



# Alliance for I-69 Texas

## Robust Funding Needed to Move I-69 Forward

### A Growing Focus on Connectivity



The border-to-border I-69 System in Texas is being built as a series of incremental upgrade projects and relief routes on US 59, US 77, US 281, SH 44 and Loop 20. In the past few years TxDOT has been putting greater emphasis on funding I-69 projects that fill in the gaps between cities and towns. Completion of freeway facilities through these rural and suburban areas

will provide the safe and efficient inter-regional connectivity that is necessary to meet the travel and freight movement needs of our growing state.

### Funding Essential

Continued funding from state and federal sources is essential to speeding up I-69 development. I-69 projects must compete for construction funding against other projects statewide.

### More Projects Being Programmed

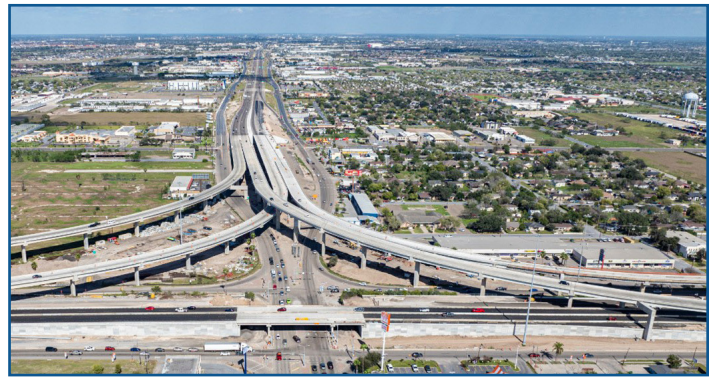
The latest annual edition of TxDOT’s 10-year fund allocation plan – the Unified Transportation Program (UTP) – includes about \$13 billion for future projects across the I-69 System. While TxDOT has increased allocation of future funds to future I-69 projects over the coming decade, available funding is projected to level off over the next three years at the same time that growing population, expanding goods movement and high inflation act to widen the state’s already significant highway funding gap.

### The Alliance

The Alliance for I-69 Texas has a simple mission: Aggressively press for development of projects that will ultimately lead to the completion of I-69 in Texas. Established in 1994, the Alliance is a non-profit made up of cities, counties, port authorities, economic development organizations and associate members.



8-mile-long I-69 Diboll Relief Route south of Lufkin to be completed in the fall of 2025.



The \$303 million reconstruction and expansion of the interchange of I-69C and I-2 in Pharr and McAllen was substantially complete and open to traffic in 2024.



Kickoff of a series of projects to extend I-69 across Kenedy County ranchlands in South Texas.



2024 Groundbreaking ceremony for 8-mile I-69 Wharton Relief Route.



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# Enhancing Safety, Moving Freight, Creating Economic Opportunities & Expanding Coastal Evacuation Capacity

**CONNECTING TEXANS** - More than a third of Texans live in the counties along the path of the Interstate 69 System. A total of 220 miles of the I-69 System are now part of the Interstate Highway System and another 75 miles of freeway are complete and open to traffic.

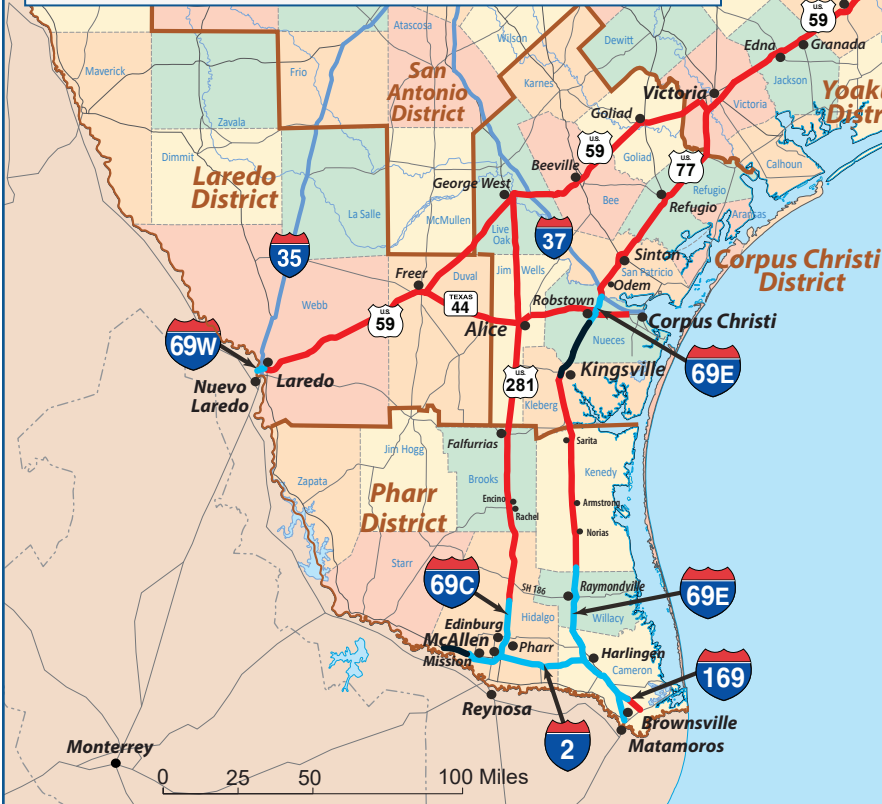
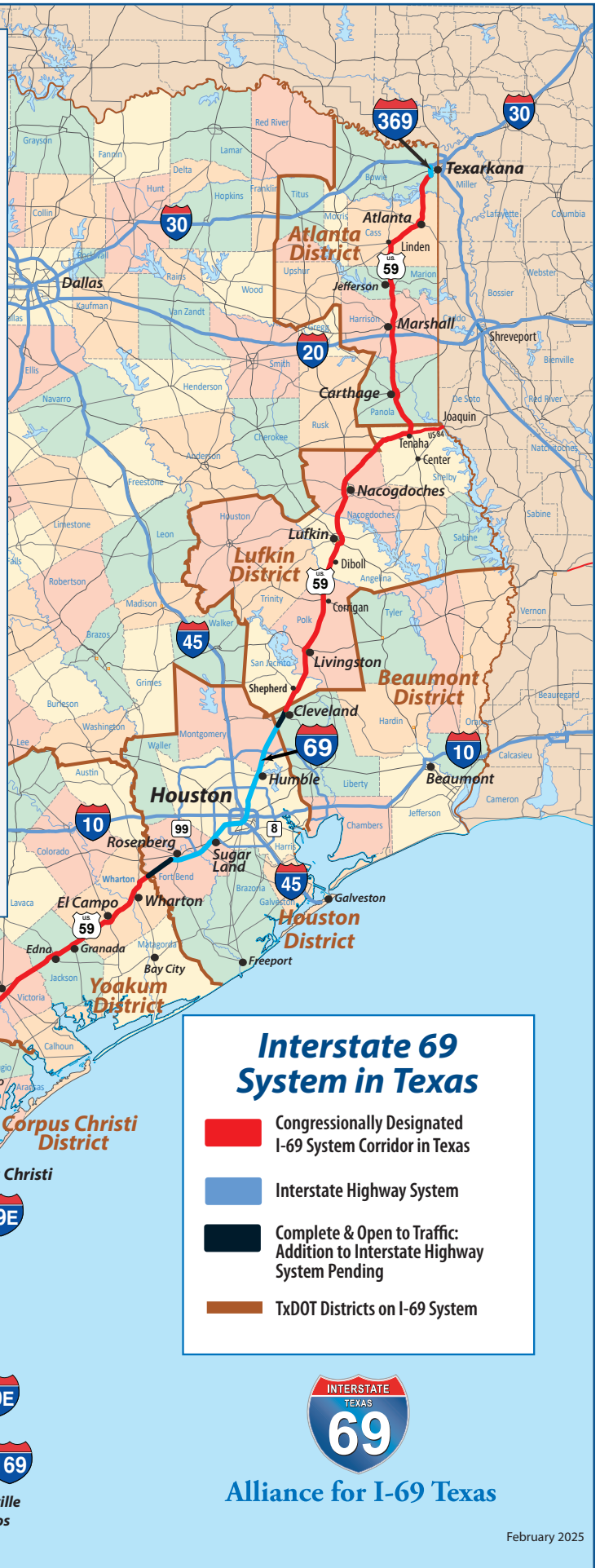
**UNDERSERVED REGIONS** - Interstate access will bring new economic development opportunities to underserved communities.

**SAFETY & CONGESTION MITIGATION** - Every mile of new interstate enhances safety for traveling Texans. Congestion relief projects at urban and rural choke points add to driver safety.

**EVACUATION CAPACITY** - I-69 System routes already provide key avenues for coastal evacuation and more upgrade projects will reduce evacuation gridlock and travel times.

**MOVING FREIGHT** - Texas highway freight volumes, including border trade and inter-regional trucking, will double in the next 20 years. The entire I-69 System is part of the Texas Highway Freight Network and an essential part of the Texas and national supply chain.

**FUNDING** - Momentum toward completing more sections of the I-69 System has continued to build as the Texas Transportation Commission deploys available funding.



# 220 Miles of the I-69 System in Texas Are Signed and Part of the Interstate Highway System. 50 More Miles are Complete, Open to Traffic and Awaiting Federal Review for Signing.

## Complete Sections Not Yet Added to Interstate System

- 8 miles of US 59 in Liberty County through Cleveland
- 12 miles of US 59 in Fort Bend County south of Rosenberg
- 20 miles of US 77 in Nueces and Kleberg Counties through Driscoll, Bishop and Kingsville
- 10 miles of US 83 in Hidalgo County west of McAllen

## More Milestones



Celebration for the completion of the \$259 million I-69/Loop 610 interchange expansion in Houston.



Ribbon cutting at completion of two I-69W direct connect bridges at I-35 in Laredo.

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**PROTECT FUNDING:** Protect and preserve all current transportation funding sources, including voter-approved Prop 1 and Prop 7.

**NO HIGHWAY FUND DIVERSIONS:** Continue the policy of no diversions from the State Highway Fund.

**EXTEND MOBILITY FUND:** Support reauthorization of the Texas Mobility Fund. The current authority expires in FY 2026.

**PRESERVE EXISTING TOOLS:** Preserve current project financing and development tools for successful construction of transportation projects. This includes the construction of toll roads and tolled managed lanes when supported by the local community.

**FEDERAL FUNDING:** Ensure that Texas law encourages and does not deter localities from utilizing innovative federal funding programs to advance transportation projects.

**DEFINE FUNDING GAP:** Support the creation of a Blue Ribbon Committee to analyze the unmet transportation funding needs of the State through 2050.

**EQUITABLE EV FEES:** Establish and maintain equitable fees on electric and other alternative-fueled vehicles.

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