

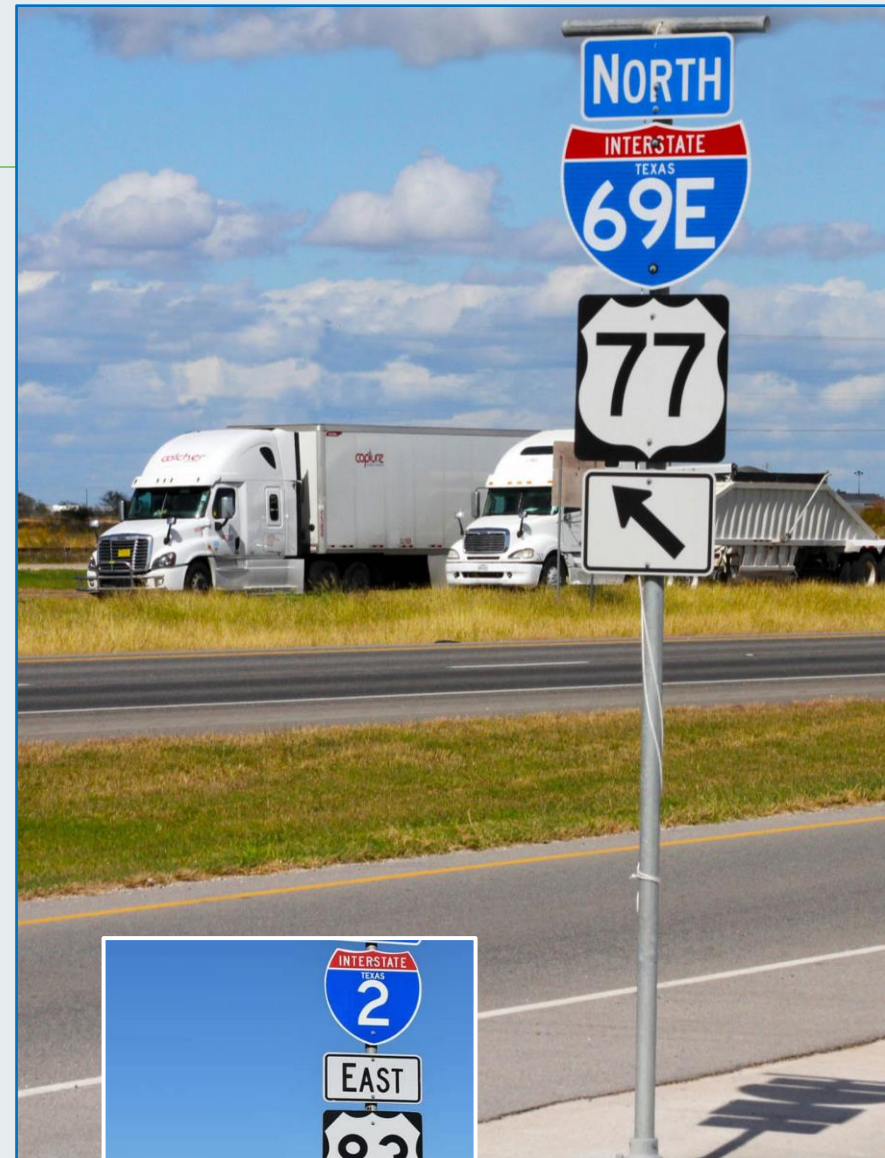
Interstate 69 Update: Extending the Market Reach of Texas Businesses

Moving Freight, Enhancing Safety and
Creating Economic Opportunity



Alliance for I-69 Texas

Victoria – December 6, 2022



I-69 System in Texas

- I-69 is being built as a series of incremental upgrades to existing US 59, US 77, US 281 and SH 44
- 220 miles of I-69 and I-2 have been added to the Interstate Highway System. There are 47 miles of completed freeway from Downtown Houston to the Wharton County line coming toward Victoria.
- About 60% of the overall 1,100 total miles is signed or in TxDOT's planning and development process
- Sections include: I-69, I-69E, I-69W, I-69C, I-369, I-169 and I-2



I-69 is a Major Freight Corridor

- Connecting 8 Heartland states, Mexico and Canada
 - Texas
 - Louisiana
 - Arkansas
 - Mississippi
 - Tennessee
 - Kentucky
 - Indiana
 - Michigan
- The Corridor covers a total of almost 2,500 miles
- About 1,000 miles are now part of the Interstate Highway System



I-69 Initiative Started in 1991

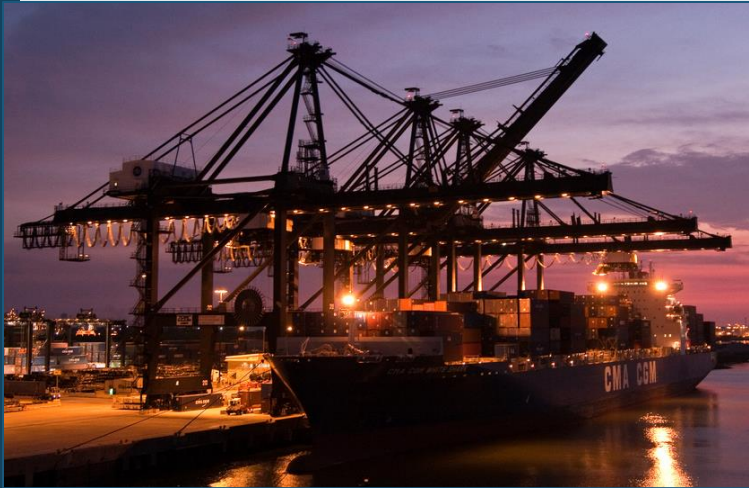
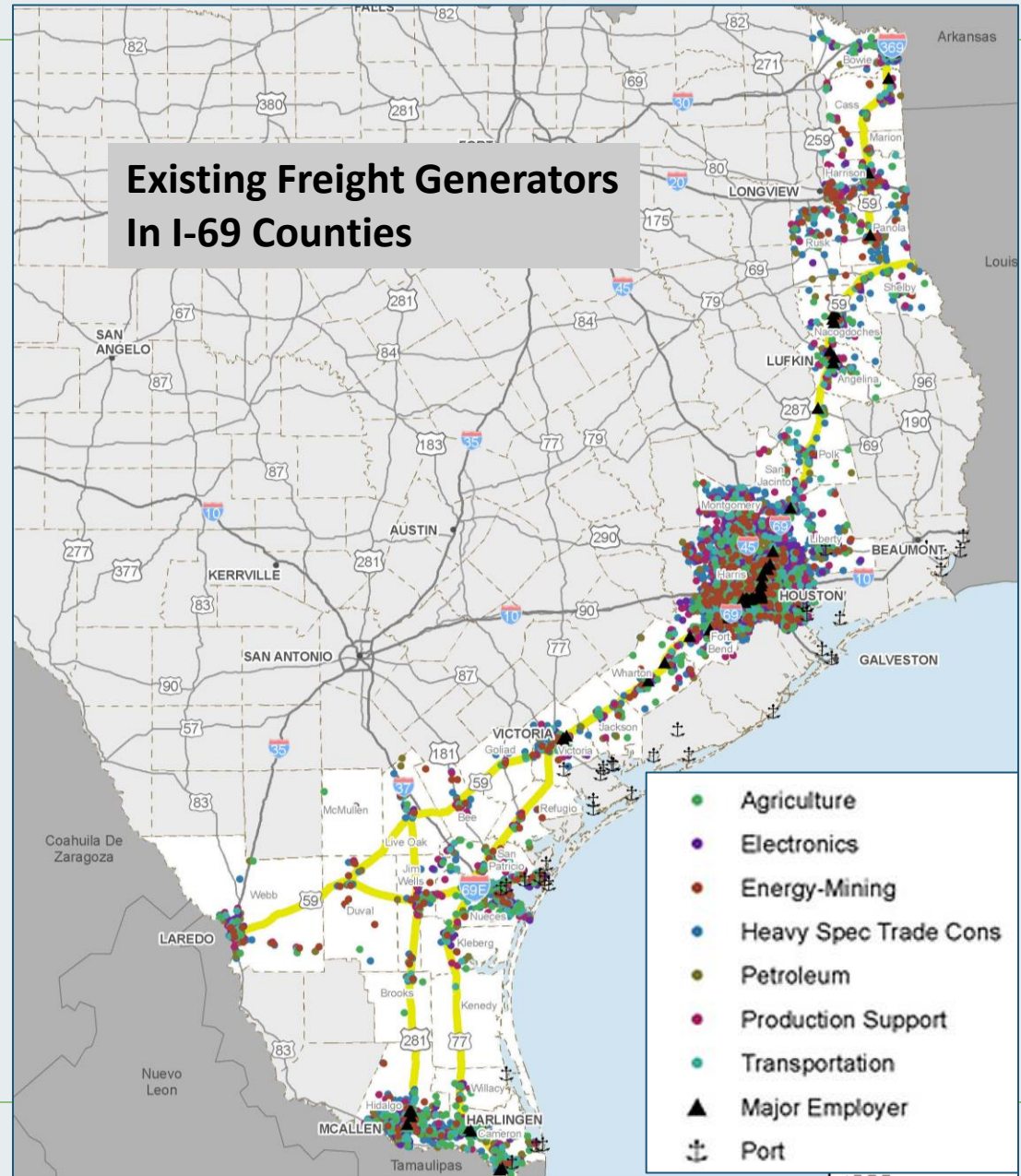
- The sections of I-69 in north Indiana and Michigan were part of the original national interstate system
- 1991 – Congress created High Priority Corridors 18 and 20
- 1993 - Alliance for I-69 Texas was organized
- 1995 – TEA-21 designated corridor as Future Interstate
- 2000s – Environmental work began and TxDOT continued to build out urban sections
- 2008 –I-69 Advisory Committees were created and more projects started being planned and built



Freight Generators on I-69 System

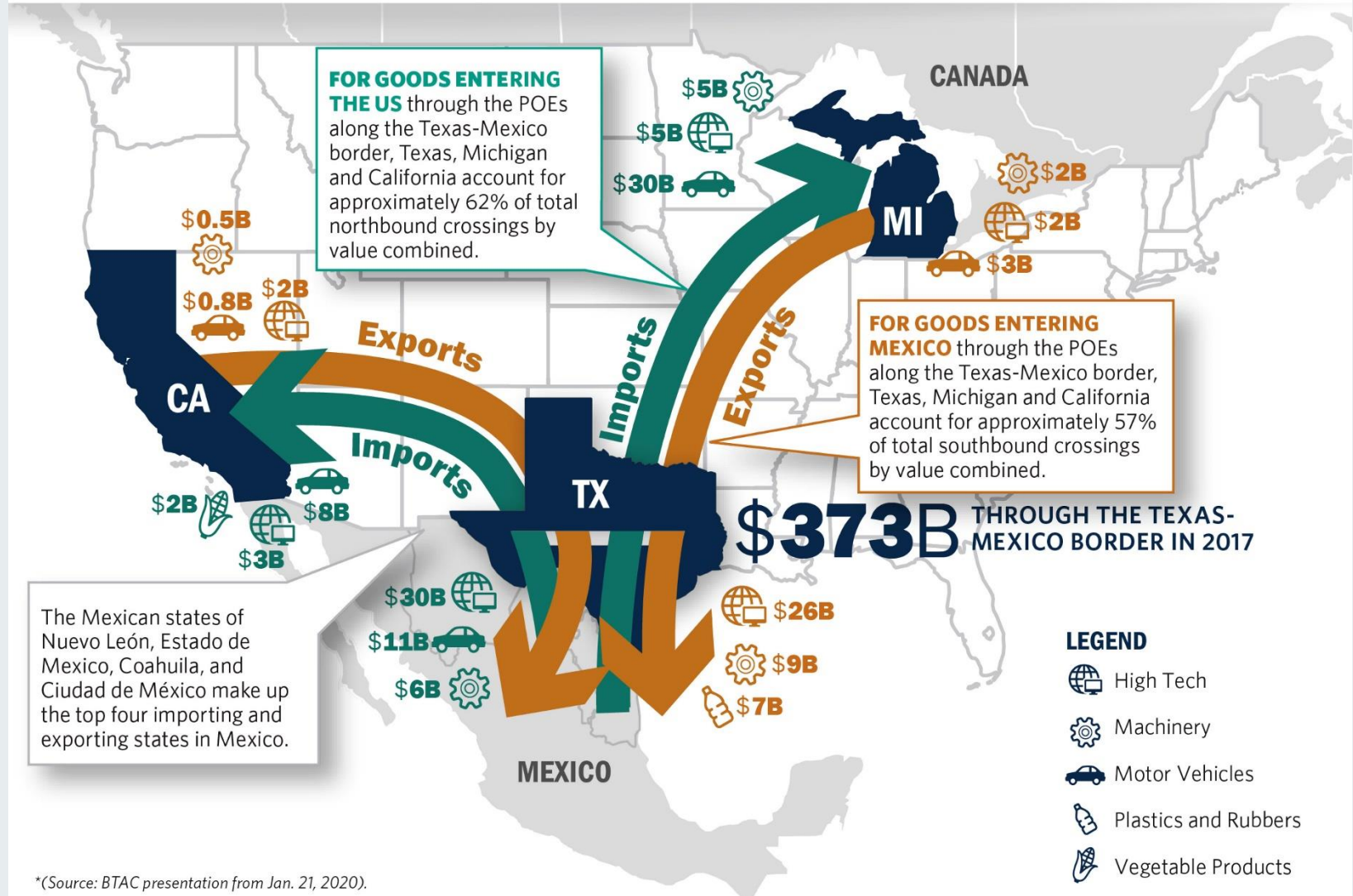
Freight movements on Texas highways are projected to nearly double by 2050.

Existing Freight Generators In I-69 Counties



Importance of I-69 Border Connections

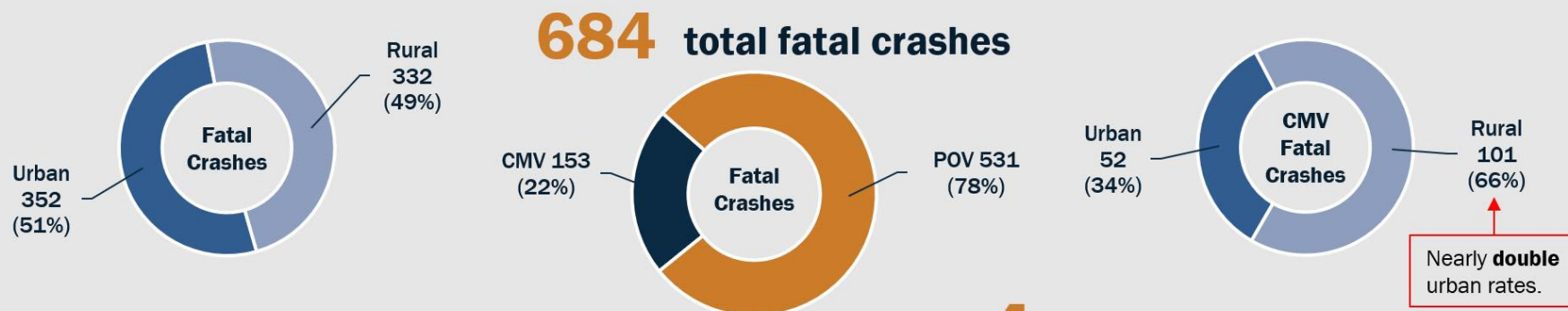
GOODS MOVEMENTS IN THE US & MEXICO



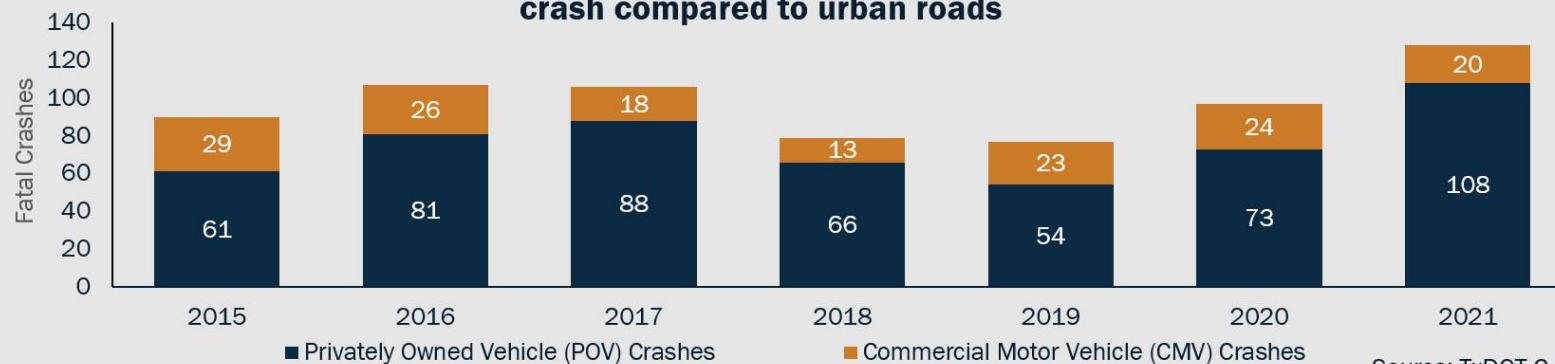
*(Source: BTAC presentation from Jan. 21, 2020).

I-69 Projects Needed to Save Lives

Fatal Crashes Along the I-69 System (2015-2021)



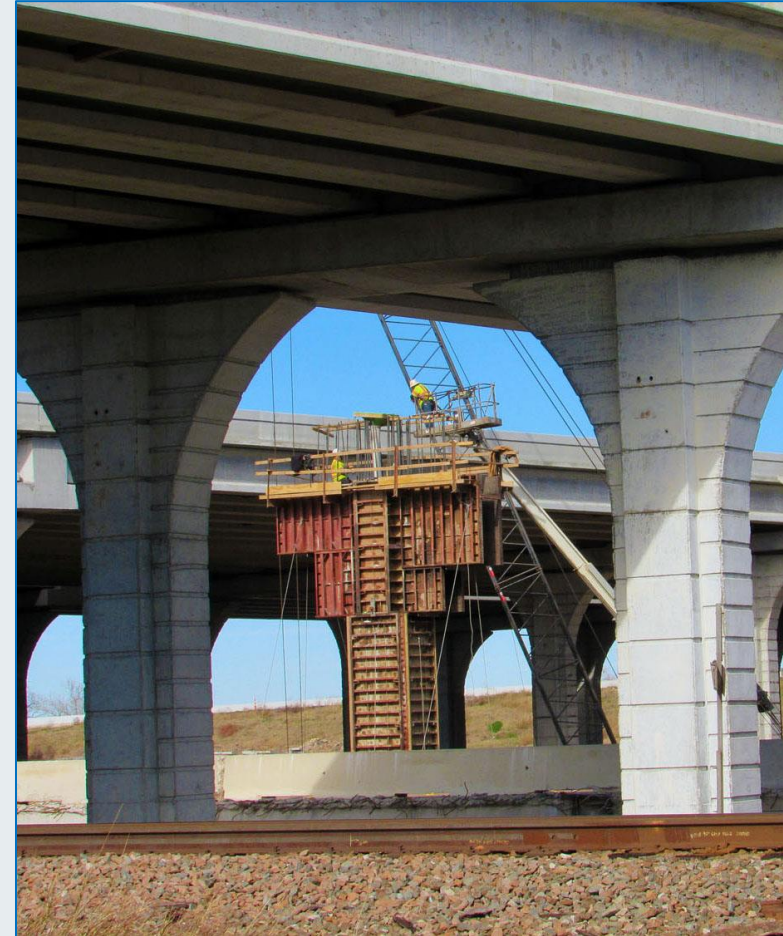
Drivers involved in a crash on rural roads on the I-69 System are nearly **4x** more likely to end up in a fatal crash compared to urban roads



Source: TxDOT C.R.I.S., 2022

Building I-69 One Project at a Time

- The guaranteed 90% federal funding for the Interstate Highway Program ended in 1985 and no additional miles are eligible for federal funds under that program
- Today the Texas Transportation Commission and Metropolitan Planning Organizations allocate funding
- I-69 projects must compete for funding against all other project needs across the state's urban and rural highway system
- Because there is no longer a dedicated federal funding source for interstate construction, I-69 is being built one incremental project at a time, each a few miles in length



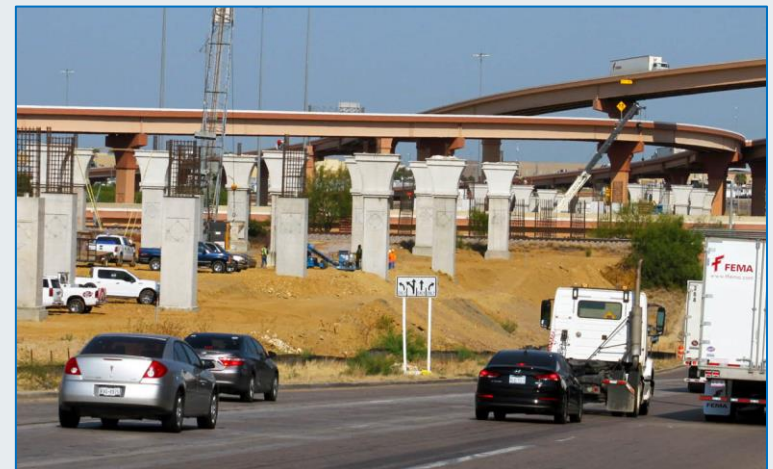
I-69 Construction in Rosenberg

Success in 10-Year State 2023 UTP

- Each year TxDOT creates a revised plan allocating projected revenues to projects over the next 10 years. I-69 funding allocations in the Unified Transportation Program (UTP) have increased dramatically in recent years
- 2023 UTP includes future funding for more than 60 projects on the I-69 System with a buildout cost of about \$7 billion in today's dollars



Nacogdoches South Future I-69 Project



I-69W Construction at Laredo

US 59 Progress: Victoria to Laredo

- Since 2019 TxDOT has identified this as one of 4 key corridors statewide needing priority improvement as part of the Trunk System
- Most of 185 miles of existing roadway is limited to two lanes; will need incremental upgrades to 4-lane divided and later to freeway
- Freeway relief routes needed at Freer, George West, Beeville and Goliad
- 2023 UTP includes:
 - \$326 million to extend I-69W on Laredo loop by 7 miles
 - \$302 million to widen 21 miles of US 59 east of Laredo
 - \$145 million for an interchange at I-37 and 3 miles of freeway
 - Study underway of adding lanes to 23 miles west of Freer (est. \$269 million)



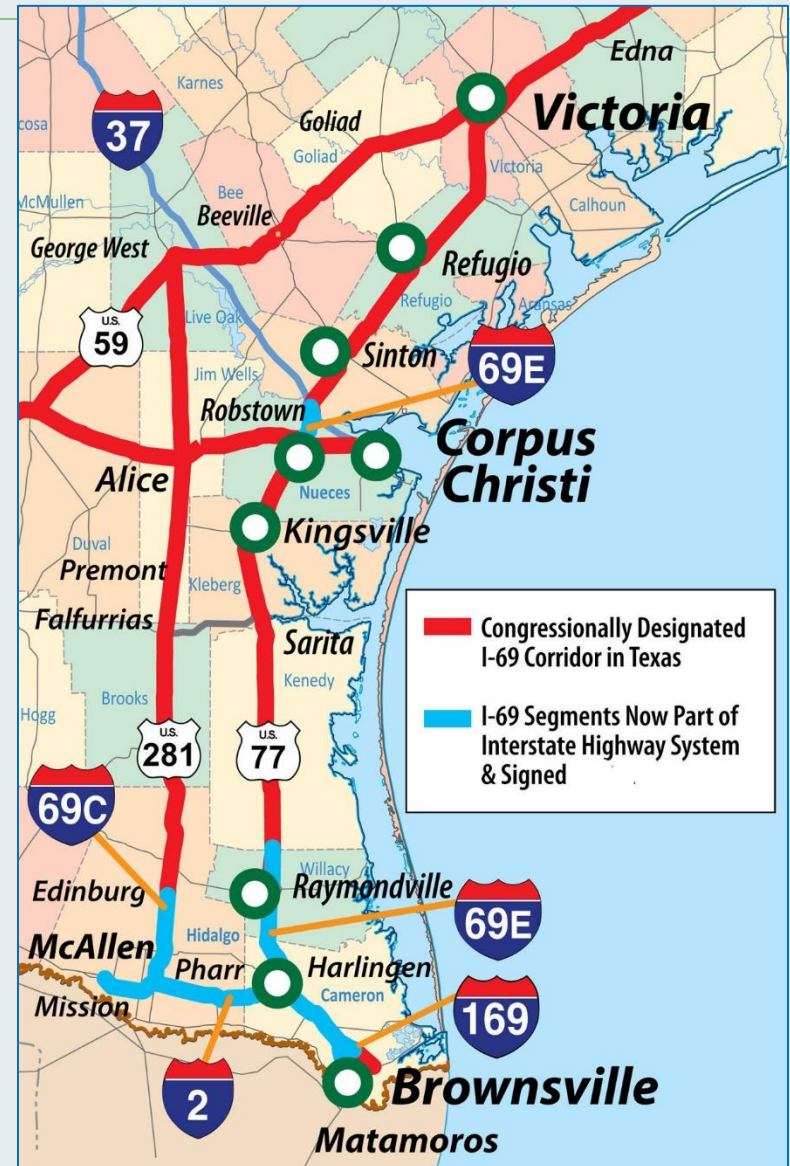
US 59 Progress: Victoria to Houston

- Houston sections south to Rosenberg were signed as I-69 in 2013
- 12 miles from Rosenberg to Wharton County line is complete and should be signed next year
- 7 miles north of Wharton is under construction at \$169 million
- \$252 million for 7.5 million Wharton Relief Route scheduled to let by 2025
- Additional miles in Wharton County now in study phase of development
- Victoria County projects in UTP
 - \$15 million rail overpass replacement
 - \$50 million direct connects on US 59 South
 - \$11 million to add lanes south of BU59
 - Study of \$240 million project converting 8 miles on US 59 to freeway at Inez



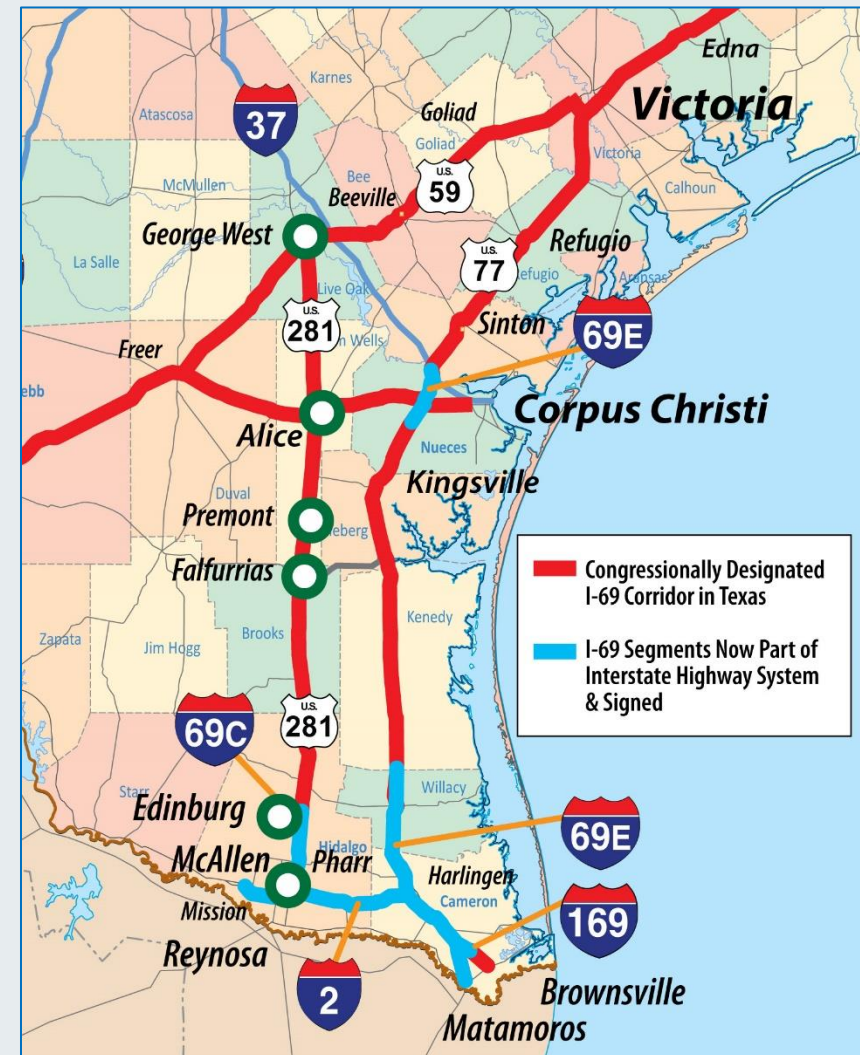
US 77 Progress: Victoria to RGV

- First I-69 section signed at Robstown in 2011
- Environmental work south of Corpus Christi to Valley completed in 2012
- First RGV I-69 sections signed in 2013
- I-69E now complete across all of Cameron and Willacy Counties.
- All gap sections south of I-37 are now allocated funding in the UTP
- UTP includes \$465 million for 14 miles of relief routes Refugio and Woodsboro
- Feasibility study underway for Sinton to south of Odem including relief route and rail overpass



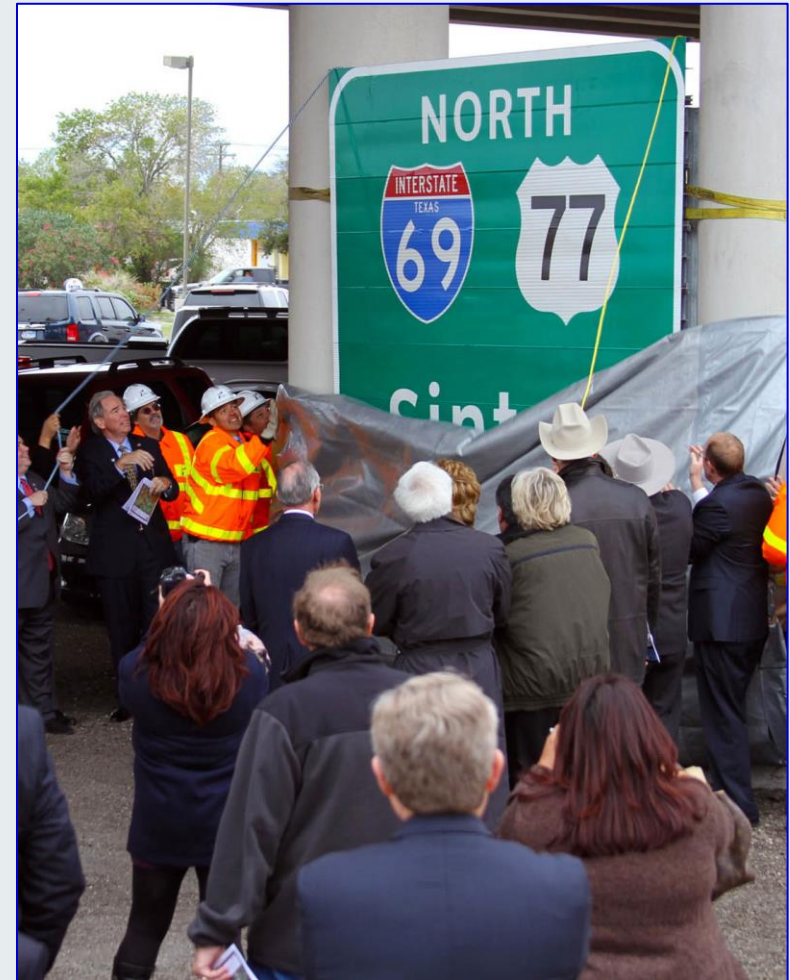
US 281 Progress: US 59 to RGV

- Connects trade gateways to US 59 and I-37
- 18 miles in Hidalgo County signed as I-69 Central
- Projects to be let soon on north side of Edinburg (\$212 million) and on the Alice Relief Route (\$118 million)
- UTP includes future projects to complete Brooks County section (\$393 million)
- 6-mile Premont Relief Route nearing completion (\$78 million)
- 5 miles at Falfurrias completed in 2012



Federal IIJA Provides Opportunities for I-69

- The \$1.2 trillion federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) highway funding program will provide Texas about \$27 billion in federal highway funding over the next five years
- Texas will have about \$1 billion a year in new federal highway funds
- IIJA provides multiple opportunities for competitive project grants that may boost certain I-69 projects
- The Alliance stages DC Fly-In events to connect with Members of Congress, key committee staffers and administration officials
- The Alliance will continue to work with congressional members to secure earmarks for I-69 projects



2011: Sign Unveiling for First Texas I-69 Section

Alliance Keeps I-69 in Austin Spotlight

- The Alliance has kept I-69 high on the agenda of state decisionmakers
- Billions in scheduled projects are located across the I-69 route and the Alliance works to keep community leaders and legislators informed and involved in the project development process
- Along with other transportation interests, the Alliance played an active role in passage of Prop 1 & 7 highway funding.
- Prop 1 & 7 have provided \$25 billion in new highway funds since 2015.



Senate Transportation Chairman Robert Nichols on I-69 Day



Commissioner Alvin New at Alliance luncheon

I-69 Alliance: 29 Years of Working Together



- All segments of the I-69 route are represented in the Alliance
- We are staffed by an experienced team in Texas and Washington
- The persistence of our members continues to help build momentum for I-69 projects
- Other public and private interests in this community can join with the city, county and port to help keep attention on I-69

Supporting Progress on I-69



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