

February 11, 2025

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES – The 2025 legislative session is underway and the I-69 Alliance is again focused on preserving all current transportation funding sources including full allocation of funds from voter-approved Prop 1 and Prop 7. The Alliance Board of Directors has approved a set of legislative priorities for 2025. They include opposing legislation that diverts or dilutes existing revenue streams that fund highway projects and support for reauthorization of TxDOT authority to bond projects through the Texas Mobility Fund which currently expires next year. The Alliance supports the elimination of the local cost of utility relocations for publicly-owned utilities on congressionally authorized interstate highway projects in Economically Disadvantaged Counties. The Alliance also supports creation of a Blue Ribbon Committee of stakeholders to analyze and identify the state's unmet transportation funding needs through the year 2050. The Alliance is a part of the Transportation Advocates of Texas (TAoT) which has a similar list of legislative priorities.

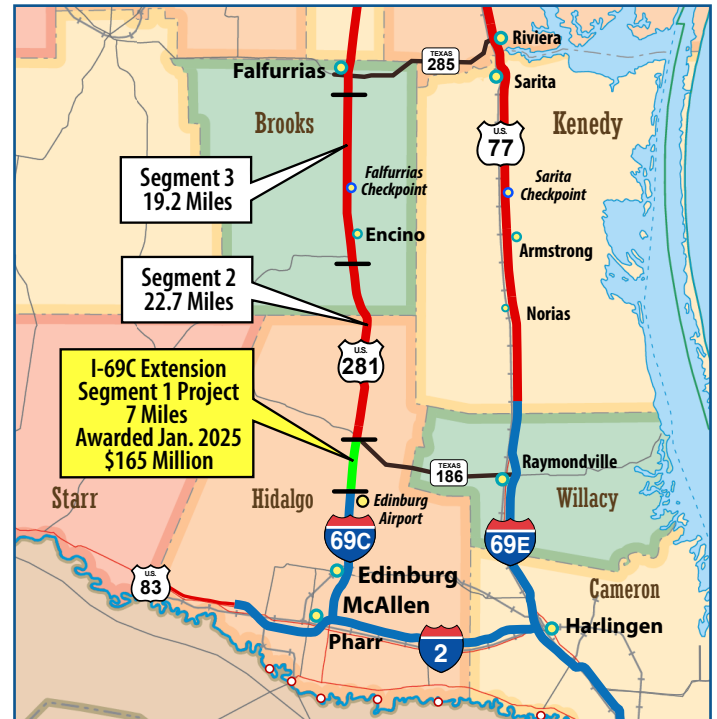
I-69 DAY IN AUSTIN – I-69 supporters will be in Austin on February 27th to meet with lawmakers and stress the importance of I-69 corridor development in the face of rapid growth in industrial development, freight traffic and population growth. Participants can register to be part of the event using the form available at www.i69TexasAlliance.com ([HERE](#)).

SIGN UP FOR DC FLY-IN – Join us as part of the Texas delegation for the 2025 I-69 DC Fly-In on March 12-13. Representatives from the eight states on the national corridor will participate. You can register using the form available at the Alliance site ([HERE](#)).

PROJECTED REVENUES PLATEAU – TxDOT is nearing the midpoint of the annual process of developing the 2026 UTP (see Page 2). The forecast is that \$100.3 billion will be available for funding projects over the next decade, a total that is 4% lower than the \$104.2 billion available for distribution to projects in the 2025 UTP. It is estimated that \$7.5 billion in funding will be available to be allocated this UTP cycle to new projects and adjustments to cover the rising cost of projects already in the pre-construction process. The Highway Cost Index has increased by 9.57% over the past 12 months and continues to reduce the buying power of available funding. The latest estimate is that \$250 million in new funding will be available for statewide connectivity corridors in this UTP.

BOARD MEMBERS – Six new members have joined the Alliance Board of Directors in recent months including Mayor Mark Hicks of Lufkin, County Judge Phil Spenrath of

Wharton County, El Campo City Manager Courtney Sladek, Greater Houston Partnership CEO Steve Kean, Wharton EDC Executive Director Courtland Holman and Deep East Texas COG Assistant ED Andrew Harmon.



I-69 CENTRAL MOVING FORWARD – Another incremental project on the I-69 corridor in South Texas is now under contract. In January the Transportation Commission awarded a \$165 million contract to extend I-69 Central an additional 7 miles northward in Hidalgo County. The project begins north of Edinburg Airport and ends at the completed grade separation at SH 186. The project covers Segment 1 of three planning segments stretching north to Falfurrias in Brooks County. In all the three segments will cover approximately 49 miles before connecting with the 5 miles of completed freeway in Falfurrias and intersecting SH 285, a high traffic link between US 281/I-69C at Falfurrias and US 77/I-69E at Riviera. The low bid on Segment 1 came in 13.8% below TxDOT's estimate. Future segments 2 and 3 are expected to be split into multiple projects for letting over the next 10 years. TxDOT's Pharr District is developing projects on US 281 and US 77 that will eventually connect the Rio Grande Valley to the nation's interstate highway system.

HOUSTON PROJECT – TxDOT has awarded a \$44.8 million project for roadway restoration on a 6 mile section of I-69 in southwest Houston between Loop 610 and Beltway 8.

2026 UTP Development Process Timeline

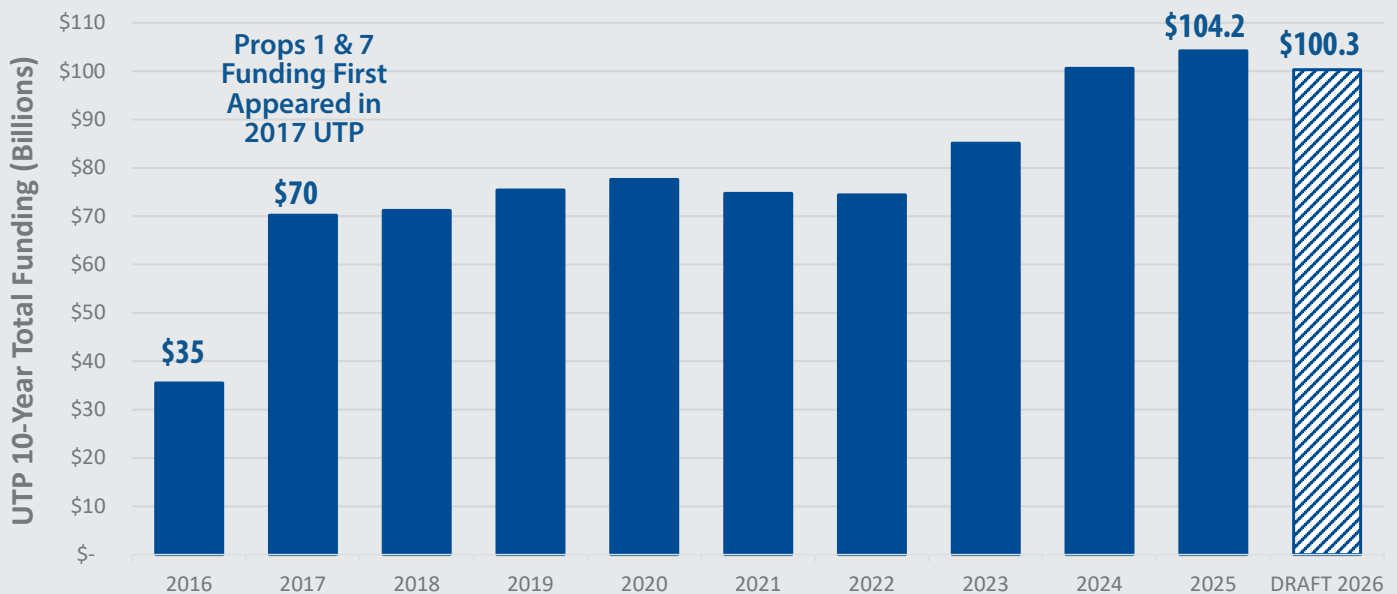


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Annual process involves many stakeholders and steps that include the forecast, funding distribution, scoring and selection of projects and public outreach.

2024-SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	2025-JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Draft 2026 UTP Timeline	2026 UTP Timeline Review Receive New 10-Year Forecast 2026 Mobility Project Call Open	Scenarios and UTP Distributions	Scenarios and UTP Distribution Scenarios and UTP Distributions District Project List Due District / Regional Prioritization and Scoring Due	Recommended Investment Scenarios and UTP Distribution Scenarios and UTP Distribution Scenarios and UTP Distribution	Distribute Planning Targets and Review Mobility Project List Based on Priority Scores Final District Project List Due	Finalize Statewide Prioritization and Scoring of Mobility Projects Project Review and Selection of Mobility Projects 2nd Quarter Portfolio Alignment Meeting	Candidate Mobility Project List* Final District Estimates for FY 2026 Projects	Review Draft Candidate Mobility Project List and Process for Comments Draft 2026 UTP Document (Text) Review Review Draft 2026 UTP Document (Text) and Draft Candidate Mobility Project List*	Discussion on 2026 UTP 3rd Quarter Portfolio Alignment Meeting	Post Draft 2026 UTP Publicly Public Comment Period Opens	Commission Votes on 2026 UTP Consideration to Adopt the 2026 UTP Review of Draft 2026 UTP Review of Draft 2026 UTP Public Comment Period Closes

Historical UTP Funding



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