEXAS

- Texas has an active funding program for projects on the I-69 route. The state's latest Unified Transportation Program (UTP) version includes 31 projects on the I-69 route that are programmed to be let for construction over the next five years. Those projects will bring about 90 additional miles to interstate highway standard at an estimated cost of \$1.6 billion. The UTP also includes \$1.7 billion in I-69 related upgrade projects in Houston.
- More than \$1.6 billion has been committed to planning efforts and construction projects since 2010 including major projects south of Houston and recently completed projects west of Corpus Christi
- More than 1,100 miles of existing highways (US 59, US 77, US 281, US 84 and SH 44) will eventually be upgraded to make up the Texas I-69 System. A total of 160.8 miles of I-69 have been added to the Interstate Highway System along with 46 miles added as the I-2 connector between I-69E and I-69C near the Texas-Mexico border in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

LOUISIANA

- The I-69 route in Louisiana extends 120 miles from the Arkansas line southwest to the Sabine River. Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has proposed to develop a corridor preservation plan for SIU 14 northeast of Shreveport and for SIU 15 which covers about 35 miles around the south and east sides of Shreveport.
- The state will focus near-term efforts on the Red River Bridge segment of the route southeast of Shreveport.

ARKANSAS

• Environmental clearance has been approved for all of the 184 mile long I-69 route in southern Arkansas. The selected route runs on the northwest side of El Dorado then east to Warren, Monticello and McGehee before crossing the Mississippi River at the proposed Great River Bridge. Construction on the I-69 corridor includes work on an 8.6-mile relief route on the southeast side of Monticello and another 11 miles are scheduled. The I-69 system in Arkansas includes an Interstate 530 connector between Monticello and Pine Bluff.

MISSISSIPPI



- A 15-mile section of I-69 in northwest Mississippi was opened to traffic in 2006. I-69 runs concurrently on I-55 from Hernando, Mississippi, to I-40 on the north side of Memphis, resulting in a total of 23 miles being signed.
- Work continues on future Interstate 269, a part of the I-69 system circling the southeast side of Memphis.

• In 2010 the Final EIS and ROD were issued defining the selected route for the 120 mile long Mississippi Delta section of I-69 from Robinsonville to Benoit and the proposed Great River Bridge.

TENNESSEE



- I-69 currently extends to the north side of Memphis and the I-269 loop is being constructed to connect with the section being built in Mississippi.
- Planning and environmental clearance are underway covering the 65-mile route from Memphis north to Dyersburg.

KENTUCKY

- A total of 98 miles of Interstate 69 has been added to the Interstate Highway System in Kentucky and projects to upgrade existing parkways to interstate standard are underway. Except for the Ohio River bridge, all 155 miles in Kentucky could be under shield in two to three years.
- BridgeLink, a combined advocacy group of community leaders from Kentucky and Indiana, is concentrating efforts to push for construction of an I-69 bridge over the Ohio River at Henderson, Kentucky. The current state highway plan includes design, right-of-way and utilities funding for the bridge.
- The I-69 Industry Alliance, an organization focused on economic development, has been working with various groups to promote the benefits of the I-69 corridor.

INDIANA

- Interstate 69 from the Michigan State Line to Indianapolis has been complete for decades. I-69 now extends for 88 miles north of the Kentucky State Line.
- A final EIS is expected in 2017 on the IN-37 route from Martinsville to I-365 at Indianapolis.
- Kentucky and Indiana have signed an MOU to build an I-69 Ohio River Bridge. The EIS is underway and five routes have been identified for study. Estimated completion of the EIS is late 2019.

MICHIGAN

- All sections are complete. To improve efficiency at the I-69 border crossing with Canada a \$165 million expansion of the Blue Water Bridge Plaza supporting truck freight is planned.
- A major focus is being placed on leveraging I-69 for economic growth.

