Alliance for I-69 Texas Update

Working to Better Connect Texas Communities and Create Economic Opportunities

October 13, 2026

Alliance Annual Meeting

❒ **PLAN TO ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING** – Tickets are now available for the 2026 Alliance Annual Meeting on December 4th in Houston. Marc Williams, TxDOT Executive Director, will be our keynote speaker. In addition to directing the nation's leading state DOT, Williams serves as Vice President and President-elect of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and is President of the Western Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. These national leadership roles provide him a unique perspective on the development of the critical federal surface transportation authorization bill, which will determine levels of federal funding Texas will receive, in particular to advance future interstates like I-69. Annual Meeting events will again be held at the offices of the Greater Houston Partnership starting at 11 a.m. You can make your Annual Meeting reservations at this **LINK**.



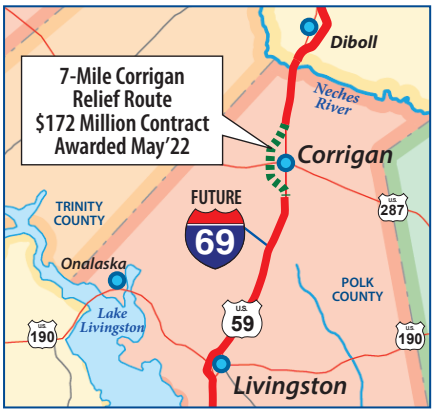
Marc Williams

❒ **EVENT SPONSORSHIP** – The Alliance is proud to have strong sponsor support each year for our Annual Meeting. We appreciate those sponsors that have signed up early. We invite your organization to be part of this event. You can join as a sponsor HERE or get more sponsorship information at our WEBSITE.

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❒ **MORE RELIEF ROUTES** – TxDOT's 2027 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) includes funding allocations to build or complete five more relief routes on the I-69 corridor. There are still more than 70 stoplights on the segments of US 59, US 77, US 281 and SH 44 that make up the I-69 System in Texas. In most cases relief routes will divert traffic to the edge of communities and leave existing streets intact along with stoplights that are important to local traffic safety. Work will begin in 2027 on the Sinton Relief Route and in 2028 on the Marshall Relief Route, a multi-phase project that will take traffic around 12 traffic lights. Construction is expected to start on extensive US 77 relief routes at Refugio (5 stoplights) in 2031 and Odem (3 stoplights and a rail crossing) in 2034.



I-69 relief route projects are currently under construction in Laredo, Alice, Riviera, Wharton, Corrigan and Nacogdoches. The 6.5-mile-long new location Corrigan project began in 2022 and is due for completion in 2028. The single traffic light in Corrigan has been a headache for East Texas traffic for decades particularly during storm evacuations. It is the last US 59/I-69 stoplight for 275 miles between Lufkin and Goliad in South Texas. The Riviera project on US 77/I-69E started in 2025 and will bypass the last remaining traffic light between Corpus Christi and Brownsville. Planning is underway for the Odem relief route that will include a key I-69E interchange with I-37 just north of the Nueces River.



Heavy traffic moves slowly past the US 59 traffic light in Corrigan

❒ **NEW BOARD MEMBER** – Daniel Garcia, executive director of the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority, is the newest member of the Alliance Board of Directors. Garcia is an engineer who spent two decades working for TxDOT in the Pharr District. He served as project manager for the initial phase of the 365 Tollway and will lead the RMA's effort to complete remaining phases.

❒ **ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COUNTIES** – The FY 2027 list of counties that qualify as "economically disadvantaged" includes 28 of the 34 Texas counties on the I-69 System. Identified counties are selected by the Comptroller based on a statutory formula. By law, TxDOT may adjust the minimum local matching funds requirements on highway projects in the disadvantaged counties. As the I-69 interstate is completed it will help attract investment and jobs to counties across the corridor.

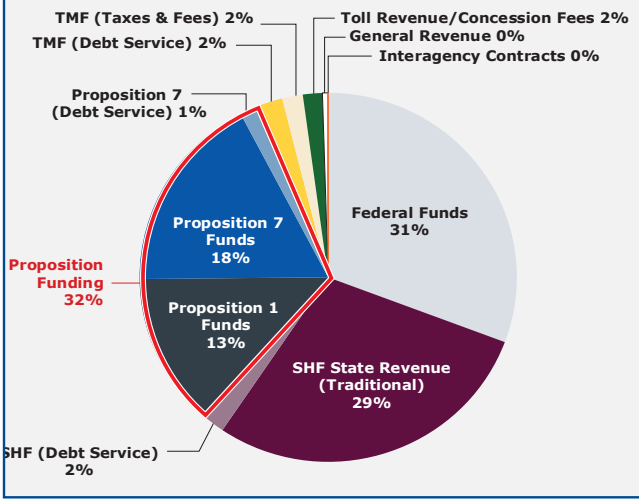
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Texas Highway Funding Facts

Texas Department of Transportation — *Connecting you with Texas*

Budget Sources FY 2028-2029

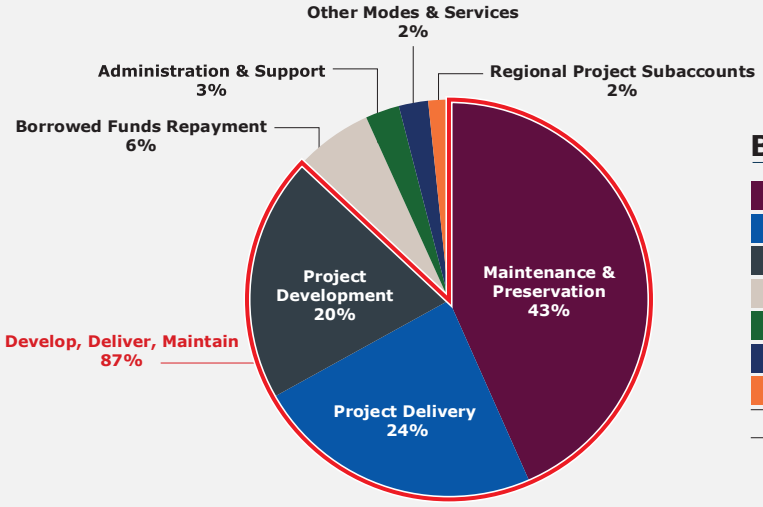


BUDGET SOURCES

Federal Funds	$11.2 billion
State Highway Fund (SHF) (Traditional)	$10.5 billion
SHF (Debt Service)	$0.8 billion
Proposition 1 Funds	$4.8 billion
Proposition 7 Funds	$6.4 billion
Proposition 7 (Debt Service)	$0.5 billion
Texas Mobility Fund (TMF) (Debt Service)	$0.9 billion
TMF (Taxes & Fees)	$0.6 billion
Toll Revenue/Concession Fees	$0.6 billion
General Revenue	$0.1 billion
Interagency Contracts	$0.0 billion
Total	$36.4 billion

*Totals and percentages may not sum due to rounding

Budget Uses FY 2028-2029



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Maintenance & Preservation	$15.8 billion
Project Delivery	$8.6 billion
Project Development	$7.3 billion
Borrowed Funds Repayment	$2.3 billion
Administration & Support	$1.0 billion
Other Modes & Services	$0.8 billion
Regional Project Subaccounts	$0.6 billion
Total	$36.4 billion

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❒ The Texas Transportation Commission has submitted TxDOT's budget request of $36.4 billion for the 2028-2029 biennium for consideration in the upcoming 2027 legislative session. It provides a snapshot of the sources of transportation funding in Texas and a high-level look at how funding is put to work for Texans. In total, $25.8 billion is directed at the goal of project development and delivery. Unlike other state agencies, TxDOT's budget is subject to uncertainty with several revenue streams dependent on variables like oil prices, federal legislation and long-term economic trends. Project development pace is adjusted based on cash flow models. If revenue forecasts rise, TxDOT can speed up project development and letting to match increased available funds. The department is also requesting lawmaker approval of 149 additional staff positions to the current workforce of 13,175. Most of the new positions would be placed in district offices to add field-level emergency response capacity and strengthen statewide response teams.

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