



Alliance for I-69 Texas

Robust Funding Needed to Move I-69 Forward

I-69 Momentum Building

The border-to-border I-69 System in Texas is being built as a series of incremental upgrade projects on US 59, US 77, US 281, SH 44 and Loop 20. In the past few years TxDOT has been accelerating the pace of I-69 project programming. The latest 10-year Unified Transportation Program (UTP) funding plan includes more than 60 projects on the I-69 System located across eight TxDOT districts.

MOVING UP ON THE UTP LIST - The 2023 UTP includes about \$7 billion for I-69 System projects. A notable addition to the 2023 list of upcoming projects is the 14 mile Relief Route at Refugio and Woodsboro on US 77 coming in at \$460 million. Also moving up is the first phase of the Marshall Relief Route north of I-20. Statewide Development Authority for the remaining sections of I-69E and I-69C extending north from the Rio Grande Valley was restored in the UTP to allow projects to advance and be sequenced to eventually connect to I-37.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS - Construction on major projects is underway or soon will be in Nacogdoches, Angelina, Polk, Liberty, Wharton, Victoria, Jim Wells, Nueces, Kleberg and Hidalgo Counties. Contracts were awarded in 2022 on the 7-mile Corrigan Relief Route, the Redland project north of Lufkin and the 8.6-mile Ricardo project. That followed contracts in 2020 and 2021 for the Nueces River Bridge, the Lufkin Moffett Rd project, the 3.2-mile Kingsville South project, the 6.2 mile North Wharton project, the Diboll Relief Route and the Premont Relief Route. The two largest projects in construction are the \$300 million multi-level interchange at I-69C and I-2 in Pharr, and the \$259 million upgrade to the I-610/I-69 interchange in southwest Houston.

ON THE HORIZON - TxDOT is conducting early project development on 18 project zones with an estimated cost of about \$3 billion. These study and design efforts will prepare projects to be included in the UTP in the future with allocated funding.

Looking Ahead

Members of the Legislature can help move I-69 projects forward by making sure that the total funding available for highway construction is robust and continues to grow at a pace that overcomes inflationary erosion of buying power. It is important for Texas to protect the common sense system of project funding established by the Legislature and voters during the past decade. Adding new incremental funding sources such as a road use fee for electric vehicles will be important as the mix of vehicles on the road evolves.

The Alliance

The Alliance for I-69 Texas has a simple mission: Aggressively press for development of highway 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, economic development groups, port authorities and private sector associate members.

Celebrating I-69 Milestones



It is a great day when additional miles are added to the country's Interstate Highway System. In October this was the celebration event for 5.6 miles in Willacy and Kenedy Counties north of Raymondville, the final section to complete I-69 in Willacy County.



The same day the Alliance, local community representatives and TxDOT celebrated the addition of 2.5 miles to the I-169 spur which leads to the Port of Brownsville.



Construction on future I-69 in Nacogdoches

Members of the Alliance are proud to have played an essential role in advancing I-69 in Texas over the past quarter century.