

# Alliance for I-69 Texas



# Update

Working to Better Connect Texas Communities and Create Economic Opportunities

September 10, 2025

**\$146 BILLION 10-YEAR PLAN APPROVED** - The 2026 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) process is now complete and the total funding allocated to planning, building and preserving the state highway system continues to grow. The statewide funding distribution chart is on Page 2. The total includes \$101 billion for project construction, \$34 billion for planning, engineering and right-of-way, plus \$11 billion for important routine system preservation. The plan includes 27 projects on the I-69 System that are now programmed to go to contract in the next four years. That includes \$2.6 billion for three projects in Houston and \$2.3 billion for projects elsewhere. The biggest of these are the upcoming Marshall Relief Route, Nacogdoches freeway upgrades, extension of I-69 in San Jacinto County, Sinton Relief Route, widening of US 59 in Bee and Live Oak Counties, and five incremental projects on US 281 in Hidalgo, Brooks and Jim Wells Counties.

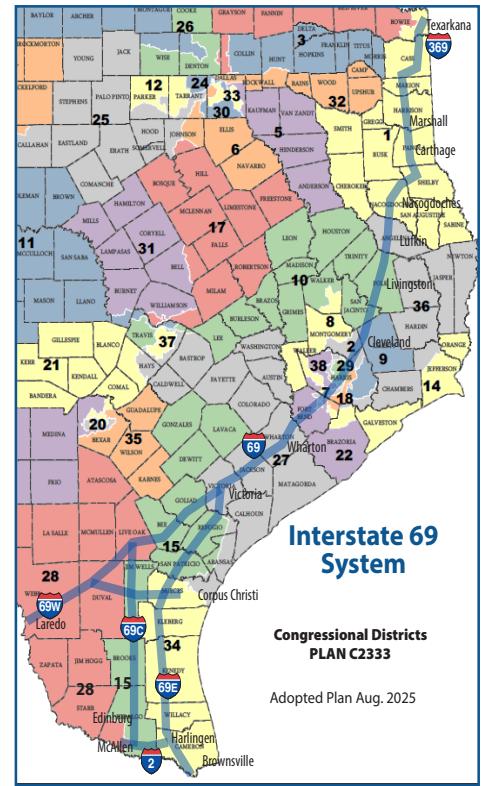
**OCTOBER DC FLY-IN** - October 21st will be Future Interstates Advocacy Day in Washington, DC, with participants expected from Texas and a number of other states. The I-69 Alliance has joined with the I-14 Coalition, the I-27 Ports-to-Plains Alliance and the I-73 Alliance in urging Congress to include new funding for multi-state Future Interstate Highways in the next surface transportation authorization bill. The current bill expires in September 2026, so congressional committees are in the process now of developing the next bill. The Future Interstates delegation will meet with members and staff on Capitol Hill and with representatives of the Administration. Email Carmen Evans ([CEvans@hslawmail.com](mailto:CEvans@hslawmail.com)) to indicate that you will participate and you will receive information about the schedule and logistics. A new dedicated funding mechanism is essential to completing vital interstate corridors across the nation. We are encouraging Congress to act with the same federal funding boldness that built the Interstate System 70 years ago.



**MORE I-69 COMING** - The Transportation Commission is expected to give final approval on Sept. 25 to officially adding several miles of US 59 in Liberty County to the Interstate Highway System. That means we will see more I-69 signs going up soon. 220 miles of the I-69 System in Texas are now interstate and more miles are complete and open to traffic but await federal approval.

**NEW BOARD MEMBER** - Scott Norton, representing the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce, is the newest member of the I-69 Alliance Board of Directors. Scott is executive director and CEO of TexAmericas Center, a 12,000 acre mixed-use industrial park on the site of a former DOD facility near the north end of the I-69 System in Texas.

**REDISTRICTING ON I-69 CORRIDOR** - The Texas Legislature closed shop last week after passing a bundle of bills including a new congressional redistricting map. If that map is not set aside by a court challenge it will bring changes to the representation of sections of the I-69 Corridor. Nacogdoches County moves to District 1, now held by Rep. Nathaniel Moran. Angelina County has been added to District 36 held by Rep. Brian Babin. Polk and San Jacinto Counties move to District 10, now held by Rep. Michael McCaul. In South Texas, most of Nueces County and Corpus Christi have been moved into District 34, held by Rep. Vincente Gonzalez.



**APPOINTMENTS** - The Transportation Commission has appointed Michael Medina, executive director of the Rio Grande Valley MPO, to the Border Trade Advisory Committee. Members reappointed in August include Cynthia Garza-Reyes, Pharr assistant city manager; Marga Lopez, Progresso International Bridge; and Juan Olaguibel, Anzalduas Port of Entry. The Commission has reappointed four members of the Port Authority Advisory Committee including Sean Stibich, Port of Victoria; Phyllis Saathoff, Port Freeport; Walker Smith, Port of Harlingen; and Chris Fisher, Port of Beaumont.

**ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER** - The I-69 Alliance annual meeting will be held Friday, December 5th, at the headquarters of the Greater Houston Partnership. Save the date and watch for more details. Please let us know if your organization would like to be an event sponsor. Download the Sponsorship Form [HERE](#).

**WELCOME WESTWOOD** - Westwood, an engineering and design firm serving multiple markets in Texas, is the newest member of the Alliance. Westwood is represented on the Alliance board by Sr. VP Michel Maksoud.

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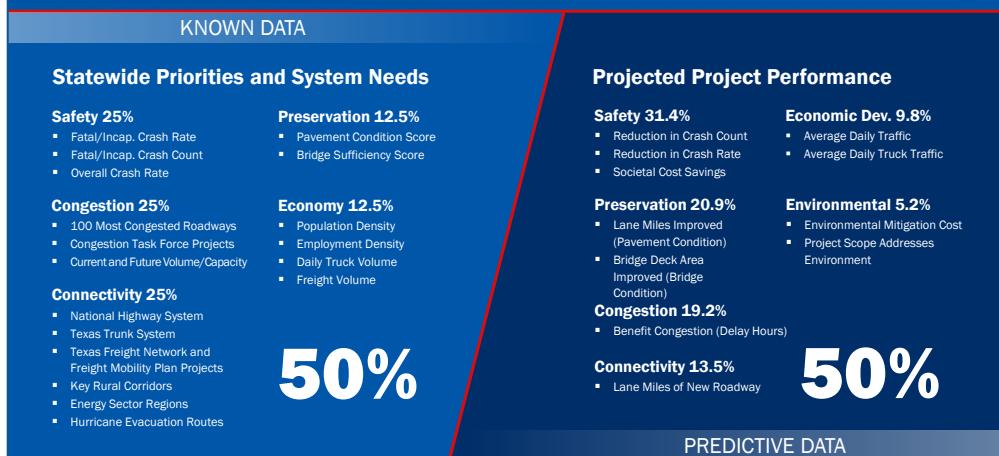
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**The Annual UTP Process Allocates Funding for Thousands of Projects Statewide. I-69 Project Funding Comes From Categories 2, 4, 8, 11 and 12.**

## Draft 2026 UTP Funding Distribution (APPROVED)

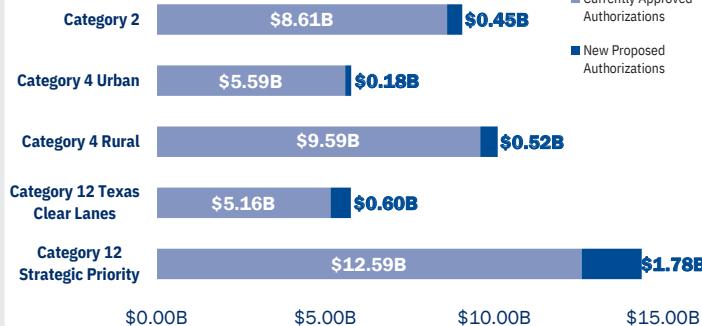
Category and Description	Draft 2026 UTP New Available Funding	Draft 2026 UTP Distribution
1 Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation	\$2,054,624,195	\$18,406,812,861
2 Metro and Urban Area Corridors	\$385,223,052	\$9,826,872,045
4R Statewide Connectivity Corridors (Rural)	\$162,446,366	\$9,681,621,998
4U Statewide Connectivity Corridors (Urban)	\$90,213,360	\$7,483,667,233
5 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality	(\$149,359,803)	\$1,937,992,093
6 Structures Replacement (Bridges)	\$395,921,717	\$4,616,141,185
7 Metropolitan Mobility and Rehabilitation	\$600,264,205	\$6,003,153,992
8 Safety	\$379,838,771	\$3,747,421,009
9 Transportation Alternatives	\$175,547,783	\$1,762,738,922
10 Supplemental Transportation Projects	\$160,753,724	\$1,490,710,871
10CR Carbon Reduction Program	(\$651,517,008)	\$318,750,145
11 District Discretionary	\$629,429,675	\$2,240,000,000
11ES Energy Sector	\$349,796,943	\$2,714,115,000
11SF District Safety	\$241,312,171	\$1,191,932,030
12 Strategic Priority	\$2,074,618,527	\$14,922,577,470
12CR Strategic Priority (Texas Clear Lanes)	\$600,000,000	\$6,000,000,000
<b>Sub-Total Distribution (Less Cat 3)</b>	<b>\$7,499,113,678</b>	<b>\$92,344,506,854</b>
3 Non-Traditionally Funded Projects (subject to change)		\$9,240,118,810
<b>Total Estimated UTP Funding</b>		<b>\$101,584,625,664</b>
Estimated Development Costs		\$33,900,000,000
Estimated Routine Maintenance Contracts		\$10,970,000,000
<b>Total Ten-Year Estimated Investment in Projects</b>		<b>\$146,454,625,664</b>

## 2026 UTP Project Scoring and Prioritization (Categories 2, 4 and 12)



## 2026 UTP Proposed Project Authorizations

### Currently Approved and Proposed Project Authorizations



### UTP Project Selection

Projects in the UTP are selected by TxDOT Districts, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), or the Texas Transportation Commission using performance-based selection process



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