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Honorable Ramon Garcia
County Of Hidalgo
P.O. Box 1356
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Attached is our agency's County of Hidalgo membership dues statement for Fiscal Years 2013-2014.

Your membership dues assist us in meeting our local cash match requirements for our Senior Nutrition and Transportation Projects' federal/state grants. These funds are used to expand such Projects' services to seniors in your County and the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

We continue to count on your valuable assistance to seniors through our agency and are very grateful for your long-standing commitment and participation in our agency's Projects' services and activities.

If you have any questions, please call me at your convenience at (956) 581-9494, Extension 106.

Sincerely,

Jose E. Garza
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

JOSE EMANUEL GARZA

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~~Irma Saenz~~
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Statement

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
	<p>Hidalgo County County Membership Dues 01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014</p> <p>Your membership provides you with access to a wealth of exclusive member benefits that can save you, your residents and your employees money! Renew now and don't lose a moment of your tremendous membership benefits!</p> <p>For additional information, please contact Alex Koroknay-Palicz, Membership Coordinator, at 1-888-407-NACo (6226) x291 or e-mail akpalicz@naco.org.</p> <p>INVOICE RECEIVED BY: <u>[Signature]</u> on <u>1/29/14</u> GOODS/SERVICES RECEIVED BY: <u>hans T.</u> on <u>2/10/14</u></p> <p>RECEIVED CHIEF OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON <u>1/29/14</u> BY <u>hans T.</u></p> <p>4-1100413-30125-004-0810</p>	\$11,983
	TOTAL	\$11,983

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Date: January 30, 2014

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LRGVDC

2014 STATEMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES

LRGVDC Member

Hidalgo County

Amount:

\$46,762.00

Please make check payable to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council and mail to 301 W. Railroad St. Weslaco, TX 78596-5104

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TEXAS Conference of
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Invoice

Date	Number
10/31/2013	7208

Bill To
Honorable Ramon Garcia County Judge Hidalgo County P.O. Box 1356 Edinburg, TX 78540

Texas Conference of Urban Counties
500 W. 13th. St.
Austin, Texas 78701

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Urban Counties FY2014 Membership Dues <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>RECEIVED</p> <p><i>Sec</i> NOV 02 2013</p> <p>COUNTY JUDGE</p> </div> <p>INVOICE RECEIVED BY: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u> ON <u>12/5/13</u> GOODS/SERVICES RECEIVED BY: <u>Laura T.</u> ON <u>12/5/13</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">4-1100-413-30-125-004-0-810 <i>[Signature]</i></p>	20,744.00
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\$20,744.00	
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August 20, 2013

Judge Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County
P.O. Box 1356
Edinburg, TX 78540

Cc: Honorable A.C. Cuellar, County Commissioner, Pct. 1
Honorable Hector Palacios, County Commissioner, Pct. 2
Honorable Joe Flores, County Commissioner, Pct. 3
Honorable Joseph Palacios, County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Dear Judge Garcia,

This is notice of the amount of membership dues for Hidalgo County in the Texas Conference of Urban Counties for FY 2014. This notice is being provided to assist your county with budget preparation. **This is not a bill. Do not pay this amount at this time.**

During the June 5, 2013 Membership Luncheon, membership dues for FY 2014 were approved and adopted by the Membership as recommended by the Board of Directors. The dues formula remains unchanged and has not been modified since FY 2006.

The amount of dues for FY 2014 for Hidalgo County will be \$20,744.00.

Please contact me if I can be of assistance on this or any other matter.

Sincerely,



Donald Lee
Executive Director

Rio Grande Valley Mobility Task Force
An Ad Hoc Committee of the Rio Grande Valley Partnership

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P.O. Box 1499
Weslaco, Texas 78599

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TO:
The Honorable Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge
1615 S. Closner, Suite J
Edinburg, TX 78539

COMMENTS OR SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

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TERMS
Due on Receipt

DESCRIPTION	Amount
2014 Annual Dues	8,500.00
TOTAL DUE	\$ 8,500.00

Make all checks payable to Rio Grande Valley Partnership.
If you have any questions concerning this invoice, contact Febe Zepeda at (956) 968-3141.

Thank you for your support!

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COUNTY JUDGE

January 10, 2014

The Honorable Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge
1615 S. Closner, Suite J
Edinburg, TX 78539

Dear Judge Garcia:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Alliance for I-69 Texas, I am writing to thank you for your past support and to ask for your continued support in 2014. Attached is your 2014 membership invoice which reflects a modest increase approved unanimously by the Board of Directors at the recent annual meeting. While we have made tremendous strides in the development of I-69 in the past several years, our local membership dues have not increased in many years. As we prepare to press ahead in 2014, we hope that you will commit to continuing your annual membership from \$7,500 to \$8,500.

With regard to our recent successes, I am pleased to report that there are now 186 miles of I-69 officially designated and signed in Texas. More than half this mileage was able to be signed as a direct result of federal legislative efforts spearheaded by the Alliance. On the funding side, TxDOT has allocated over \$740 million to projects along the I-69 route that will contribute to the completion of a seamless I-69 route from Texarkana to Laredo and the Lower Rio Grande Valley. In addition, the Alliance for I-69 Texas played a pivotal role in working with legislators during the recent state legislative session to ensure passage of a joint resolution putting a constitutional amendment before the voters to dedicate a portion of the revenues brought in by the oil and gas production tax to the transportation fund. If approved by the voters in November of 2014, those dedicated revenues will add \$1.2 billion per year to the transportation fund starting in 2015 and will grow as the oil and gas industry grows in Texas. These are funds that will be allocated to I-69 projects as well as other state priorities.

While we have realized significant progress and momentum is growing for the project, there is much work still to be done to complete I-69 in Texas. As we finish out 2013 and look to 2014, the Alliance for I-69 will work to ensure the constitutional amendment for transportation funding is approved and that a portion of the new transportation funding is allocated to I-69 projects. In Washington, we will work closely with the I-69 Texas congressional delegation to position I-69 as part of the National Freight Network. We anticipate that this designation will create opportunities for additional federal resources to support the development of I-69. Furthermore, Texas is leading the charge to organize a multi-state I-69 Congressional Caucus that will be a strong advocate for federal support of I-69 development during the next transportation authorization bill.

We are certainly grateful for your past support and hope that we can count on your organization to continue to actively support the efforts of the Alliance for I-69 Texas to ensure the completion of a seamless I-69.

Sincerely,

Julian Alvarez
President/CEO

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The Alliance for I-69 Texas

Encouraging Cooperation and Seeking Solutions Since 1994

2014 State Objectives

1. Ensure that I-69 projects remain a high priority for the Texas Transportation Commission and TxDOT leadership.
2. Work with the I-69 Corridor Advisory Committee and I-69 Segment Committees to implement their planning priorities as detailed in their 2012 Report and Recommendations.
3. Work with the District Engineers to avoid roadblocks or delays to completion of I-69 projects that have received funding.
4. Work with TxDOT Director of Planning and District Offices to identify priority projects that are NOT funded and get them construction ready by 2015 when TxDOT is expected to gain additional funding.
5. Support Alliance members as they work with local governments, TxDOT and private sector firms to plan, finance and construct projects along the I-69 routes.
6. Monitor the work of the House and Senate Select Committees of Transportation Funding as well as the standing transportation committees on their interim charges.
7. Work with other transportation allies such as the Transportation Advocates of Texas to develop local and statewide support for passage of new sustainable transportation funding.
8. Prepare and distribute information in support of the November 2014 constitutional referendum on transportation funding.

2014 Federal Objectives

1. Work with members of the Texas congressional delegation and House and Senate transportation policy committees to gain approval for new highway reauthorization bill.
2. Engage, energize and equip Texas' Congressional delegation to strongly advocate for I-69 in Congress.
3. Work with the I-69 Congressional Caucus to inform the members of Congress of the value of I-69 and the project's funding and policy.
4. Work to encourage USDOT and the Congress to include I-69 in National Freight Network designations and funding.
5. Work to protect issues of priority for the Alliance and protect policy gains achieved in MAP-21:
 - Funding flexibility
 - Innovative financing provisions
 - Expand current level of funding
 - 4 or 6 year bill rather than a short extension
 - Expedited environmental review
 - National Freight Program
 - TIFIA program
 - Expanded highway safety
 - Protect rate of return for donor states
6. Coordinate with TxDOT regarding the development of the reauthorization bill.
7. Work with TxDOT, AASHTO and FHWA to expand mileage eligible for I-69 designation.
8. Keep the Alliance board of directors fully informed of transportation funding and policy developments in Washington.
9. Assist the State effort of the Alliance with the information flow to support a positive state referendum vote regarding transportation funding in Texas.



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2014 Board of Directors Roster

In accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, and the By-Laws of the Alliance for I-69 Texas, the following individual are appointed to the Board of Directors for a term of one year, terminating at the 2014 annual meeting. (* denotes Executive Committee member)

Northeast

- Charles Thomas,* Executive Director, Carthage Improvement Corp.
- Ed Smith, Mayor, City of Marshall
- James Carlow,* Texarkana Chamber of Commerce
- James Greer, County Commissioner, Harrison County
- David Anderson, County Judge, Panola County
- Linda Ryan Thomas, Chair, Northeast Texas Regional Mobility Authority

East

- John Thompson,* County Judge, Polk County
- Bob Brown,* Mayor, City of Lufkin
- Jim Jeffers, City Manager, City of Nacogdoches
- Brad Browder, Cleveland Economic Development Corp.
- Rick Campbell, County Judge, Shelby County
- Joe English, County Judge, Nacogdoches County
- Wes Suiter, County Judge, Angelina County

North Central

- Janiece Longoria,* Chairman, Port of Houston Authority
- Norman Brown, County Commissioner, Liberty County
- Bob Harvey, President and CEO, Greater Houston Partnership
- Doug Pitcock, Chairman and CEO, Williams Brothers Construction Company, Inc.

Central

- Billie Jones,* Director of Special Programs/Projects, Wharton Chamber of Commerce
- Jeff Wiley, President, Greater Fort Bend Economic Development Council
- Buck Boettcher, Mayor, City of East Bernard
- David Schroeder, Executive Director, Wharton Economic Development Council
- Domingo Montalvo, Mayor, City of Wharton
- Vincent Morales, Mayor, City of Rosenberg

Ex-Officio Members of the Board

- Louis Bronaugh, Former Mayor, City of Lufkin and Chairman Emeritus, Alliance for I-69 Texas
- Helen R. Walker, Former County Judge, Victoria County and Former Chairman, Alliance for I-69 Texas
- Robert Eckels, Former County Judge, Harris County, and Former Chairman, Alliance for I-69 Texas
- Michael Behrens, Former Executive Director, Texas Department of Transportation
- Amadeo Saenz, Former Executive Director, Texas Department of Transportation

West Spur

- J. Jorge Verduzco,* Executive Vice President, International Bank of Commerce
- Danny Valdez, County Judge, Webb County
- Raul Salinas, Mayor, City of Laredo
- David Bowman, County Judge, Goliad County
- David Silva, County Judge, Bee County
- Jennifer Stastny, Executive Director, Port of Victoria

East Spur

- Julian Alvarez,* President & CEO, Rio Grande Valley Partnership
- David Garza, Commissioner, Cameron County
- Ramon Garcia, County Judge, Hidalgo County
- John Gonzales, County Judge, Willacy County
- Alan Johnson, Chairman, Port of Harlingen Authority
- Tecló Garcia, Representative, City of McAllen
- Alex Meade, CEO, Mission Economic Development Corp.

Coastal Bend

- Judy Hawley,* Commissioner, Port of Corpus Christi Authority
- Loyd Neal,* County Judge, Nueces County
- Terry Simpson, County Judge, San Patricio County
- Nelda Martinez, Mayor, City of Corpus Christi
- Stanley Laskowski, Commissioner, City of Kingsville
- Tom Niskala, Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce/MPO

Regional Mobility Authorities

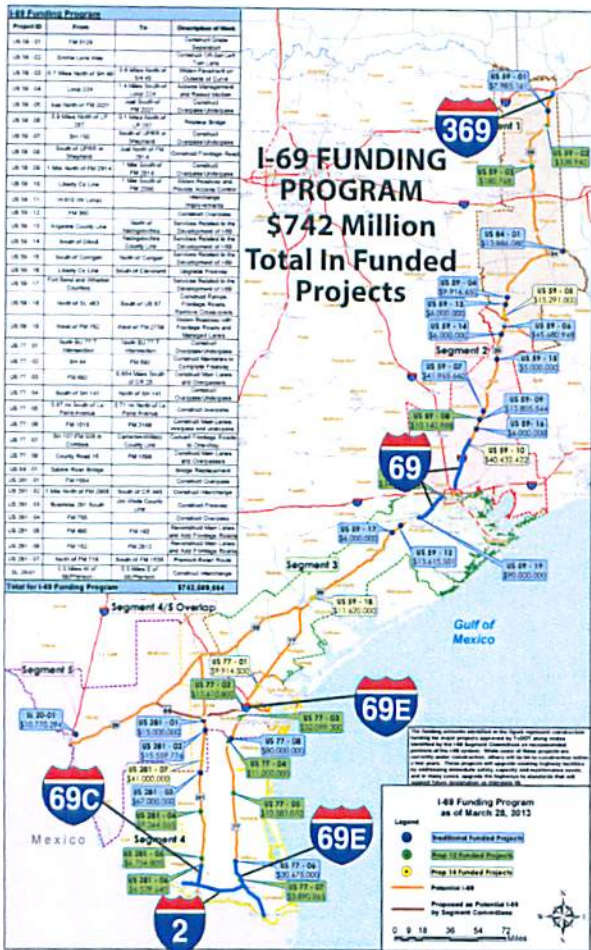
- Pete Sepulveda, Executive Director, Cameron County RMA
- Dennis Burlison, Chairman, Hidalgo County RMA





Alliance for I-69 Texas

Interstate Highway Progress Report



I-69 Now A Reality in Eight Counties

- Interstate 69 in Texas is being developed as a series of incremental upgrades to existing highways - US 59, US 77, US 281, US 84 (Shelby County) and Loop 20 (Webb County).
- 186 miles of the Interstate 69 route in Texas have now been designated as part of the national Interstate Highway System and signed with new I-69 shields.
- The first designated section is 6.2 miles of I-69E running concurrently with US 77 on the western edge of Corpus Christi in Nueces County. That was followed by:
 - 35 Miles (US 59) - Harris and Montgomery Counties
 - 28 Miles (US 59) - Harris and Fort Bend Counties
 - 3.5 Miles (US 59/I-369) - Texarkana south from I-30
 - 53.3 Miles (US 77/I-69E) - Raymondville to Rio Grande
 - 46.8 Miles (US 83/Interstate 2) - Harlingen to Palmview
 - 13.5 Miles (US 281/I-69C) - Edinburg to Pharr, Hidalgo County

More Interstate 69 On The Way

- Additional miles of the I-69 route are already at or near interstate highway standard and the Alliance for I-69 Texas has urged that they be considered for addition to the Interstate Highway System.

\$742 Million in Funded Projects

In the past few years TxDOT has dedicated a total of \$742 million to the I-69 projects funding program. Some of these projects are under construction or were recently completed while others will be let to construction within a few years. A dozen upgrade projects are currently underway along the I-69 route. Many of these projects are focused on providing safety upgrades with new overpasses, elimination of cross-overs and limiting access.

The Alliance for I-69 Texas

Established in 1994, the Alliance for I-69 Texas has consistently been successful in securing funding and legislation to advance the development of I-69. The Alliance is a non-profit made up of local governments, economic development groups, port authorities and private sector associate members.

Congress established I-69 as a high priority corridor in 1991 and it remains a federal priority. Local and state support for I-69 development is at an all-time high as the pace of tangible progress quickens. Milestone federal legislation passed in 2012 and supported by the Alliance removed a requirement that completed highway segments must be connected to an existing interstate highway before they could be added to the Interstate Highway System. State legislation supported by the Alliance has facilitated the development of I-69 through Proposition 12 and Proposition 14 bonds, Transportation Reinvestment Zones and expedited environmental review processes.



Interstate 69 Texas Milestones

- 1991..... Congress established Interstate 69 as a priority corridor across seven states to be part of the National Highway System
- 1990s..... Alliance pursues federal funding and builds support among lawmakers and community leaders
- 1990s-2000s.. Upgrades to Eastex Freeway, Southwest Freeway, US 59, US 77, US 83 and US 281 sections in various counties funded
- 1994..... NAFTA enacted and creates increasing demand for freight capacity in Texas
- 1995..... Federal funding for first I-69 feasibility study; I-69 extended to the Rio Grande Valley
- 1998..... Corridor 20 extending to Texarkana and Laredo added to the I-69 system by Congress
- 1999..... Publication of the I-69 Special Environmental Study defining sections of independent utility (SIU)
- 2000s..... More than \$60 million in funding for I-69 planning and environmental studies;
- 2000s..... TxDOT continues to fund key upgrade to freeway standard projects in many counties, particularly in high growth regions
- 2005..... Work completed on US 77 upgrade at Corpus Christi (now I-69)
- 2007..... I-69 selected by US DOT as a Corridor of the Future
- 2008..... TxDOT announced intent to build upgrades and stay on existing footprints unless that is impractical
- 2008..... I-69 Advisory Committee appointed by TxDOT to recommend routing and priorities
- 2009..... Five segment advisory committees begin work to help select priority projects on I-69
- 2009..... \$271 million in federal stimulus program funding approved for I-69 projects
- 2010..... TxDOT steps up planning and funding of safety projects on I-69 route
- 2011..... First section of I-69 in Texas designated and signed (Corpus Christi-Robstown)
- 2012..... Passage of federal MAP-21 Highway Bill removing the requirement that completed highway segments must be connected to an existing interstate before they can become part of the Interstate Highway System
- 2012..... Environmental clearance approved for US 77 upgrades from Corpus Christi to Harlingen
- 2012..... 35 miles of Eastex Freeway/US 59 added to Interstate 69 system
- 2012..... I-69 Advisory Committee final report adopted; committee's role extended
- 2013..... TxDOT tabulates I-69 Funding Program with total of \$742 million and growing
- 2013..... 28 miles of Southwest Freeway/US 59 added to Interstate 69 system
- 2013..... 113 miles of Rio Grande Valley freeways added to Interstate 69 system as I-69E, I-69C and I-2
- 2013..... 3.5 miles of US 59 in Texarkana designated as Interstate 369; a total of 186 miles of I-69 in Texas has been added to the Interstate Highway System



Alliance for I-69 Texas

For Additional Alliance Information Contact:

Judge John Thompson, Alliance Chairman - (936) 327-6813; john.thompson@co.polk.tx.us
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November 2013