## -69 DEVELOPMEN

## Alliance: Several I-69 projects to becompleted by 2022

In a report to members, the Alliance for I-69 Texas said the effort to upgrade the Hwy. 59 corridor to interstate standards is gaining momentum, with several large projects going to contract for completion by 2022. Currently 207 miles of I-69 already part of the interstate system.

Among the Tier 1 projects approved in the 2020 Unified Transportation Plan approved by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in August.

The US 59 relief route around Corrigan is leading the list of those projects.

The Corrigan bypass will reroute traffic from the current Hwy. 59 path 3.4 miles south of U.S. 287 and rejoin U.S. 59 north three miles north of US. 287.

The effort is divided into two projects with a budget of \$88.6 million for the northern portion and \$69.6 million for the southern

Construction also is set to begin in the 2020-2023 window for a Diboll relief route budgeted at \$142 million.

Over the next four years, TxDOT also plans the following key projects to improve regional connectivity:

US 59/SL 224 South Nacogdoches interchange in Nacdoches County.

- US 59 upgrade in Angelina County between Moffett Road and SH 103.

- US 59 upgrade between FM 2021 and SL 287 - US 69 trunk system

widening in Angelina TxDOT has a \$48 million of Hwy. 59 from Cleveland north to the Liberty/ San Jacinto County line, Construction is set for 2020-

For 2020, the Alliance will focus on emphasizing the completion of I-69 projects along the entire 1,142 I-69

The 2020 UTP dovetails much needed safety and traffic concerns into the I-69 upgrades.

Construction is underway for a 3.9 mile segment just south of Cleveland.

Several of the projects planned for the next two to three years will fill in gaps

that allow several complete segments to be added to the interstate system.

The 2020 UTP includes 60 projects along I-69, which adds 175 miles to I-69, with a construction price tag of \$6

Inside Loop 610 in Houston, I-60 will be widened to 12 lanes,

rebuilding three bridges in the process.

Contractors are also currently at work on 22 miles south of Rosenberg and a Loop 59 in El Campo.

The Alliance is also working to prioritize other state projects to ensure subsequent projects are ready when funding is available.

