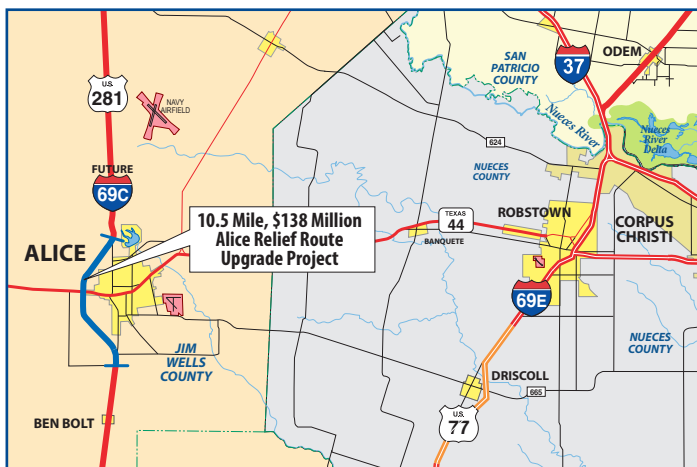


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**MORE I-69 MOMENTUM IN 2024 UTP** – TxDOT’s annual draft Unified Transportation Program (UTP) list of future projects that have been allocated funding is out for public comment. It includes 61 projects on the I-69 System with an estimated combined total cost of \$8.6 billion. The Alliance has identified at least 8 new I-69 projects in the 10-year program including freeway upgrades in Livingston, Wharton County, Laredo and Kenedy County. US 77 in Kenedy County now has five projects covering 23 miles that are fully funded and scheduled for contract award in the next couple of years. These projects will extend existing I-69E northward from the current terminus near the Willacy County line.

The statewide UTP includes more than \$100 billion in projects and when you add in development costs and excluded routine maintenance projects it comes to \$142 billion. The public comment period on the draft UTP runs until August 7th and the Commission vote to adopt is on August 16.



**ALICE PROJECT AWARDED** – In June the Transportation Commission awarded a \$138.4 million contract to upgrade the US 281 Alice Relief Route. Work on the South Texas relief route began more than a decade ago with construction of a major overpass of SH 44 and the KCS Railway’s mainline. Three other overpasses have been built, one north of the city and two to the south. The new project will complete the process of upgrading the 10.5-mile long relief route to full controlled access interstate standard. To the south at the town of Ben Bolt, TxDOT completed a one-mile grade separation in 2011 as part of the process that has now eliminated all but one of the traffic stoplights on US 281 from the Rio Grande Valley north to George West. The last traffic light is in Premont in southern Jim Wells County. It will no longer be slowing traffic once the new relief route there is complete later this year.

**RELIEF ROUTES** – With the award of the Alice project there are now I-69 relief routes under construction at Diboll, Corrigan, Driscoll and Premont. More relief route upgrade projects are scheduled in the next few years at Marshall, Wharton and Sinton. Relief routes are a key building block in connecting segments and completing the interstate. At least another 18 will be needed to eliminate the more than 70 stoplights that still exist in towns on the I-69 System in Texas.

**BOARD MEETING** – The Alliance Board of Directors will hold a quarterly board meeting via Zoom at 9 a.m. on August 7th.

**ANNUAL MEETING** - Mark your calendar - this year’s Alliance annual meeting will be in Houston on Thursday, Nov. 30th. Transportation Commissioner Alex Meade has accepted our invitation to be the keynote speaker.

**FEDERAL REPORT** – House and Senate committees are working on federal appropriations bills for the coming year. A House committee has included funding for two future I-69 projects - \$3.6 million for the upgrade of US 59 in El Campo and \$3 million toward reconstruction of the US 59/US 259 interchange on the north side of Nacogdoches. The first request was made by Congressman Troy Nehls on behalf of the City Development Corp. of El Campo and the second was made by Congressman Pete Sessions on behalf of the City of Nacogdoches. The Alliance assisted local communities in identifying potential projects to put forward for congressional earmarks. More action is needed before this funding is confirmed but the Alliance thanks Congressman Nehls and Congressman Sessions for their willingness to make the requests.

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION** – TxDOT Commissioners applauded the work of the department’s legislative affairs staff during the 2023 legislative session. Lawmakers fully funded TxDOT’s appropriations requests and passed several TxDOT supported bills including strengthening the “Move Over Slow Down” law and authority to set temporarily lower speed limits to improve safety. (See Funding info on Page 2)

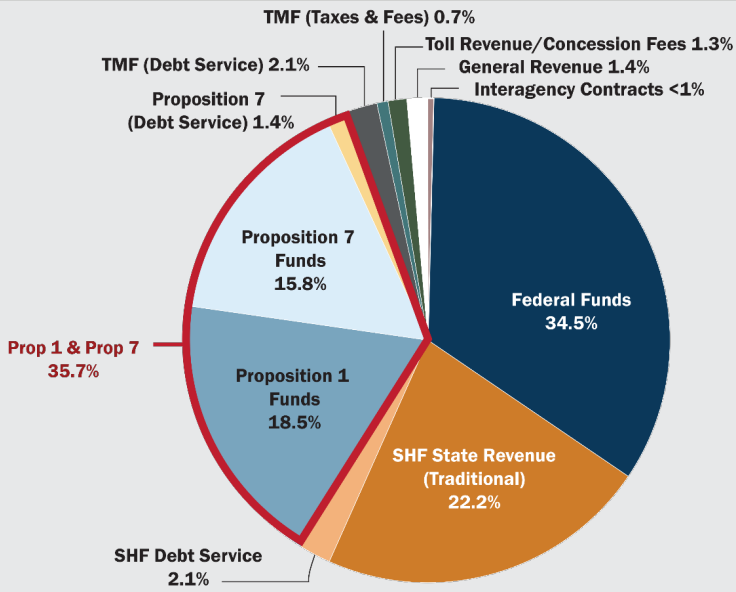
**PANOLA COUNTY PROJECT** – Work will begin soon on an important Future I-69 safety project in Panola County about halfway between Marshall and Carthage. The \$37 million US 59 project includes construction of an overpass interchange at FM 1794.

**NORTH NACOGDOCHES** – The TxDOT Lufkin District will hold a public meeting August 3rd to inform the public and seek comments on the upcoming project to upgrade a portion of US 59 and rebuild the US 59/US 259 interchange to interstate standards on the north side of Nacogdoches.

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# State Transportation Appropriations for FY 24-25

## Appendix: House Bill 1 – Funding Sources Fiscal Years 2024-2025

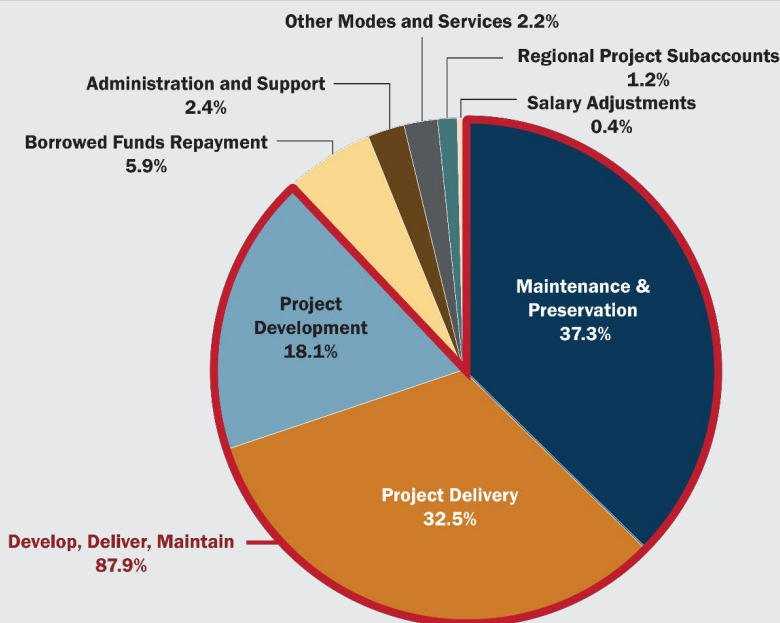


### BUDGET SOURCES

Federal Funds	\$12.84 billion
SHF (Traditional)	\$8.27 billion
SHF (Debt Service)	\$0.79 billion
Proposition 1 Funds	\$6.87 billion
Proposition 7 Funds	\$5.90 billion
Proposition 7 (Debt Service)	\$0.53 billion
TMF (Debt Service)	\$0.77 billion
TMF (Taxes & Fees)	\$0.28 billion
Toll Revenue/Concession Fees	\$0.47 billion
General Revenue	\$0.51 billion
Interagency Contracts	\$0.01 billion
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37.23 billion</b>

\*Totals and percentages may not sum due to rounding

## Appendix: House Bill 1 – Funding Uses Fiscal Years 2024-2025



### BUDGET USES

Maintenance & Preservation	\$13.90 billion
Project Delivery	\$12.10 billion
Project Development	\$6.74 billion
Borrowed Funds Repayment	\$2.20 billion
Administration and Support	\$0.88 billion
Other Modes and Services	\$0.81 billion
Regional Project Subaccounts	\$0.47 billion
Salary Adjustments	\$0.14 billion
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37.23 billion</b>

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