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June 27, 2016

**To:** I-69 Advisory Committee Members

**From:** Roger Beall, P.E.  
Corridor Planning Branch Manager, Transportation Planning & Programming Division

**Subject:** June 3, 2016 Advisory Committee Meeting

**Date/Time:** June 3, 2016; 10:00 AM

**Location:** Solomon Ortiz International Center, 402 Harbor Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78401

**Attending:** In-person attendees as well as those attending by conference call/Webex are listed on attached sign-in sheets (**Attachment 1**).

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## Purpose

The purpose of this meeting was to 1) report on the results of the I-69 DC Fly-In event; 2) provide an opportunity for the advisory committee members to report on their TxDOT District Engineer meetings and any community outreach efforts that they conducted since the March 24 I-69 Advisory Committee meeting; 3) discuss the Unified Transportation Program (UTP) development process and future additional funding considerations; 4) review of a rural vs. urban I-69 system project cost comparison; and 5) review and discuss the I-69 Advisory Committee's purpose, including goals, objectives, and I-69 system priorities. The meeting agenda is included as **Attachment 2**.

## Welcome and Safety Briefing

Judge Hugh Taylor, I-69 Advisory Committee Chair, thanked the advisory committee members, other attendees, and those calling in for participating in the meeting. Judge Taylor requested that the meeting participants introduce themselves, and then provided an overview of the agenda. Corpus Christi Mayor Nelda N. Martinez also welcomed the attendees to Corpus Christi.

Charles W. Zahn, Jr., Chairman of the Port Corpus Christi Commission, and Samuel L. Neal, Jr. (Lloyd Neal), Nueces County Judge, then provided opening remarks. Charles Zahn stated that the Port of Corpus Christi (POCC) is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest deep channel port in the nation by total tonnage, and that the I-69 system will play an integral part in the port's success by providing connectivity between the POCC and the Inland Port of Laredo, as well as the rest of the country. Judge Neal noted that he was excited to be a part of the I-69 Advisory Committee, and that I-69 is an important facility providing for the movement of goods from border to border.

Roger Beall, TxDOT Corridor Planning Branch Manager, provided a safety briefing.

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## **I-69 DC Fly-In Update**

Judge Taylor recognized those advisory committee members who participated in the I-69 DC Fly-In on May 18, 2016. They included Judge Hugh Taylor, Judge Loyd Neal, Judge James Carlow, David Garza, Charles Zahn, Pete Saenz, and Alan Johnson. They were then asked to share their impressions of the trip. Those who commented indicated the following:

- Judge Taylor stated that the I-69 DC Fly-In event was a success. It provided a forum for nationwide communications regarding I-69 system development during which he had the opportunity to meet with legislators along the entire I-69 corridor from Texas to Michigan. The officials he met with discussed the economic impact to areas served by Interstates. He suggested that it may be beneficial to conduct a “return on investment” study for I-69. The study results may be a good tool to present to the public to convey the benefits of I-69.
- Judge Neal observed during the trip that the support for developing the I-69 system is built on non-partisan cooperation of legislators and public officials along the entire corridor.
- Commissioner Garza indicated that the trip reconfirmed his observations of how there has been a real role change in the cooperation between state and community stakeholders and that I-69 has truly evolved into a unified program. For instance, TxDOT is providing increased support through the development of the Implementation Strategy and increased dialogue with local stakeholders. He suggested that the next step in advancing the program needs to be achieved by including site visits with federal partners and also studies and coordination with local Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).
- Charles Zahn reiterated that the I-69 program is a non-partisan team effort. He reported that there are two grant applications for the development of I-69 projects in Laredo and Houston. He also indicated that everyone recognizes that I-69 is integral to connecting and serving the ports in Texas.
- Alan Johnson commented that the experience of going to Washington, D.C. was very rewarding and will prove to generate results in advancing I-69 system development, as previous trips to Washington accomplished.
- Pete Saenz commented that he appreciates the support he was given while attending the trip. He also noted that the Loop 20/US 59 mainlane project is critical for the city of Laredo and looks forward to the approval of the pending grant application that Charles Zahn mentioned. He continued on to say that the inland port at Laredo is the number one inland port in the entire western hemisphere and the expedited movement of goods through the port creates jobs. He further recognized that I-69, I-35, and the Ports to Plains corridors are very important to Laredo’s economy.
- James Carlow then closed by summarizing many of the points made by the other attendees listed above.

## **Advisory Committee Member Reports**

Judge Taylor reviewed the tasks that were given to the advisory committee members at the March 24 meeting:

- Begin reaching out to the TxDOT district engineer in their respective areas to assess what I-69 projects have been prioritized.
- Try to make one or two I-69 system update presentations to inform local governments and civic groups on the I-69 program status and gauge local interest in advancing I-69 projects.

The following members who met with their TxDOT district officials and conducted community outreach gave a brief report on their meetings:

- Pete Saenz reported that he coordinated with the TxDOT Laredo District and District Engineer on several occasions since the March 24 meeting. He indicated that the city of Laredo, the MPO, and the Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) are formulating an I-69 development package that will be presented to TxDOT. He also indicated that he was planning several outreach activities.
- Ben Zeller reported that he has included an I-69 update on the Victoria County Commissioner Court agenda for June 20, 2016. This will include a presentation by Paul Reitz, TxDOT Yoakum District Engineer, on the status of the I-69 program.
- Pete Trevino reported that he has coordinated with the Corpus Christi District and Alice City Council about the status of I-69 system development. He anticipates holding a town hall meeting about I-69 in Jim Wells County within the next 30 to 60 days.
- Alan Johnson indicated that he will be arranging I-69 outreach activities.
- Judge Robert Blaschke of Refugio County reported that the community has changed their perspective about I-69 and is now interested in moving forward. He indicated that he has met several times with the TxDOT Corpus Christi District to discuss next steps on how best to proceed with the studies needed to develop I-69.
- Judge Loyd Neal reported that he has had several meetings with the TxDOT Corpus Christi District Engineer as well as the Corpus Christi MPO to facilitate the cooperation that will be required to advance I-69 system development in the region.
- Judge Terry Simpson has reported that he has also met several times with the TxDOT Corpus Christi District and expressed his appreciation for the cooperation and spirit that exists between the district, MPO, and cities in the region.
- Charles Zahn reiterated the same sentiment regarding the level of cooperation that exists in the region to advance the development and designation of the I-69 system.
- Pat Liston indicated that he intends to meet with the TxDOT Pharr District in the near future.
- David Garza indicated that his meeting with the TxDOT Pharr District Engineer centered on the Kenedy County portion of US 77 and the ways to designate it as part of the I-69 system in a less costly manner. He reported that he also visited several chambers of commerce during which he had a chance to explain the importance of I-69 corridor connectivity associated with the supporting economic development, growth, and the movement of freight.

Roger then let the advisory committee members know about the availability of presentation materials, including a Power Point presentation, for the advisory committee members to use in engaging local governments and civic organizations about I-69. He said that members can request these materials directly from him via email. He also noted the importance of completing an activity form when they undertake their community outreach efforts.

### **Funding Discussion**

Roger referred the members to the 2017 UTP funding information provided in the meeting handout packet (**Attachment 3**).

Roger reported that in response to House Bill (HB) 20, performance measure metrics will be an integral part of how priorities are established in moving projects forward to completion. Roger referred to page 2 of the funding handout where the sources of funding are presented. Page 3 presents the schedule of activities to complete and adopt the 2017 UTP in August 2016 as well as internet links to the UTP webpage.

Lauren Garduño, TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division Interim Director, further explained that the funding mix of the first four 2017 UTP category allocations will be of interest to the members. These four categories may include funding for I-69 program development. He reported that \$38.3 billion in additional funding is being infused into the 10-year program of approximately

12,000 projects. In response, David Garza emphasized the importance that the advisory committee members in urban areas coordinate with their local MPOs to get needed projects on their priority project list.

There was an inquiry into how local contributions will influence the performance metrics and prioritization process. Lauren Garduño responded that local funding participation adds weight to the project prioritization process. In addition, the economic impact of a project at a local and regional level will also add further weight to project prioritization in the future.

### **Rural vs. Urban Project Cost Comparison**

Roger referred the attendees to the project cost comparison matrix in the handout packet (**Attachment 3**). The matrix provides a rural vs. urban I-69 system project cost comparison. Roger explained that this cost comparison matrix is for informational purposes to show the differences in cost between actual projects in rural portions of the TxDOT Corpus Christi and Yoakum Districts and urban portions of the TxDOT Houston and Laredo Districts. After reviewing the matrix, Judge Taylor anticipated that there are substantial costs associated with the interchanges needed in urban areas. Randy Hopman, TxDOT Director of District Operations, cautioned that there are many variables associated with the costs presented in the matrix, and as such, it is very difficult to assume a general cost or determine a generic cost difference between an urban roadway project vs. a rural project.

### **Committee's Purpose**

Judge Taylor then discussed the goals and objectives of the committee, recognizing that they will change as the I-69 program advances to completion.

He explained that the chief committee objectives are to:

- Collectively determine “hotspots” along the future I-69 routes that need to be improved as part of the process of developing upgrade and relief route projects to meet Interstate standards
- Communicate program priorities to the Texas Transportation Commission
- Focus on the first four categories of the UTP in building consensus around project priorities

Roger further explained that the key element to consider in establishing project priorities is connecting to the existing Interstate system, as this is a requirement before I-69 designation can be approved for any segment of the future I-69 system in Texas. Additionally, Loyd Neal commented that the prioritization process should focus on those projects that can be developed at the least cost to the state.

Charles Zahn commented that another objective of the committee is to look for opportunities to advance I-69 designation along very rural portions of the future I-69 system that would not require the need to reconstruct and upgrade a highway to meet full Interstate standards. In response, Roger Beall and Randy Hopman indicated that they are currently pursuing that opportunity with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Finally, Judge Taylor would like to work with the committee members to prioritize roughly \$2 billion in I-69 system projects between now and the next advisory committee meeting to be held in the fall of 2016. Judge Taylor indicated that he will be coordinating with the advisory committee members to formulate an approach to accomplish this prioritization effort so that the list of initial draft priorities can be reviewed and refined at the next meeting.

### **Review Action Items for Next Meeting**

Roger reviewed the following action items resulting from this advisory committee meeting:

- Initiate looking into conducting a “return on investment” study for I-69, possibly in coordination with the Texas Transportation Institute and/or other transportation institutions.
- The advisory committee members are to continue to work with the TxDOT district engineers in their area and to complete conducting one or two I-69 system update presentations to inform local governments and civic groups on the I-69 program status and gauging local interest in advancing I-69 projects. Roger reiterated that TxDOT has presentation materials including a Power Point to support their outreach efforts.
- Review the I-69 advisory committee activities sheet in the meeting handout packet (**Attachment 3**) that explains the purpose of the advisory committee and the functional protocols that the members should follow relative to educating and informing the public and elected officials about the corridor.
- Begin the process of prioritizing roughly \$2 billion worth of I-69 system projects in preparation for the fall 2016 I-69 Advisory Committee meeting

### **Adjourn**

There was no further discussion, and Judge Taylor then adjourned the meeting.

### **Attachments:**

1. Sign-In Sheets
2. Agenda
3. Meeting Handouts

**CC:** Jeff Austin, III  
Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission

# **Attachment 1**

## **Sign-In Sheets**



**I-69 Advisory Committee Meeting  
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10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

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# **Attachment 2**

## **Agenda**



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Welcome & Safety Briefing	<i>Judge Hugh Taylor, Chair and Roger Beall, TxDOT</i>
I-69 DC Fly-In Update	Judge Hugh Taylor, Chair
Advisory Committee Member Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• District Engineer Meetings</li><li>• Community Outreach</li></ul>	Committee Members
Funding Discussion	Roger Beall, TxDOT
Rural vs. Urban Project Cost Comparison	Roger Beall, TxDOT
Committee's Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss Committee's Goals and Objectives</li><li>• Discuss I-69 System Priorities</li></ul>	Judge Hugh Taylor, Chair
Review Action Items for Next Meeting	Roger Beall, TxDOT
Open Discussion	Judge Hugh Taylor, Chair
Adjourn	Judge Hugh Taylor, Chair

### **Conference Call Information**

Call-in toll-free number: 1-855-437-3563 (US)  
Attendee Access Code: 59337339

# **Attachment 3**

## **Meeting Handouts**



**I-69 System  
Let Projects Since July 2015  
6/3/2016**

District	Project ID	Roadway	County	Project Type	From	To	Description	Length (3)	Let/Bid Date (1)	Construction Bid Amount (1)	Right-of-Way (ROW) Cost (2)	Utilities Cost (2)	Total Construction, ROW, and Utilities Cost	Cost Per Mile
Corpus Christi	0102-01-106	SH 44	Nueces	Rural	W. END OF CLARKWOOD RELIEF ROUTE	WEST OF FM 3386	CONSTRUCT OVERPASS AT FM 3386-MCKINZIE RD.	1.146	7/1/2015	\$16,390,153	\$0	\$0	\$16,390,153	\$14,302,100
Yoakum	0089-06-081 0089-07-133	US 59	Wharton	Rural	SH 71	BU 59 SOUTH OF EL CAMPO	CONSTRUCT FRONTAGE ROADS	2.602	11/1/2015	\$18,889,263	\$1,500,641	\$250,000	\$20,639,904	\$7,932,300
Houston	0089-09-058	US 59	Fort Bend	Urban	WEST OF HAMLINK ROAD	WEST OF SPUR 10	WIDEN TO 6 MAIN LANES, GRADE SEPARATIONS, 2-LANE FRONTAGE	2.268	12/1/2015	\$38,441,143	\$140,662	\$385,500	\$38,967,305	\$17,181,400
Houston	0089-09-065	US 59	Fort Bend	Urban	FM 360	W OF HAMLINK RD.	WIDEN TO 6 MAIN LANE FREEWAY WITH 2-LANE FRONTAGE ROADS, ITS	2.285	12/1/2015	\$19,515,729	\$32,539	\$200,000	\$19,748,268	\$8,642,600
Houston	0089-09-066	US 59	Fort Bend	Urban	FM 360	WEST OF DARST ROAD	WIDEN TO 6 MAIN LANE FREEWAY WITH 2-LANE FRONTAGE ROADS, ITS	3.447	12/1/2015	\$42,187,219	\$0	\$633,000	\$42,820,219	\$12,422,500
Laredo	0086-14-066	US 59/ SL 20	Webb	Urban	0.45 MI EAST OF INTERNATIONAL BLVD	0.25 MI WEST OF MCPHERSON ROAD	CONSTRUCTION OF INTERCHANGE FACILITY OVER INTERNATIONAL BLVD	1.417	12/1/2015	\$21,976,081	\$0	\$0	\$21,976,081	\$15,508,900

Source Data:  
 (1) TxDOT Recapitulation Report Online  
 (2) TxDOT District Input 2016  
 (3) TxDOT DCIS Data accessed via ArcGIS Online 10-15-15

## 2017 Unified Transportation Program Discussion of Future Additional Funding Considerations

The 2017 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) is currently under development. The UTP is the Texas Department of Transportation's 10-year plan to guide transportation project development in Texas. Below provides information from the May 26, 2016 Texas Transportation Commission meeting concerning additional funding for transportation.

### Anticipated sources of additional funding for new construction

Additional funding to be allocated as part of the 2017 UTP for Fiscal Years 2017-2026 include:

- \$10.2 billion of traditional State Highway Funds (SHF) from:
  - FAST Act
  - End of Diversions from the SHF
  - Remaining unallocated funds in future years of the UTP
- \$6.3 billion anticipated from Proposition 1
- \$21.8 billion anticipated from Proposition 7
- TOTAL ADDITIONAL: \$38.3 billion over 10 years

### Anticipated performance objectives

Proposed performance-based allocation of funds is a result of a collaborative development process with executive branch guidance and stakeholder input that included:

- Governor Abbott's priorities for TxDOT
- Legislative guidance in accordance with the directives of HB 20
- Metropolitan Planning Organization and District engineer's Planning Organization Stakeholder Committee (POSC)
- Current goals and objectives of the department

### Anticipated performance priorities and outcomes

Top performance priorities	Anticipated performance outcomes
Address safety	Reduce crashes and fatalities
Preserve assets	Maintain and preserve system/asset conditions
Target congestion/urban mobility needs	Mitigate congestion and improve reliability of system
Enhance regional connectivity corridors	Enhance connectivity and mobility
Focus on strategic priorities ( <i>energy sector, trade, and economic development</i> )	Enhance economic development opportunities; facilitate movement of freight and international trade

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### Anticipated distribution of additional funding

Program Areas and Objectives	10-Year Additional Funding (\$ Billion)
<b>Preserve Existing Assets</b>	<b>\$ 6.9</b>
- Safety	\$ 1.3
- Maintenance	\$ 2.6
- Bridges	\$ 0.5
- Energy Sector	\$ 2.1
- District Discretionary	\$ 0.4
<b>Congestion/Urban Mobility</b>	<b>\$ 16.2</b>
- MPO Partnerships	\$ 11.2
- Connectivity Corridor Congestion	\$ 5.0
<b>Regional Connectivity Corridors</b>	<b>\$ 6.2</b>
<i>Interstates (Existing and Future), Trunk System, Border, Super 2-Lane</i>	
<b>Strategic Priorities</b>	<b>\$ 9.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 38.3</b>

### Anticipated working allocation for 2017 UTP

Category Allocations	Current UTP Base	Increase in Funds	Proposed UTP Funding	Proposed Annual Average
Category 1 - Maintenance	\$ 11,157,670,000	\$ 2,624,560,849	\$ 13,782,230,849	\$ 1,378,220,000
Category 2 - MPO Districts	\$ 1,321,860,000	\$ 11,201,512,449	\$ 12,523,372,449	\$ 1,252,340,000
Category 3 (non-traditional funds - not in base)	TBD - Not Included in base			
Category 4 - Connectivity (Regional)	\$ 428,550,000	\$ 6,205,637,897	\$ 6,634,187,897	\$ 663,420,000
Category 4 - Connectivity (Congestion)	\$ -	\$ 4,995,874,552	\$ 4,995,874,552	\$ 499,590,000
Category 5 - CMAQ (3 MPOs)	\$ 2,158,770,000	\$ -	\$ 2,158,770,000	\$ 215,880,000
Category 6 - Bridge	\$ 3,000,000,000	\$ 514,233,700	\$ 3,514,233,700	\$ 351,420,000
Category 7 - Federal STP-MM (Large MPOS)	\$ 4,218,580,000	\$ -	\$ 4,218,580,000	\$ 421,860,000
Category 8 - Safety	\$ 1,887,000,000	\$ 1,290,705,553	\$ 3,177,705,553	\$ 317,770,000
Category 9 - TAP	\$ 498,230,000	\$ -	\$ 498,230,000	\$ 49,820,000
Category 10 - Special Federal Programs	\$ 503,700,000	\$ -	\$ 503,700,000	\$ 50,370,000
Category 11 - District Discretionary	\$ 1,476,320,000	\$ 360,000,000	\$ 1,836,320,000	\$ 183,630,000
Category 11 - Energy Sector	\$ -	\$ 2,079,000,000	\$ 2,079,000,000	\$ 207,900,000
Category 12 - Strategic Priority	\$ 1,087,320,000	\$ 9,064,175,000	\$ 10,151,495,000	\$ 1,015,150,000
<b>Total Allocated Funds</b>	<b>\$ 27,738,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 38,335,700,000</b>	<b>\$ 66,073,700,000</b>	<b>\$ 6,607,370,000</b>

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### Next steps

- Outreach with key stakeholders throughout May and June.
- Development of 2017 UTP with proposed funding allocations:
  - Issue Draft 2017 UTP (July)
  - Public involvement on UTP (July-August)
  - Commission adoption of Final UTP (August)
- TxDOT and MPOs, through the POSC, will continue development of an improved performance-based process for prioritization and selection of projects to provide uniform guidance for future UTP funding decisions.
- TxDOT and the Commission will continue work, with executive branch leadership, legislative branch direction, and stakeholder input, on development and implementation of a more robust performance-based planning process prior to adoption of the 2018 UTP in 2017.

Link to UTP webpage

<http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/transportation-planning/utp.html>

Link to Texas Transportation Commission meeting information. Select May 26 Agenda and Media icons for documents and video of meeting. UTP discussion is Item 6.

<http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/administration/commission/2016-meetings.html>

## I-69 Advisory Committee Activities

Many of the I-69 Advisory Committee members are also members of the Alliance for I-69 Texas, a non-profit organization comprised of cities, counties, port authorities and community leaders advocating for the upgrade and completion of the entire Interstate 69 route in Texas. During the March 24, 2016 I-69 Advisory Committee meeting, members requested guidance on what are appropriate activities for them as I-69 Advisory Committee members.

### Advisory Committee Purpose

As defined by the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), the purpose of the Advisory Committee is:

*“...to facilitate and achieve support and consensus from affected communities, governmental entities, and other interested parties in the planning of transportation improvements in the corridor for which it is created and in the establishment of development plans for that corridor.”*

The I-69 Advisory Committee members are appointed by the Texas Transportation Commission. In addition, the Committee “reports” to the Executive Director of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) (ref. 43 TAC §1.86). Therefore, when an individual is acting in the role of an I-69 Advisory Committee member, to a certain degree, they represent the State of Texas and TxDOT.

There is not specific guidance related to permissible advisory committee activities. However, using the above information and professional judgment, the members should follow TxDOT protocols.

### What Is Allowed

Any activity that falls within the above stated purpose of the I-69 Advisory Committee would be allowable.

Examples could be:

- Providing information concerning I-69 through individual meetings, presentations, and printed materials
- Responding to inquiries

### What Is Not Allowed

TxDOT cannot engage in **lobbying** by law and policy. Lobbying can be defined as:

- The process of influencing public and government policy, or
- The attempt to influence decisions made by officials in the government, including elected officials and those who work for regulatory agencies.

Therefore, acting in the capacity of an I-69 Advisory Committee member, the members should not engage in any activities that could be perceived as lobbying. Examples could be:

- Attempting to influence the passage or defeat of a legislative measure at any level of government
- Giving anything of value for the purposes of influencing

### Questions?

If you have a question or concern about whether an activity you are considering as an I-69 Advisory Committee member may or may not be allowable, please consult with Roger Beall, Corridor Planning Branch Manager at (512) 486-5154, to discuss.