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6.5-mile relief route in construction around Corrigan in East Texas

TEXAS



- More than 1,100 miles of existing highways (US 59, US 77, US 281, US 84 and SH 44) will eventually be upgraded to form the complete I-69 System in Texas. A total of 183 miles of I-69 have been added to the Interstate Highway System along with 46 miles added as the I-2 connector for I-69E and I-69C in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Another 100 miles have been constructed to or are under construction to meet interstate standards and designation.
- Two additional sections of the I-69 corridor are now complete, open to traffic and under review for addition to the Interstate Highway System and signing: (1) 12 miles of suburban freeway on the south side of Houston in Fort Bend County. (2) 20 miles from near Corpus Christi to south of Kingsville, including the Driscoll Relief Route.
- Construction projects are under contract in Hidalgo, Nueces, Kleberg, Webb, Jim Wells, Wharton, Fort Bend, Harris, Liberty, San Jacinto, Polk, Angelina, Nacogdoches and Panola Counties.
- Important relief route projects are underway at Corrigan, Wharton and Alice.
- TxDOT has let the first two of five contracts to reconstruct I-69 through the heart of Houston. Procurement will begin this year on a \$2 billion I-69 project to reconstruct



6.6-mile I-69 extension north of Houston scheduled for completion in 2029

the confluence of I-69, I-10 and I-45 on the north side of Downtown Houston.

- The state's latest 10-year Unified Transportation Program (UTP) version includes more than 70 upcoming projects on the I-69 System with a cost of more than \$12 billion.

LOUISIANA



- The I-69 route in Louisiana extends approximately 120 miles from the Arkansas line south to I-20 and I-49 and then southwest to the Sabine River. 75 miles are environmentally cleared.
- Initial construction is expected to include 10.5 miles of frontage road from Interstate 49 to the Port of Caddo-Bossier on the southeast side of Shreveport. Environmental and preliminary engineering is underway.

ARKANSAS



- The 184-mile I-69 route in southern Arkansas has been environmentally cleared with a preferred alignment identified. The future interstate is being developed on an incremental basis starting with the initial two traffic lanes in the vicinity of Monticello. The I-69 System in Arkansas includes a 40-mile Interstate 530 connector between Monticello and Pine Bluff with 29 miles complete. The future I-69 crossing of the Mississippi, known as the Great River Bridge, will be an important alternative to the I-40 bridge at Memphis and the I-20 bridge at Vicksburg.

MISSISSIPPI



- The I-69 system in Mississippi covers 178 miles. A 15-mile section of I-69 in northwest Mississippi was opened to traffic in 2006. I-69 runs concurrently on I-55 north from Hernando to Memphis.
- Work is complete on Interstate 269, a part of the I-69 System circling the southeast side of Memphis.

TENNESSEE



- A total of 104 miles of the main I-69 route remain to be built north of Memphis.
- Four projects forming a Union City relief route are complete. Construction is planned in 2028 on a section north of US 51 stretching into Kentucky.

Join the I-69 Caucus

Members of Congress from the eight states on the national I-69 route maintain an active caucus to raise awareness of I-69 as an important freight corridor. Members on the route and from other states that will be served by I-69 are urged to join the I-69 Congressional Caucus. Please contact Harrison Tucker to join: 202-223-8881, htucker@hslawmail.com.



3 Section 3: Indiana

The approach work being completed now in Evansville will provide all-weather access to build the new I-69 bridge.

2 Section 2: I-69 Bridge

The Section 2 contract is expected to be awarded in late 2026. Work is scheduled to begin in 2027 and be complete in 2031.

1 Section 1: Kentucky

Approach work in Kentucky is substantially complete. Final connections will be made when the bridge opens as part of Section 2 work.

INDIANA



- The I-69 route in Indiana covers 320 miles crossing the entire state from Kentucky to Michigan. The final 26 miles was completed in 2024. I-69 now runs continuously from the Indiana-Kentucky state line to the Canadian Border.
- Construction is expected to be complete in 2026 on the Indiana approach to the Ohio River Crossing bridge.
- A bi-state development agreement is in place and the construction contract for the new interstate standard river bridge will be awarded this year.

MICHIGAN



- The I-69 corridor has only a few remaining projects programmed for work with focus turning to improved efficiency at the I-69 border crossing with Canada. MDOT will expand the Blue Water Bridge Plaza, supporting truck freight at one of the busiest US/Canada border crossings, responsible for \$70 billion in trade flows each year.
- Plaza expansion will occur through four phases. Component 1 (ramp relocation, intersection reconfiguration, noise wall construction) was substantially completed in 2025, with ongoing noise wall work to be finished by mid-2026. Component 2 (southside plaza expansion) is in Design Build/Best Value procurement with the award expected in spring 2026, and construction occurring through 2030. Components 3 and 4 require commitments from federal agencies to furnish, lease, occupy infrastructure before work begins.
- MDOT was awarded a \$25 million INFRA grant and will issue bonds backed by toll generated revenue for the additional project costs. Project costs have increased significantly, now totaling more than \$600 million.

KENTUCKY

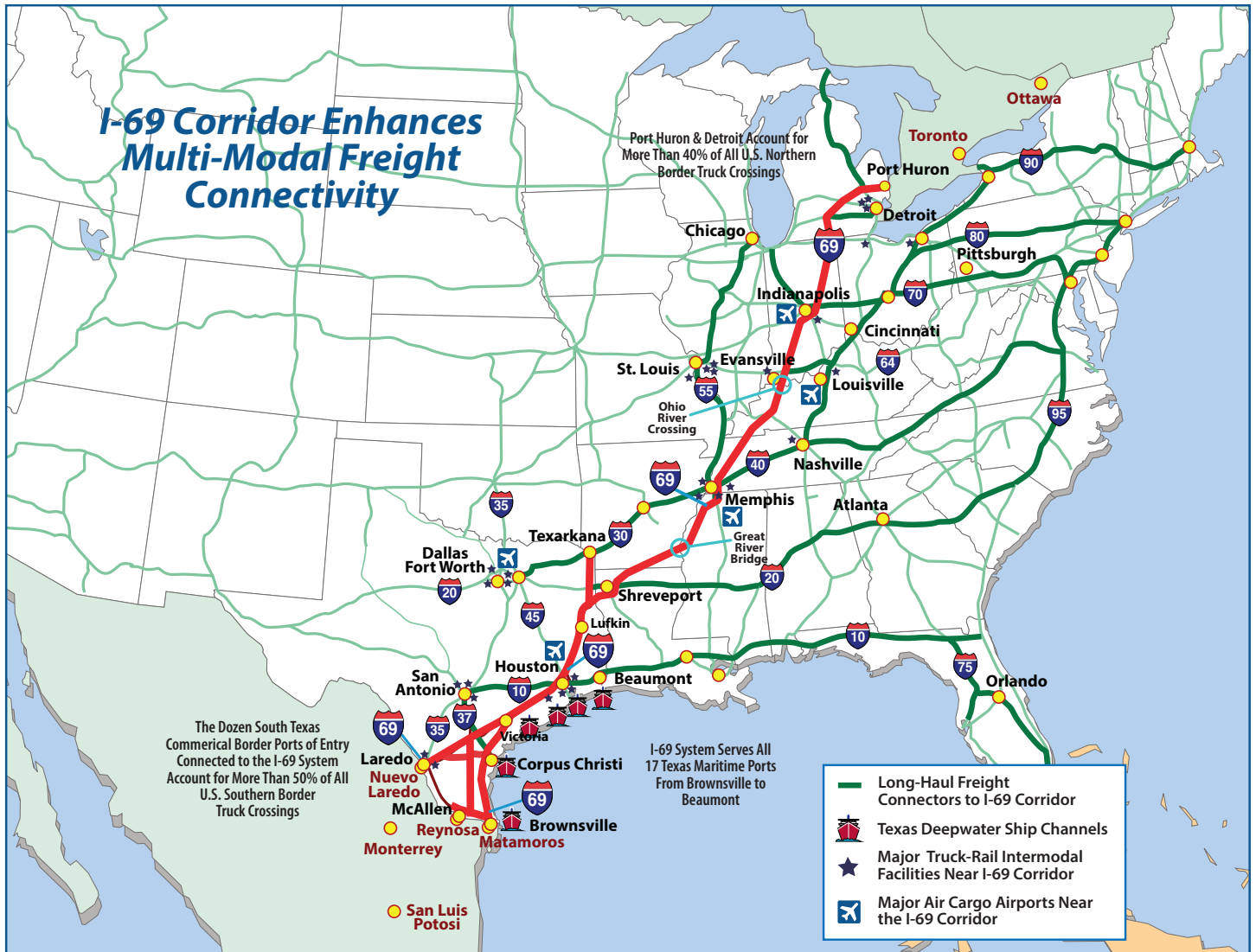


- The I-69 route in Kentucky runs from Fulton on the Tennessee state line north to the Ohio River at Henderson.
- The 128 miles from Mayfield to Henderson are now part of the Interstate Highway System.
- Work is now substantially complete on the 6-mile Kentucky approach roadway for the new Ohio River Crossing bridge. Work included new interchanges at US 60 and US 41.
- Construction of the Ohio River bridge is expected to begin in 2027 at a cost of approximately \$1 billion.
- BridgeLink, a combined advocacy group from Kentucky and Indiana, is supporting work on the bridge system.



Blue Water Bridge at Port Huron





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