



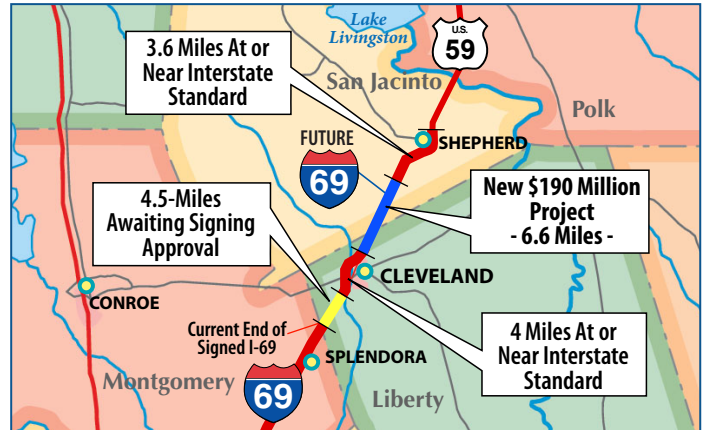
Working to Better Connect Texas Communities and Create Economic Opportunities

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**❑ \$344 MILLION LAREDO PROJECT** – The Transportation Commission in August awarded a contract to extend I-69W by approximately 4.7 miles in Laredo. At \$344 million this is the largest single project contract so far on the I-69 System in Texas. It compares to \$303 million for the I-69C/I-2 interchange in Pharr, \$258 million for the I-69/I-610 interchange in Houston, \$176 million for the Ricardo Extension in Kleberg County and \$173 million for the Corrigan Relief Route in Polk County. Laredo freeway construction will begin in early 2024 with overpasses at Shiloh, Del Mar, University and Jacaman Road. This section of the US 59 loop is currently a city boulevard. A subsequent project will complete the loop freeway past Laredo International Airport and Lake Casa Blanca International State Park to Saunders St. In the future I-69 will run northeast in rural Webb County toward Victoria.



**❑ NOVEMBER ALLIANCE ANNUAL MEETING** – Mark your calendar for this year’s Alliance Annual Meeting and luncheon. It will be held at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Houston on Thursday, November 30th. Watch for registration information coming your way. The keynote speaker will be Transportation Commissioner Alex Meade III of Mission, executive vice president for Texas Regional Bank. If you can be a sponsor or want to direct someone else to take advantage of this sponsorship opportunity, please contact Executive Director Jennifer Shepard ( [Jennifer@jgshepard.com](mailto:Jennifer@jgshepard.com) ).



**❑ SAN JACINTO COUNTY PROJECT** – Work will begin in the coming months on what will in a few years be the first section of I-69 to be signed in the TxDOT Lufkin District. A \$190 million contract has been awarded for upgrading 6.6 miles of US 59 to interstate standard between Cleveland and Shepherd. This new section will connect to a 3.6-mile interstate standard section, including the Shepherd Relief Route, completed over the past decade.

**❑ MARSHALL RELIEF ROUTE (Future I-369)** – Friday (9/22) is the deadline for making public comments on the latest project design for the first phase of the SL 390/US 59 Marshall Relief Route. The future I-69 System project includes 5 miles along a new US 59 alignment and 3 miles along I-20 with a combined estimated construction cost of about \$309 million. The current anticipated start of construction is 2028. As part of the environmental review process, a video presentation, project data and maps are available at [txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov).

**❑ MORE SIGNS OF THE FUTURE** – This year the TxDOT Yoakum District has installed a total of 10 new or replacement “Future Interstate” signs on US 59 and US 77 in Wharton, Jackson and Victoria Counties. The Alliance is encouraging other districts to add these informational signs where appropriate.



**❑ COMMISSIONER BRIEFING** – Thanks to new Transportation Commissioner Steven Alvis of Houston for allowing a small I-69 Alliance delegation an opportunity to introduce him to the Alliance and to provide a briefing on I-69 progress, justification and need. The delegation highlighted the longstanding partnership with TxDOT to advance I-69.

# 2024 UTP Project Scoring and Prioritization (Categories 2, 4 and 12)



## KNOWN DATA

### Statewide Priorities and System Needs

#### Safety 25%

- Fatal/Incap. Crash Rate
- Fatal/Incap. Crash Count
- Overall Crash Rate

#### Congestion 25%

- 100 Most Congested Roadways
- Congestion Task Force Projects
- Current and Future Volume/Capacity

#### Connectivity 25%

- National Highway System
- Texas Trunk System
- Texas Freight Network and Freight Mobility Plan Projects
- Key Rural Corridors
- Energy Sector Regions
- Hurricane Evacuation Routes

#### Preservation 12.5%

- Pavement Condition Score
- Bridge Sufficiency Score

#### Economy 12.5%

- Population Density
- Employment Density
- Daily Truck Volume
- Freight Volume

50%

### Projected Project Performance

#### Safety 31.4%

- Reduction in crash count
- Reduction in crash rate
- Societal cost savings

#### Economic Dev. 9.8%

- Average Daily Traffic
- Average Daily Truck Traffic

#### Preservation 20.9%

- Lane miles improved (Pavement Condition)
- Bridge deck area improved (Bridge Condition)

#### Environmental 5.2%

- Environmental mitigation cost
- Project scope addresses environment

#### Congestion 19.2%

- Benefit congestion (delay hours)

#### Connectivity 13.5%

- Lane miles of new roadway

50%

## PREDICTIVE DATA

2024 Unified Transportation Program

August 16, 2023

## A Look at the Metrics TxDOT Considers When Scoring and Selecting Which Projects Will Be Funded in the Annual UTP Process

The annual process of developing the next edition of the Unified Transportation Program (UTP) begins each September. Over the next three months projects will be reviewed and scoring will begin. While all these scoring criteria are important in the project selection process, TxDOT and its local partners must also consider other factors when making final funding decisions, including project costs, scheduling concerns, and public input.

### 2024 UTP Allocations by Category

Category 2 - Metro and Urban Corridor Funding	\$11.5 Billion
Category 4R - Statewide Connectivity (Rural)	\$10.0 Billion
Category 4U - Statewide Connectivity (Urban)	\$ 7.8 Billion
Category 12 - Strategic Priority	\$14.0 Billion
Category 12CL - Strategic Priority (Texas Clear Lanes)	\$ 6.0 Billion

(Allocations over 10 year period)



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