



Alliance for I-69 Texas

2016 Interstate Highway Progress Report



I-69 Now A Reality in Nine Counties

- The Texas Interstate 69 System is being developed as a series of incremental upgrades to existing highways - US 59, US 77, US 281, SH 44 and US 84. US 83 is now Interstate 2, providing a 46.8-mile connector between I-69E and I-69W in Cameron and Hidalgo Counties.
- 207 miles of the Interstate 69 system in Texas have now been designated and signed with interstate shields. Approximately 400 additional miles are in active route studies, environmental clearance steps, design or right-of-way acquisition. The following segments have been added to the nation's Interstate Highway System:
 - 75.3 Miles (US 59/I-69) - Harris, Montgomery, Fort Bend Counties
 - 7.8 Miles (US 77/I-69E) - Nueces County
 - 3.5 Miles (US 59/I-369) - Texarkana south from I-30
 - 53.3 Miles (US 77/I-69E) - Raymondville to Rio Grande
 - 1.5 Miles (SH 550/ I-169 Connector) - Cameron County
 - 18 Miles (US 281/I-69C) - Edinburg to Pharr, Hidalgo County
 - 1.4 Miles (US 59/I-69W) - Laredo, Webb County
 - 46.8 Miles (US 83/Interstate 2 System Connector) - Harlingen to Palmview

\$1.6 Billion in Funded Projects

Since 2010, TxDOT has dedicated more than \$1.6 billion to the I-69 funding program. Some projects are under construction while others will be let to construction within a few years.

A Multimodal Freight Corridor

The Texas highways that make up Future I-69 are already major freight corridors connecting inland markets to Texas seaports and to the busy ports of entry on the Rio Grande. Freight traffic on Texas highways is projected to double by 2040 and completing I-69 is essential to ensuring safety and efficient movement of goods. Continued improvement of all elements of the I-69 system is also important to providing additional hurricane evacuation capacity for the growing population along the Texas Coast.

The Alliance for I-69 Texas

Established in 1994, the Alliance for I-69 Texas has consistently been successful in advocating to advance the development of I-69 on a system route that stretches from Texarkana to Houston and then south to Victoria, Corpus Christi and international border crossings in Webb, Cameron and Hidalgo Counties. The Alliance is a non-profit made up of cities, counties, port authorities, economic development groups and private sector associate members. More than one-third of the Texas population lives in 35 counties along the I-69 route.

Congress established I-69 as a high priority corridor in 1991 and it remains a federal priority.



Interstate 69 - Rosenberg

Alliance 2017 State Priorities

1. Ensure that I-69 projects remain a high priority for the Texas Transportation Commission and TxDOT leadership.
2. Work with the District Engineers to avoid roadblocks or delays in completion of I-69 projects that have received funding.
3. Work with TxDOT planners, the I-69 Corridor Advisory Committee and the District offices on the I-69 Implementation Plan.
4. Travel to the eight District offices along the I-69 route to identify priority projects that are NOT currently funded to get them construction ready for Prop 7 funding.
5. Work with transportation allies such as the Transportation Advocates of Texas (TAoT) to develop statewide support for passage of additional transportation funding in the 2017 legislative session.
6. Meet with members of the Legislature along the I-69 route in support of additional transportation funding in the 2017 legislative session. In particular, work with state leadership to dedicate a portion of state sales tax to transportation.
7. Monitor the work of the standing legislative transportation committees and assist lawmakers by showing Alliance support for initiatives that will contribute to I-69 development.
8. Monitor the implementation of HB-20 in developing a process for approving transportation projects for funding.
9. Assist with the coordination and arrangements for the 2017 I-69 Advocacy Day in Austin.
10. Keep the Alliance Board informed of TxDOT Sunset legislation and biennial appropriations impacts on I-69.
11. Assist in keeping the Alliance board fully informed on state legislative issues affecting I-69.

Alliance 2017 Federal Priorities

1. Work with members of the Texas congressional delegation, the House and Senate transportation policy committees, USDOT and TxDOT to ensure the FAST Act law is properly implemented.
2. Keep the Texas Congressional delegation fully informed on the FAST Act and its impact on I-69.
3. Work to expand 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. Continue to encourage USDOT and the Congress to include I-69 in the National Freight Network and Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects Program (FAST LANE grants) designations and funding.
5. Work in coordination with TxDOT to protect issues of priority for the Alliance and protect policy gains achieved in the new authorization law, including funding flexibility, the National Freight Program and the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects Program.
6. Work to ensure Congress fully funds the FHWA for FY '17 and FY '18.
7. Work with TxDOT, AASHTO and FHWA to expand mileage eligible for I-69 designation.
8. Assist in keeping the Alliance board fully informed on federal issues affecting I-69.
9. Assist with the coordination and arrangements for the 2017 trip to Washington, D.C. for the Alliance.



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