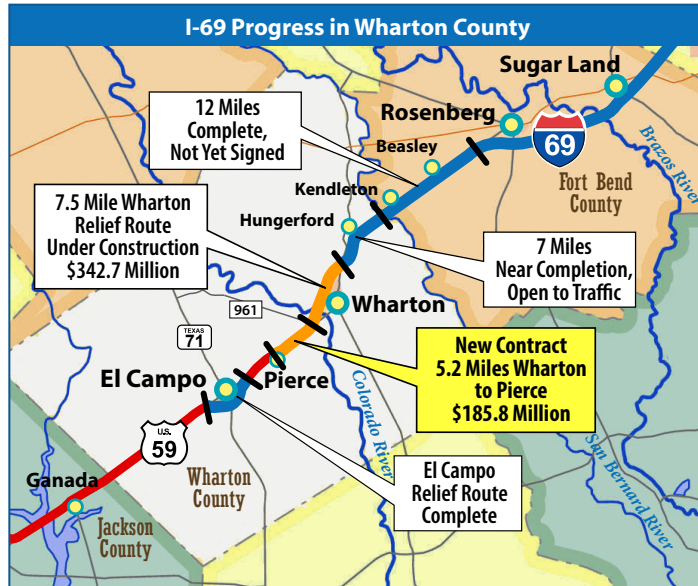


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I-69 MARCHING SOUTH – TxDOT has awarded the latest in a series of projects extending I-69 south through Fort Bend and Wharton Counties. The \$185.8 million project will cover 5.2 miles of US 59 between Wharton and Pierce, connecting to the ongoing 7.5-mile Wharton Relief Route project that has been under construction since 2024. An additional 3.7-mile project that will extend interstate lanes to connect with the completed El Campo Relief Route is in the pipeline for award in the next four years. Williams Brothers Construction has been the low bidder on all three of the active projects in Wharton County allowing work to progress from one segment to the next without interruption.

\$137 BILLION 10-YEAR PLAN APPROVED – The 2027 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) process is now complete. The total funding allocated to planning, building and preserving the state highway system over the next 10 years declined \$9 billion from the \$146 billion TxDOT was allocated last year. The 2027 total includes \$95 billion for project construction, \$31 billion for planning, engineering and right-of-way, plus \$11 billion for important routine system preservation. Charts on Page 2 show how \$5 billion in new available funding was allocated by category. More than 70 projects on I-69 System are included in the UTP with an expected future construction cost of approximately \$11 billion.

FUNDING REQUEST FOR 2028-2029 – TxDOT has submitted a request to the Legislature of \$36.4 billion for the FY 28-29 biennium. That number is based on projected revenues from state and federal sources. Upward adjustment

is possible for Prop 1 funding once the Comptroller's updated Biennial Revenue Estimate is ready in January. Prop 1 revenues come from a share of oil and gas severance taxes and are likely to be higher than previously forecasted.

FEDERAL FUNDING – Congress has extended current federal surface transportation authorization (IIJA of 2021) until December with a new 5-year bill still a work in progress. More delay into 2027 is considered likely. Most funding will continue at current levels under the continuing resolution. Federal funding accounts for about 30% of TxDOT's budget and uncertainty will complicate implementation of TxDOT programs until a new bill is passed.

SOUTH TEXAS SIGNING – With TxDOT's elimination of a final controlled access issue, the federal approval process is now underway that will allow the interstate signing of 20 miles of completed I-69E in Nueces and Kleberg Counties in coming months. The Nueces portion has been open to traffic since 2023 and the Kleberg section was completed more than a decade ago.

CONTRIBUTION WILL BE MISSED – Larry Meyers, longtime Washington representative for the I-69 Alliance, died Sept. 12 after a short battle with a serious illness. Larry was a key part of the I-69 advocacy team for 25 years. In recent years his successful lobby firm, established in 1981, became part of Texas-based Hance Scarborough LLP. Larry grew up in the Texas Panhandle and was a graduate of Texas Tech University. His first Washington job in the 1970s was as a staffer for Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D-TX).



SEE YOU DECEMBER 4th – Don't miss this year's Alliance Annual Meeting on December 4th in Houston. TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams will be our keynote speaker. Watch for more information on meeting registration. Event sponsorship opportunities are available. The sponsorship options and a [Sponsor Form](#) are available for download [HERE](#). Direct sponsor questions to Jennifer@jgshepard.com.

OPPORTUNITY ZONES – Twenty of the 35 counties on the I-69 System include census tracts expected to be part of a newly enacted Qualified Opportunity Zone 2.0 program. And 17 counties have tracts that directly touch the I-69 highway corridor. These zones offer investors and developers locations where they can take advantage of incentives in the form of capital gains tax abatement on certain assets. The federal program will be in effect from 2027 to 2036.

The Annual UTP Process Allocates Funding for Thousands of Projects Statewide. I-69 Project Funding Comes From Categories 2, 4, 8, 11 & 12.

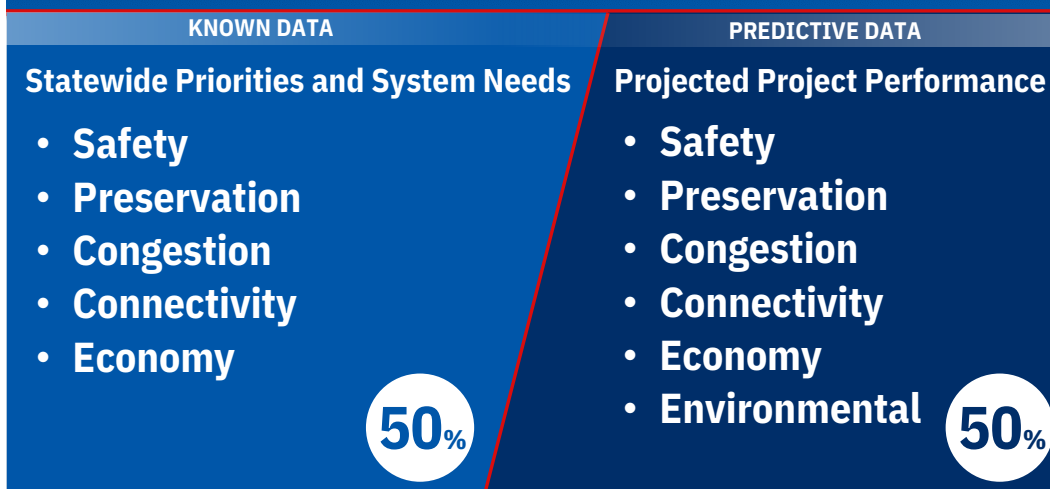
2027 UTP Distribution and Estimated New Funding (APPROVED)

Category	Description	New Available Funding	Draft Distribution
1	Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation	\$2,252,140,671	\$18,406,812,861
2	Metro and Urban Area Corridors	\$144,172,577	\$9,236,626,572
4R	Statewide Connectivity Corridors (Rural)	\$142,041,577	\$9,100,100,886
4U	Statewide Connectivity Corridors (Urban)	\$109,794,815	\$7,034,165,023
5	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality	\$123,604,375	\$1,821,449,302
6	Structures Replacement (Bridges)	\$325,434,165	\$4,538,806,794
7	Metropolitan Mobility and Rehabilitation	\$358,476,805	\$5,735,628,873
8	Safety	\$231,045,261	\$3,603,724,169
9	Transportation Alternatives	\$161,503,964	\$1,685,258,755
10	Supplemental Transportation Projects	\$145,830,456	\$1,388,670,456
11	District Discretionary	\$177,876,190	\$1,850,000,000
11ES	Energy Sector	\$210,206,080	\$2,714,115,000
11SF	District Safety	\$92,314,202	\$1,191,932,030
12	Strategic Priority	\$259,419,581	\$14,026,255,118
12CL	Strategic Priority (Texas Clear Lanes)	\$239,619,653	\$5,639,619,653
Sub-Total Distribution (Less Cat 3)		\$4,973,480,372	\$87,973,165,492

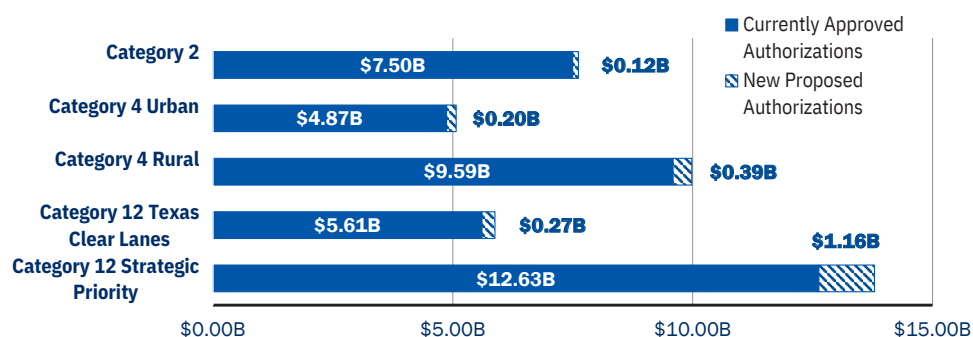
Table 1: Estimated Available Funding and Draft Distribution for UTP Funding Categories (Excluding Category 3)

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2027 UTP Project Scoring and Prioritization (Categories 2, 4 and 12)



2027 UTP Currently Approved and Proposed Project Authorizations



UTP Project Selection

Projects in the UTP are selected by TxDOT Districts, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), or the Texas Transportation Commission using a performance-based selection process

