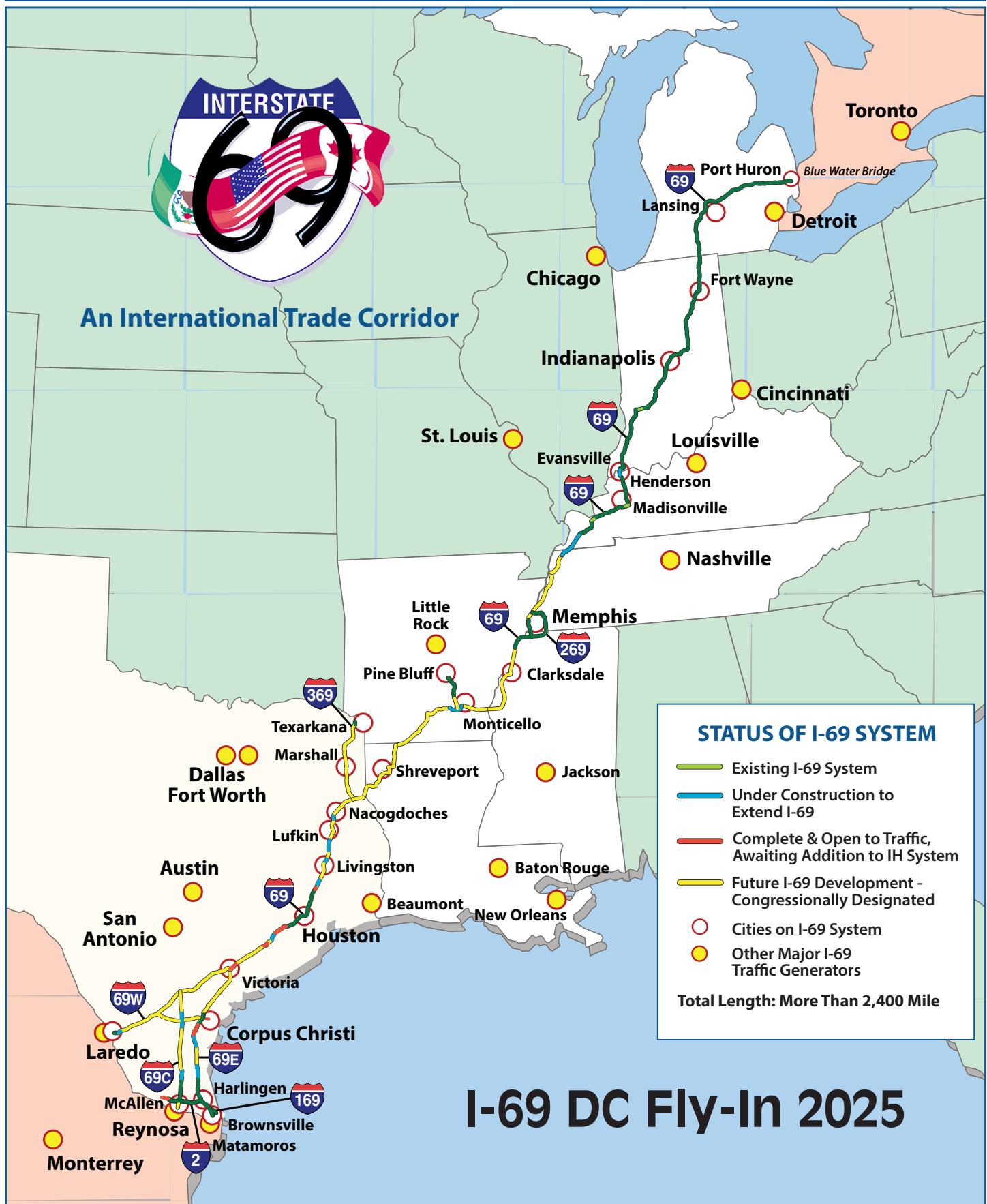


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TEXAS

- More than 1,100 miles of existing highways (US 59, US 77, US 281, US 84 and SH 44) will eventually be upgraded to make up the I-69 System in Texas. A total of 175 miles of I-69 have been added to the Interstate Highway System along with 46 miles added as the I-2 connector for I-69E and I-69C in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Another 100 miles have been constructed to or are under construction to meet interstate standards and designation.

I-69 Projects in Houston



- TxDOT has let the first two of five contracts to reconstruct I-69 through the heart of Houston. The first is a major new drainage system and the second is a \$695 million section south of I-45.
- Four significant rural sections of the I-69 corridor are now complete, open to traffic and under review for addition to the Interstate Highway System and signing. (1) 12 miles of suburban freeway on the south side of Houston in Fort Bend County. (2) 20 miles from near Robstown to south of



Kingsville, including the Driscoll Relief Route. (3) 8 miles of urban freeway in Liberty County including the Cleveland Relief Route. (4) 10 miles of future I-2 heading west from McAllen toward the Starr County Line.

- Construction projects are under contract in Hidalgo, Nueces, Webb, Jim Wells, Wharton, Fort Bend, Harris, Liberty, San Jacinto, Polk, Angelina, Nacogdoches and Panola Counties.
- Important relief route projects are underway at Corrigan, Diboll, Wharton and Alice.
- Texas has an active funding program for projects on the I-69 System. The state's latest 10-year Unified Transportation Program (UTP) version includes more than 80 upcoming projects on the I-69 System with a cost of more than \$13 billion.

LOUISIANA

- The I-69 route in Louisiana extends approximately 120 miles from the Arkansas line south to I-20 and I-49 and then southwest to the Sabine River. 75 miles are environmentally cleared.
- Initial construction is expected to include 10.5 miles of frontage road from Interstate 49 to the Port of Caddo-Bossier on the southeast side of Shreveport. Environmental and preliminary engineering is underway.



ARKANSAS

- The 184-mile I-69 route in southern Arkansas has been environmentally cleared with a preferred alignment identified. The future interstate is being developed on an incremental basis starting with the initial two traffic lanes in the vicinity of Monticello. Construction is underway on an 8-mile segment east of Monticello. Funding has been allocated for the final 9-mile segment that will complete the two-lane connection from Highway 425 at Monticello eastward to McGehee. The I-69 System in Arkansas includes a 40-mile Interstate 530 connector between Monticello and Pine Bluff with 29 miles complete. The future I-69 crossing of the Mississippi, known as the Great River Bridge, will be an important alternative to the I-40 bridge at Memphis and the I-20 bridge at Vicksburg.



MISSISSIPPI

- The I-69 system in Mississippi covers 178 miles. A 15-mile section of I-69 in northwest Mississippi was opened to traffic in 2006. I-69 runs concurrently on I-55 north from Hernando to Memphis.
- Work is complete on Interstate 269, a part of the I-69 system circling the southeast side of Memphis





TENNESSEE

- A total of 104 miles of the main I-69 route remain to be built north of Memphis.
- Four projects forming a Union City relief route are complete. Construction is planned in 2028 on a section north of US 51 stretching in to Kentucky.



KENTUCKY

- Interstate Highway signs went up on 55 miles of I-69 in Western Kentucky in 2024 with completion of upgrades to the Purchase and Pennyroyal parkways.
- The I-69 route in Kentucky runs from Fulton on the Tennessee state line north to the Ohio River at Henderson.
- The 128 miles from Mayfield to Henderson were previously added to the Interstate Highway System.
- Work is underway on the Kentucky approach roadway for the new Ohio River Crossing bridge with approach construction expected to be complete this year.
- The bridge construction is expected to begin in 2027.
- BridgeLink, a combined advocacy group of community leaders from Kentucky and Indiana, is supporting work on the bridge system.



Join the I-69 Caucus

Members of Congress from the eight states on the national I-69 route maintain an active caucus to raise awareness of I-69 as an important freight corridor. Members on the route and from other states that will be served by I-69 are urged to join the I-69 Congressional Caucus. Please contact Carmen Evans to join: 202-223-8881, CEvans@hslawmail.com.

INDIANA

- Celebrations in 2024 marked the completion of the final 26 miles of Interstate 69 across Indiana. Named the I-69 Finish Line Project, completion means I-69 now runs continuously from the Canadian Border to the Indiana-Kentucky state line.
- Interstate 69 from Indianapolis to the Michigan State Line has been complete for decades.
- Work is progressing on the Indiana approach to the Ohio River Crossing bridge and is expected to be complete in 2026 under a \$202 million contract. This will provide all-weather construction access to the Ohio River and the bridge site. Engineering work on the bridge is underway.



MICHIGAN

- The I-69 corridor has only a few remaining projects programmed for work with focus turning to improved efficiency at the I-69 border crossing with Canada. MDOT will expand the Blue Water Bridge Plaza, supporting truck freight at one of the busiest US/Canada border crossings, responsible for \$70 billion in trade flows each year.
- Plaza expansion will occur through four phases. Component 1 will start in 2025, and Component 2 is in Design Build/Best Value procurement with the award expected in spring 2026, and construction occurring through 2030. Components 3 and 4 require commitments from federal agencies to furnish, lease, or occupy infrastructure before work begins.
- MDOT was awarded a \$25 million INFRA grant, and will issue bonds backed by toll generated revenue, for the additional project costs. Project costs have increased significantly, now totaling more than \$600 million.





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