



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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# Interstate Designation Efforts

- Almost 200 miles of new Interstate designated in Texas
- Next focus for designation:
  - US 59 inside the I-610 loop in Houston
  - Designation of Loop 20 in Laredo and Webb County as US 59, so it can ultimately become I-69
  - US 281 connecting to I-69C and extending to north of FM 490 near the Edinburg Airport
  - US 77 from SH 44 to north of Driscoll (connecting to I-69E) and from south of Driscoll to Kingsville

# District Projects Under Construction for Upgrade to Interstate Standards

- Atlanta

- US 59 at FM 3129: Construction of controlled access, grade separated interchange, and ramps

- Corpus Christi

- US 77 at Sinton at north US 77 Business interchange: Construction of controlled access, grade separated interchange and ramps
- US 281 and FM 1554 at Alice: Construction of controlled access, grade separated interchange and ramps
- US 77 in Sarita at La Parra Road: construction of controlled access, grade separated interchange and ramps

# District Projects Under Construction for Upgrade to Interstate Standards

## ■ Laredo

- Loop 20 at McPherson Road in the City of Laredo: Construction of controlled access, grade separated interchange and ramps
- Loop 20 from the railroad to south of SH 359 in the City of Laredo: Construction of controlled access mainlanes

## ■ Lufkin

- US 59 at FM 2021 in Redland: Construction of controlled access, grade separated interchange, and ramps
- US 59 Lufkin North Near Term Interchange: Mainlane reconstruction, controlled access, directional grade separated interchange and ramps

## ■ Lufkin (con't)

### – US 59 in Shepherd

- From SH 105 to South of UPRR: Mainlanes, access roads, and interchanges including realignment at the UPRR for vertical clearance improvements
- From south of UPRR to just north of FM 2914: Mainlanes, access roads and interchanges (*TxDOT is finalizing ROW*)
- At FM 2914: Mainlanes, access roads and interchange

# District Projects Under Development for Upgrade to Interstate Standards

## ■ Pharr

- US 281 at Falfurrias: Mainlanes, access roads and interchanges
- US 281 and FM 755 at Encino: Construction of controlled access, grade separated interchange and ramps

## ■ Yoakum

- US 59 in Victoria from north of Loop 463 to US 87: Access roads along US 59 and US 87 bridge replacement (just started construction)

## Projects under Environmental Study for Upgrade to Interstate

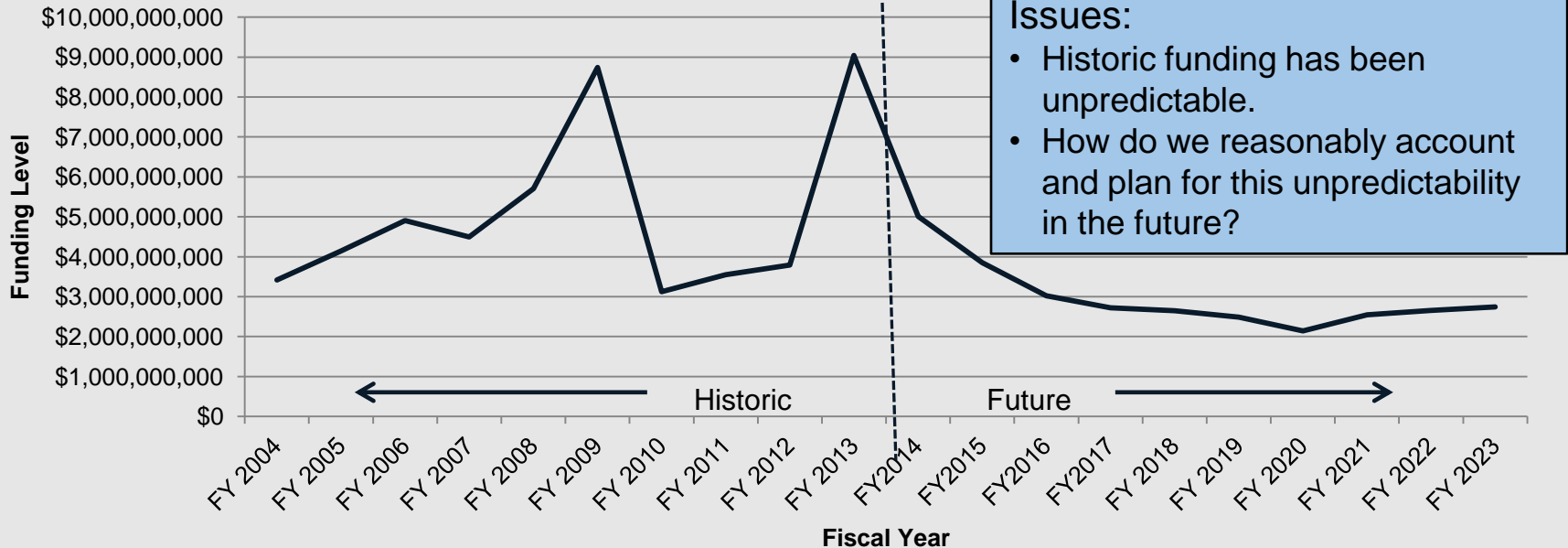
- US 59 Diboll Relief Route
- US 59 Corrigan Relief Route
- US 281 at Premont Relief Route
- US 59 El Campo Upgrades (*along the existing relief route*)
- US 59 Wharton Upgrades (*near FM 102*)
- US 59 Liberty County Upgrades (*from I-69 to south of Cleveland*)

- Recently Completed Planning and Feasibility Studies of Future I-69 routes (over 500+ miles total)
  - US 281 from US 83 in McAllen to I37 via 281 and 59
  - US 77 from I-37 in Corpus Christi to US 59 interchange in Victoria
  - US 59 from SH 105 near Cleveland to the proposed Diboll relief route
  - US 59 from north of Nacogdoches to LA State line via US 84
  - US 59 from I-20 near Marshall to I-30 in Texarkana
  - Loop 20 in Laredo from the World Trade Bridge north of Laredo to US 83 south of Laredo



- Currently Studying
  - US 59 from US 77 interchange in Victoria to the Fort Bend County line
  - SH 44 from Freer to Corpus Christi
  - US 59 in Angelina and Nacogdoches Counties

## Unified Transportation Program Statewide Funding FY 2004 - 2023



# Planning for Future Opportunities

- While the funding outlook is very constrained, there are potential opportunities TxDOT needs to prepare for:
  - Extension of MAP-21 funding levels beyond FY 14
  - Consideration of HB1 that would leverage ~\$1B per year from the Texas Rainy Day fund for transportation projects.
- To help prepare for future potential funding, TxDOT is systematically working through our Districts to identify and prioritize candidate projects to begin or continue development on.
- The level of development authority will be:
  - Supplemental to the authority that already exists for projects funded in the UTP
  - Constrained to a reasonable level that accounts for the potential opportunities for additional funding

## Next Steps

- TxDOT will continue working with our Commission to consider priorities and level of supplemental program authority
- Work through Districts to reach out to local stakeholders for input
- Gather input from on-going planning processes
  - Texas Transportation Plan 2040

<http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/transportation-planning/ttp2040-110613.html>

- Texas Freight Mobility Plan

[http://www.dot.state.tx.us/move-texas-freight/freight\\_plan.htm](http://www.dot.state.tx.us/move-texas-freight/freight_plan.htm)

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