

April 8, 2026



Part of the Interstate 69 Texas delegation meeting with U.S. Senator John Cornyn

I-69 NATIONAL CORRIDOR – Demonstrating that I-69 is a national corridor that warrants federal investment, Texas community leaders were joined by representatives from Louisiana, Mississippi, Kentucky, Indiana and Michigan in the annual I-69 DC Fly-In on March 18-19. The 20 member multi-state delegation provided Washington lawmakers and Administration officials with a reminder that completion of I-69 should be a national priority. They highlighted the strategic importance of I-69 in terms of moving American freight and creating economic opportunity. They also stressed the importance of federal funding, encouraging Congress to re-establish a dedicated federal funding source for development of interstate highways. The Alliance for I-69 Texas has joined with the I-14 Coalition, the I-27 Ports-to-Plains Alliance and South Carolina’s I-73 Alliance to jointly support a proposal that seeks to have a **Congressionally Authorized Future Interstate (CAFI) Formula Funding Program** included in the next federal surface transportation authorization bill which is currently being developed. The federal funding would be committed toward completion of congressionally authorized multi-state Future Interstates with funding allocated to each state based on the number of unconstructed interstate miles in that state. Download links: (1) [8-State 2026 Update](#) and (2) [CAFI Program Brief](#).

LEGISLATIVE INTERIM CHARGES – House Speaker Burrows and Lt. Gov. Patrick have issued interim charges to their committees, directing work to be done before the 90th Legislative Session starts in January. Among the charges to the House Transportation Committee are to examine the adequacy of current funding revenue to meet projected transportation needs and to recommend ways to improve transportation-related funding. They are also to study the need for TxDOT to receive prioritization direction from members of the Legislature. The Senate Transportation Committee is to look at the new rail grade crossing program,

study deployment of autonomous vehicles and examine issuance of commercial driver licenses.

PARKER NAMED CHAIRMAN – Sen. Tan Parker of Flower Mound is the new chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee taking over from long-time chair Sen. Robert Nichols who is not seeking re-election. Parker served 16 years in the House before joining the Senate in 2023. His district covers parts of Denton and Tarrant Counties. Parker is a businessman focused on technology and private equity.



MORE INVESTMENT AND JOBS – Two recent announcements show the importance of an interstate highway in attracting private investment and economic growth. Union Pacific has announced plans to develop the Mainline Texas Industrial Park on 2,000 acres located near I-69 west of Rosenberg. 1,300 acres will be rail served with highway access to I-69 via Spur 10. In East Texas, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas has announced that it will build a new casino resort beside US 59/Future I-69 at Leggett In Polk County. The Tribe currently operates the successful Naskila Gaming casino on US 190 east of Livingston and plans to relocate operations to the new location.



I-69 SYSTEM PROJECTS – Since January, TxDOT has awarded contracts for existing I-69 System highway restoration and upgrade projects including:

- Duval County - \$18.2 million, 4 miles of SH 44 east of Freer
- Webb County - \$16.4 million, 12 miles of US 59 east of SL 20
- Live Oak County - \$5.3 million, 5 miles of US 59 south from McMullen County Line
- Polk County - \$9 million, 5 miles of US 59 south from Angelina County Line
- Cass County - \$7.7 million, 15 miles of US 59 from SH 155 to Marion County Line

I-69 Alliance DC Fly-In 2026



(Top) Congressman Brian Babin of Woodville and Congressman Henry Cuellar of Laredo, co-chairs of the I-69 Congressional Caucus, welcome delegation to Capitol Hill; Congressman Michael Cloud of Victoria proudly displaying I-69 shield; (2nd Row) meeting with staff of Rep. Monica de la Cruz of Edinburg; and some of the members of our multi-state I-69 delegation.

Thanks to Our DC Fly-In Sponsors



PORT CORPUS CHRISTI



Mission Economic Development Corporation

Gold Member: Kimley»Horn



Alliance for I-69 Texas

Alliance Contacts: Jennifer Shepard, Alliance Executive Director & State Representative - (703) 963-3822; Jennifer@jgshepard.com
 Larry Meyers, Washington Representative - (202) 223-8881; LMeyers@hslawmail.com
 Don Rodman - State Adviser & Communications - (361) 877-0409; don@therodmanco.com
 Judge Sydney Murphy, Alliance Board Chairman - (936) 327-6813; smurphy@co.polk.tx.us
 101 N. Shoreline, Suite 500, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

www.i69TexasAlliance.com

April 2026