

November 11, 2025

Alliance Annual Meeting

TIME TO SIGN UP – It is time to make plans to attend the I-69 Alliance 2025 Annual Meeting in Houston. The event will be Friday, December 5th, again at the headquarters of the Greater Houston Partnership located a block from I-69 and next to the George Brown Convention Center at Partnership Tower, 701 Avenidas de las Americas #900.



Rep. Brian Babin

Congressman Brian Babin of Woodville will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Babin is a senior member of the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and a long-time champion of I-69. With a major highway bill on the horizon, Congressman Babin will share insights on how action in Washington is likely to impact development of I-69 in Texas.

Register to attend at the Alliance website: www.i69TexasAlliance.com. If your organization would like to be an event sponsor, please contact Alliance Executive Director Jennifer Shepard (Jennifer@jgshepard.com). Board members will gather for a business meeting at 9 a.m. Networking begins at 11 a.m. and the luncheon program starts at noon.

FEDERAL FUNDING INITIATIVE UPDATE – The extended federal government shutdown forced the postponement of the planned Oct. 21 Future Interstates Advocacy Day in Washington, DC. Instead, the Alliance and representatives of other corridors held more than 20 virtual meetings with staff in congressional and key committee offices to discuss the proposed Future Interstate Highway Formula Program that would dedicate funding to congressionally authorized multi-state Future Interstates. This process will continue into next year as Congress works to develop the next surface transportation authorization bill. Please consider supporting the effort by providing a resolution or letter of support. Samples can be downloaded [HERE](#).

ATLANTA DISTRICT ENGINEER – Congratulations are in order for Katie Martin who has been named DE for the TxDOT Atlanta District where she has worked for 24 years, most recently as Planning Director. She has been involved in I-369 project planning and development through Bowie, Cass, Marion, Harrison and Panola Counties.



Katie Martin

YOU ARE INVITED TO CLEVELAND UNVEILING – TxDOT and elected officials will join Alliance representatives in an I-69 Signing Celebration to mark the recent addition of an 8-mile section of I-69 in Cleveland and Liberty County to the Interstate Highway System. The event will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, November 13th. The sign unveiling location is south of Cleveland on the southbound

I-69 frontage road at the intersection with the SH 105 Connector, just south of the SH 105 overpass. See map on Page 2.

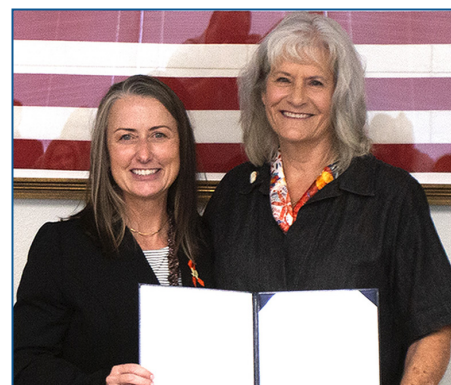
DIBOLL PROJECT OPEN TO TRAFFIC – The interstate standard 8.2-mile Diboll Relief Route on US 59/Future I-69 is now open to traffic in both directions. The \$141 million project south of Lufkin has been under construction since 2020.



12x12-foot drainage tunnel section is lowered into place

HOUSTON EXPANSION – Work to reconstruct and modernize I-69 in central Houston is underway and will continue in phases through the coming decade. Progress is evident in the first phase which includes a large stormwater tunnel that will drain future lanes of I-69 and I-45. A second project (3B-2) was let in 2024 at \$695 million and is underway south of I-45. Next summer TxDOT expects to let contacts for two more I-69 sections (3A and 3C-2) estimated at a combined total of more than \$2 billion.

MURPHY WINS TxDOT ROAD HAND AWARD – Alliance Board Chair Sydney Murphy is the latest winner of the Road Hand Award, the highest honor TxDOT bestows on individuals who champion transportation projects and programs. Judge Murphy is county judge of Polk County and has been Alliance chairman since 2019. TxDOT Lufkin District Engineer Kelly Morris nominated Judge Murphy for the award because of her years of work as an advocate for the continuing development of I-69 and specifically for her leadership relating to construction of the Future I-69 Corrigan Relief Route which is now 50% complete.



Kelly Morris (L) presents award to Judge Sydney Murphy

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Location of Cleveland Sign Unveiling Event



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