



# Alliance for I-69 Texas

## Momentum Building as I-69 Construction Continues



### Advancing Projects

- The sustained effort to ramp up planning, funding and construction of priority projects on the 1,142-mile I-69 System in Texas has gained significant momentum in the past five years.
- TxDOT is pushing forward to advance priority projects, filling in gaps that will allow more already completed segments to be added to the Interstate Highway System.
- Interstate 69 is being developed as a series of incremental upgrades to existing highways - US 59, US 77, US 281, SH 44, US 83 and US 84. A total of 207 miles of I-69 and I-2 have been added to the Interstate System. About half of the overall mileage on the Texas I-69 System is either now signed as interstate or is in some stage of the TxDOT project development process.

### \$3.4 Billion in 2019 UTP for I-69

- More than 45 projects on the I-69 System with a combined construction cost of more than \$3.4 billion are included in TxDOT's 2019 Unified Transportation Program (UTP). The UTP authorizes TxDOT and partners to move forward with studies, design, ROW acquisition, final engineering and construction. The I-69 Advisory Committee is assisting TxDOT in identifying and prioritizing projects for future funding. Steady progress can only be made with sustained state funding.

### A Multimodal Freight Corridor

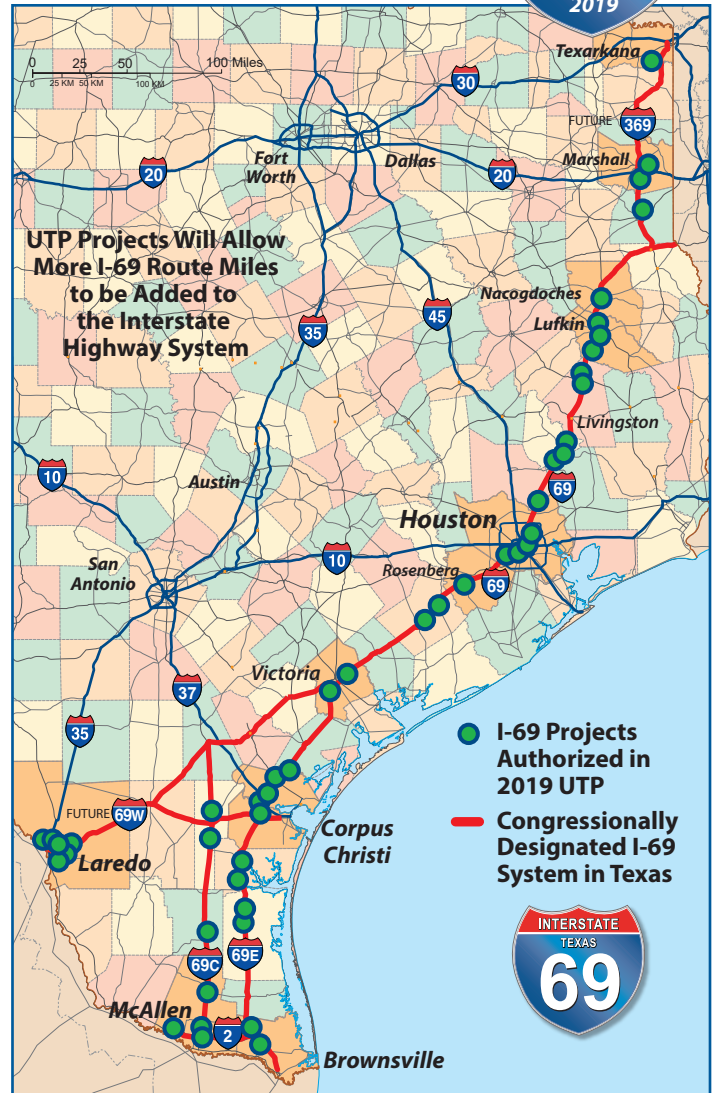
- The Texas highways that make up I-69 are already major freight corridors connecting Gulf Coast manufactures, inland markets, Texas seaports and border ports. Freight traffic on Texas highways is projected to double by 2040 and completing I-69 is essential to ensuring safety and efficient movement of goods.
- More than one-third of the population of Texas lives in the counties along the I-69 System route. These Texans depend on I-69 and future I-69 highway upgrades for local mobility and as vital inter-regional connectors. And continued improvement of the I-69 system is important to providing additional evacuation capacity for the growing population along the Texas Coast.

### Protecting Props 1 & 7 Funding

- Progress on I-69 has been possible because Texas voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 1 and Proposition 7 funding. The Alliance for I-69 Texas urges the Legislature to fully appropriate highway funding promised to voters.
- We further urge lawmakers to eliminate the 2025 sunset termination date for Prop 1 funding or, at a minimum, to extend the Prop 1 termination date for 10 years. This is essential to TxDOT's ability to plan and award contracts for highway projects which stretch over several years.

### The Alliance

- Established in 1994, the Alliance for I-69 Texas has consistently been successful in advocating for the development of I-69. The Alliance is a non-profit made up of cities, counties, economic development groups, port authorities and associate members.



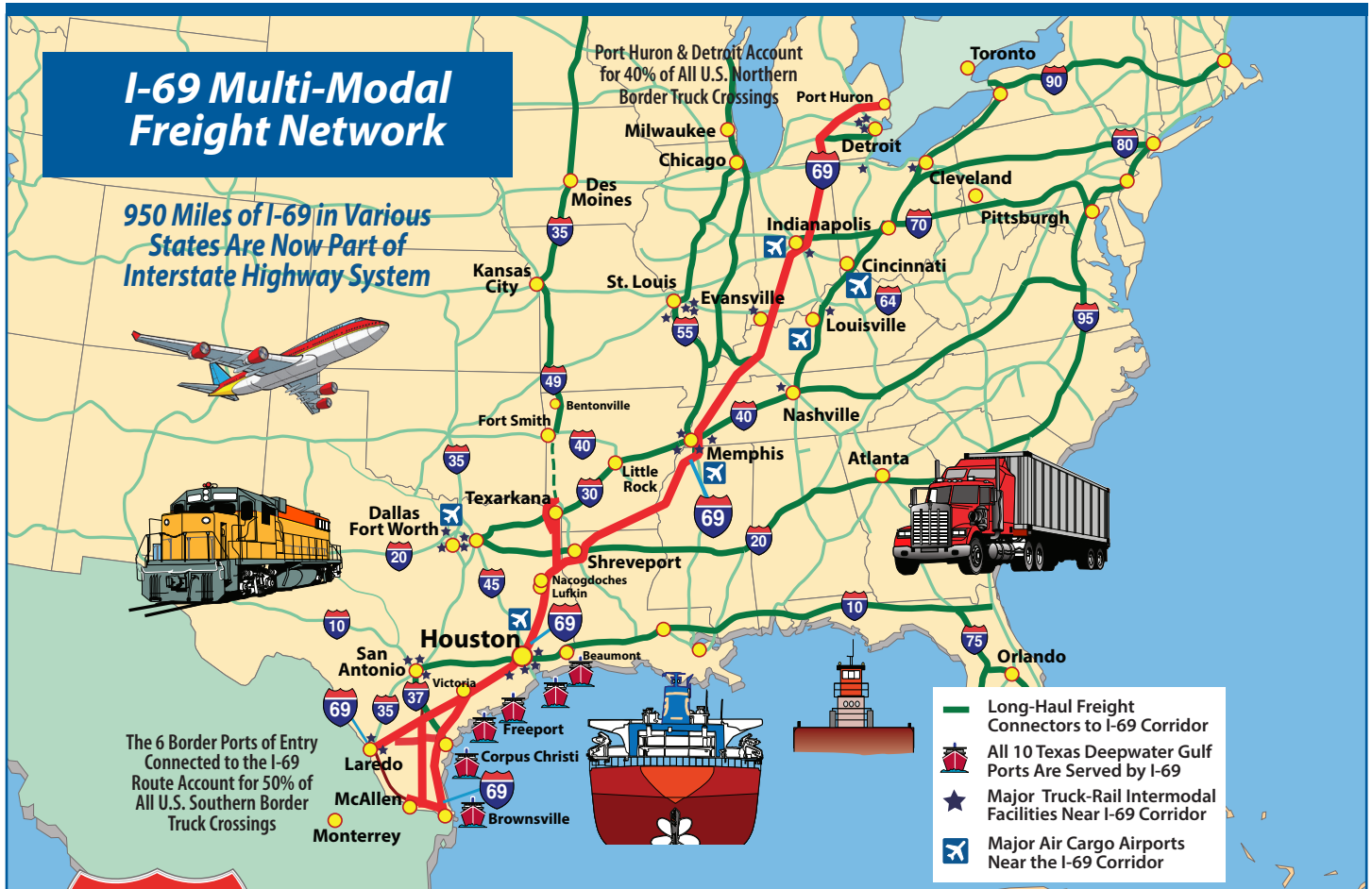
### \$3.4 Billion in Future I-69 Projects Are Authorized in TxDOT's 2019 UTP



Construction of Interstate 69W mainline bridges over Interstate 35 and Union Pacific tracks in Laredo

# I-69 Multi-Modal Freight Network

950 Miles of I-69 in Various States Are Now Part of Interstate Highway System



The 6 Border Ports of Entry Connected to the I-69 Route Account for 50% of All U.S. Southern Border Truck Crossings

Port Huron & Detroit Account for 40% of All U.S. Northern Border Truck Crossings



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