



AGENDA

I-69 Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 24, 2016
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Ric Williamson Hearing Room
TxDOT Headquarters (the Greer Building)
110 E. 2nd Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Welcome and Safety Briefing	<i>Judge Hugh Taylor, Chair and TxDOT</i>
Opening Remarks	<i>Jeff Austin, III, Commissioner Texas Transportation Commission</i>
Introductions	<i>Judge Hugh Taylor, Chair</i>
I-69 Advisory Committee New Member Orientation	<i>Roger Beall, TxDOT</i>
I-69 Program Update	<i>Roger Beall, TxDOT</i>
I-69 Implementation Strategy Update	<i>Roger Beall, TxDOT</i>
I-69 System Funding Opportunities???????	<i>Roger Beall, TxDOT</i>
I-69 Advisory Committee Goal Setting Discussion	<i>Judge Hugh Taylor, Chair</i>
I-69 Advisory Committee Next Steps	<i>Judge Hugh Taylor, Chair</i>
Questions/Open Discussion	<i>Judge Hugh Taylor, Chair</i>
Closing Remarks/Adjourn	<i>Judge Hugh Taylor, Chair</i>

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



I-69 ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION



March 24, 2016

Origin and Development of the I-69 System in Texas

Key enabling legislation

- Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) (P.L.102-240)
- National Highway System (NHS) Designation Act of 1995 (P.L.104-59)
- Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) (P.L.105-178) and the TEA-21 Restoration Act (P.L.105-206)
- Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) (P.L. 112-141)
- Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) (P.L. 114-94)

I-69 System national map



Importance of I-69 Texas

- Serve a growing population and freight flow
- Provide safer travel
- Improve emergency evacuations
- Support economic development plans



Designation status of the I-69 System in Texas

- Corridors: US 59, US 77, US 84, US 281, SH 550 and SH 44.
- To date, 160.8 miles of the I-69 system route are designated (I-69, I-69W, I-69C, I-69E, I-169, I-369).



Interstate designation process

Confirm section is ready to designate

- Meets Interstate standards
- a) Connects to existing Interstate or
- b) Part of a plan to connect to an Interstate by 2037 (MAP-21)

Prepare request

- Identify and coordinate design exceptions with FHWA
- Obtain MPO and local support resolutions

Submit request to FHWA

- FHWA reviews and approves request

Submit route number request to AASHTO

- AASHTO assigns Interstate route number

I-69 Citizen Committees

I-69 Advisory Committee

- Established by Minute Order 111294 in March 2008.
- Volunteers from I-69 corridor communities.
- Advises TxDOT on I-69 System related issues and priorities, and engages regional and local stakeholders on I-69 system status and project development.



Driven by Texans



I-69 Citizen Committees

I-69 Advisory Committee guiding principles:

1. Recognize I-69 as critical to Texas.
2. Interstate designation as quickly as possible.
3. Maintain public input as an essential part of all future work.
4. Maximize the use of existing highways while seeking to reduce program costs and impacts to private property.
5. Address safety, emergency evacuations and emergency response needs.
6. Pursue flexibility and efficiencies in design and construction requirements.
7. Encourage initiatives that will supplement limited highway funds.

I-69 Citizen Committees

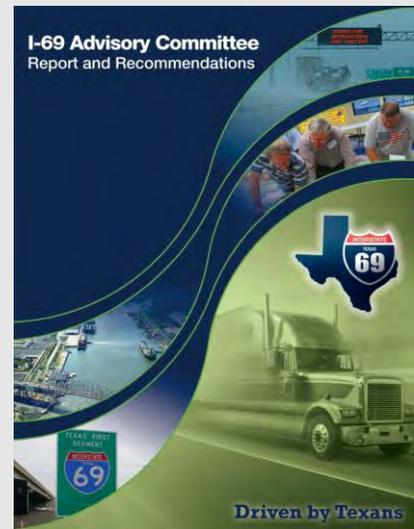
I-69 Segment Committees:

- Established by the Texas Transportation Commission
- Five committees comprised of citizen volunteers divided geographically along the I-69 route in Texas
- Considered environmental and planning features, traffic volumes and crash rates, engineering and costs
- Conducted an extensive public involvement program asking for feedback on their preliminary ideas and recommendations
- Each segment committee established priority recommendations for developing I-69 in their area and provided to the Advisory Committee in 2012



I-69 Advisory Committee recommendations

1. Construct Funded Projects
2. Develop I-69 Segment Committee Priorities
3. Address Spot Safety and Capacity Improvements
4. Conduct Planning Studies for Environmental and Route Locations
5. Maintain Relevance of the I-69 Citizen Planning Process



I-69 System activities since September 2010

Where has that led us?

Based on I-69 citizen committee recommendations, TxDOT has actively been engaged in pursuing I-69 System development and designation.

- Nearly 161 miles of the I-69 System in Texas have been designated.
- Approximately \$1.47 billion committed to fund planning/environmental studies, final design/right-of-way (ROW) acquisition and construction along the I-69 System routes.
- About \$198 million from the Proposition 1 transportation funding ballot initiative is being used to develop ten I-69 System projects.
- Passage of the Proposition 7 ballot initiative in conjunction with the enactment of the FAST Act will provide an additional source of funding, some of which may become available for I-69 development.

I-69 Interstate Standards summary

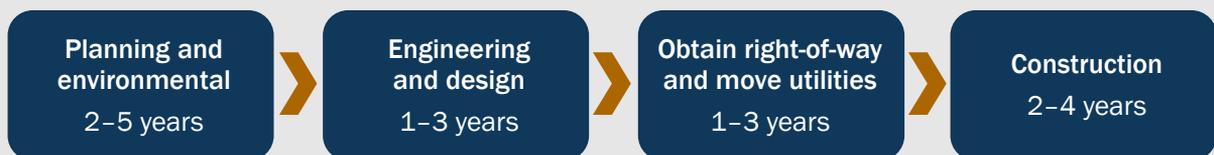
I-69 Texas System routes –

Miles remaining to be constructed to meet Interstate standards

Route	Total Route Miles	Miles to Complete to Interstate Standards	Estimated Construction Cost to Complete
US 59	617.4	487.7	\$9,587,383,000
US 77	223.6	141.5	\$2,069,498,000
US 84	14.0	14.0	\$245,231,000
US 281	149.4	119.9	\$1,205,006,000
SH 44	72.5	65.0	\$1,151,335,000
SH 550	9.4	6.3	\$35,948,000
Total	1086.3	834.4	\$14,294,401,000

The project development process

- Prioritize and program projects
- Initiate environmental clearance process
- Construct environmentally cleared projects
- Initiate Interstate designation process

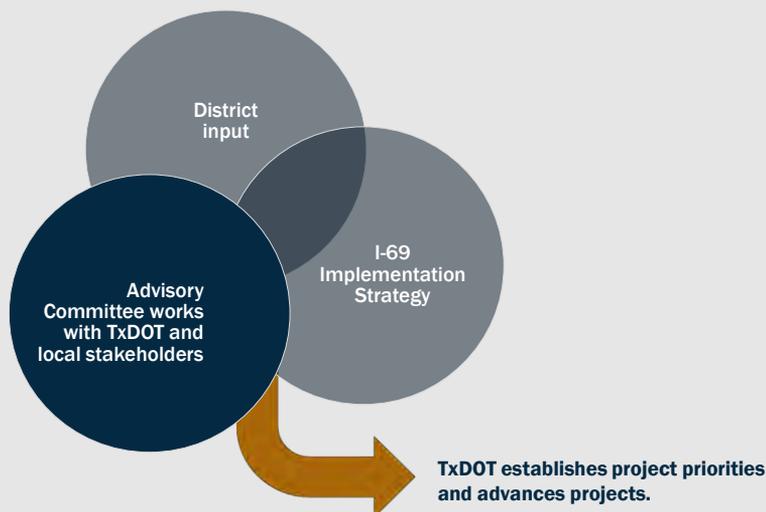


I-69 Advisory Committee member role

TxDOT Minute Order 114494 signed February 25, 2016 has established this new committee membership.

- Purpose of the I-69 Corridor Advisory Committee:
 - Facilitate and achieve support and consensus from affected communities, governmental entities, and other parties in the planning and development of I-69 improvements.
- The committee's advice and recommendations will provide enhanced understanding of public, business, and private concerns about the I-69 corridor which will:
 - Facilitate TxDOT communications and project development objectives.
 - Result in greater cooperation between TxDOT and affected parties during project planning and development.

I-69 Advisory Committee member role



Questions?

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

ALL Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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ALL Districts

Pursuant to 43 TAC §1.86 and Minute Order 111294, dated March 27, 2008, the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) created an advisory committee to assist the Texas Department of Transportation (department) in the transportation planning process for the corridor planned as part of Interstate Highway 69 (I-69).

The purpose of the I-69 Corridor Advisory Committee (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 I-69 corridor and in the establishment of development plans for that corridor. The committee’s advice and recommendations will provide the department with an enhanced understanding of public, business, and private concerns about the I-69 corridor, facilitating the department’s communications and project development objectives and resulting in greater cooperation between the department and all affected parties during project planning and development.

In Minute Order 113422, dated January 31, 2013, the commission appointed new members to the committee. A number of members are no longer in a position to serve, creating vacancies on the committee. In Minute Order 114443, dated December 17, 2015, the commission appointed Hugh Taylor as a member, filling the position vacated by Judy Hawley, the former chair of the committee. In accordance with 43 TAC §1.85(b)(3), the committee conducted an election during its January 5, 2016 meeting and selected Hugh Taylor as the new chair of the committee.

Under 43 TAC §1.86, the commission may appoint members of an advisory committee from the following groups as deemed appropriate by the commission: affected property owners and owners of business establishments; technical experts; representatives of local governmental entities; members of the general public; economic development officials; chambers of commerce officials; members of the environmental community; department staff; and professional consultants representing the department.

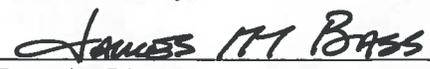
The individuals identified in Exhibit A as new members of the committee have been selected because they will ensure the committee represents a geographic distribution across the corridor area and reflects a diverse cross-section of the widely varying stakeholder groups needed to help the department identify and reach consensus on corridor needs and potential transportation solutions.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the individuals identified in Exhibit A are appointed as members of the I-69 Corridor Advisory Committee.

Submitted and reviewed by:

for 
Director, Transportation Planning
and Programming Division

Recommended by:


Executive Director

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Minute Number Date Passed

Exhibit A

I-69 Corridor Advisory Committee Effective Date: February 25, 2016

Name	City
Existing/Reappointments	
Alan Clark	Houston
Wes Suiter	Lufkin
Hugh Taylor (Chair)	Marshall
Cynthia Leleko	Marshall
Joseph F. Phillips	McAllen
John Bradley	Avinger
James Carlow	New Boston
David Garza	San Benito
Jerry Sparks*	Texarkana
Domingo Montalvo*	Wharton
Pat Liston*	La Feria
Terry Simpson*	Sinton
New Appointments	
Pedro "Pete" Trevino	Alice
Stephanie Silvas	Beeville
Phillip Spenrath	El Campo
Janiece Longoria	Houston
Gabriel Allen	Houston
Pete Saenz	Laredo
Sydney Murphy	Livingston
Charles Zahn	Port Aransas
Loyd Neal	Corpus Christi
Ben Zeller	Victoria
Jim Jeffers	Nacogdoches

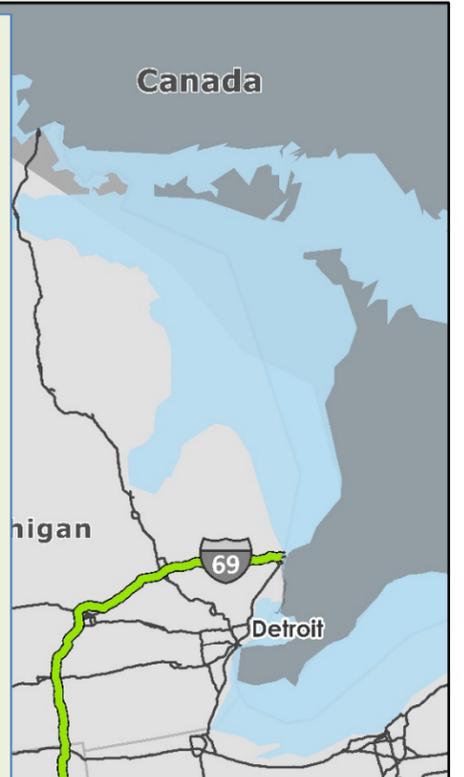
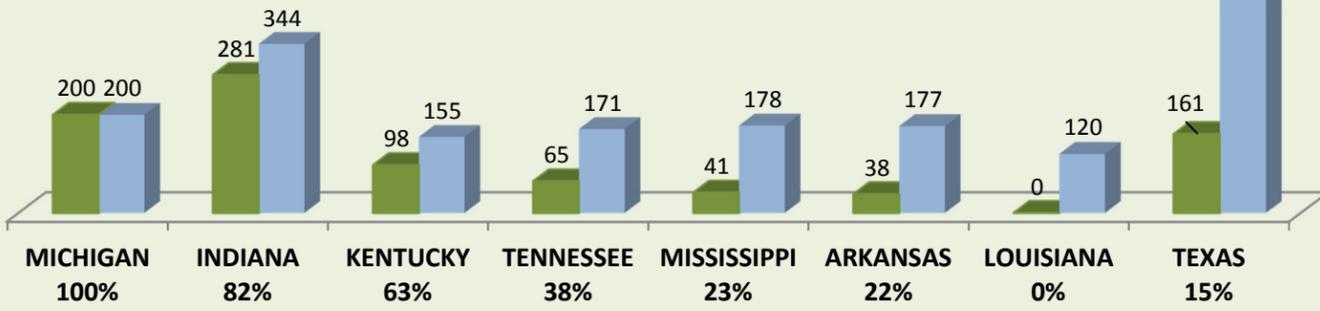
*Ex-officio members from Segment Committees now being appointed.

I-69 System Status by State

- I-69 Open for Traffic (Miles)
- Total I-69 Route (Miles)

Mileages shown are approximate based on GIS measurements of High Priority Corridors 18 and 20

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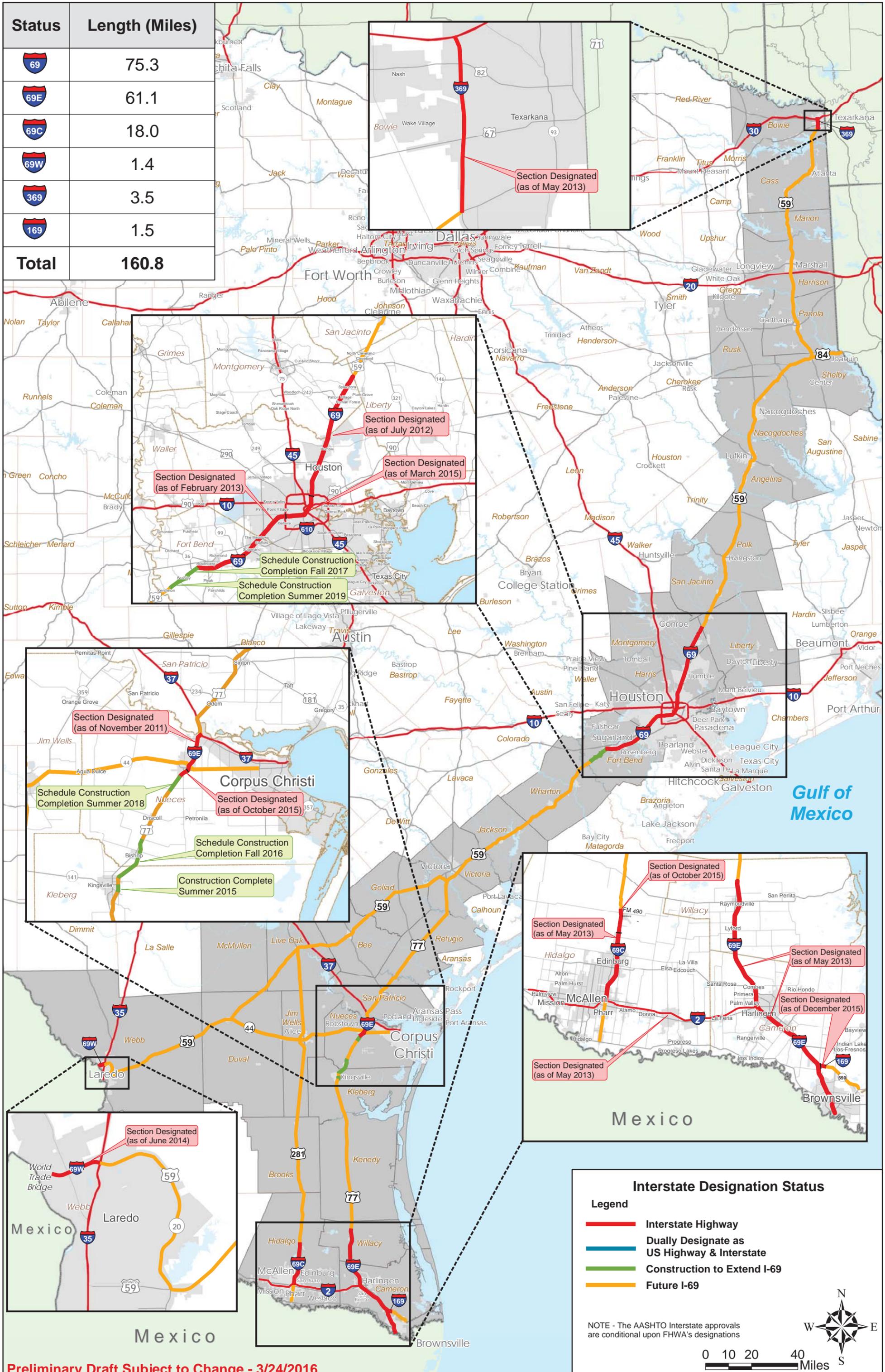
STATUS OF I-69 SYSTEM

- Existing I-69 System
- I-69 Designation Under Review
- Under Final Design/Construction to Extend I-69
- Future I-69



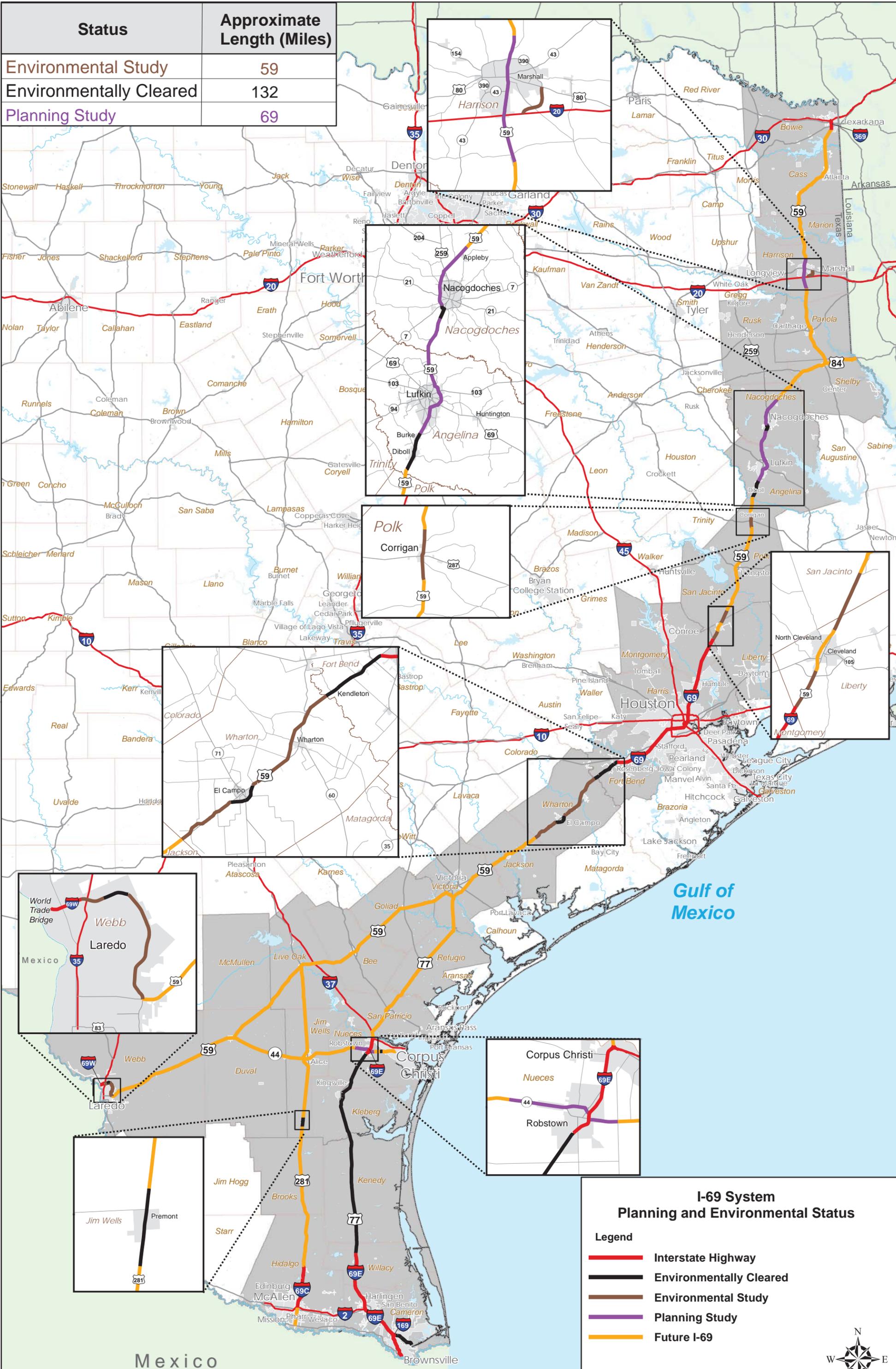
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Status	Length (Miles)
	75.3
	61.1
	18.0
	1.4
	3.5
	1.5
Total	160.8



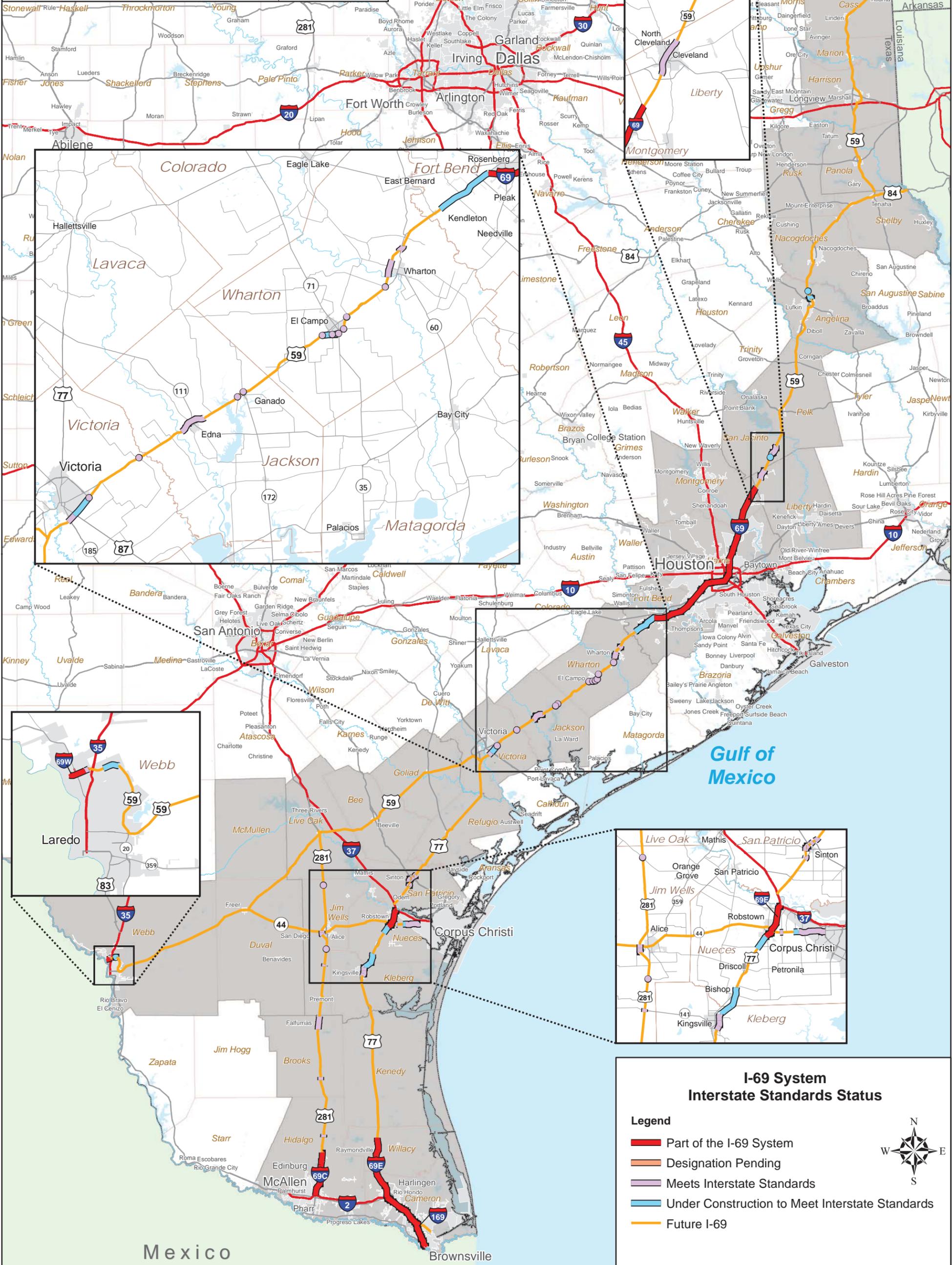
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Status	Approximate Length (Miles)
Environmental Study	59
Environmentally Cleared	132
Planning Study	69



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Status	Approximate Length (Miles)
Part of I-69 System	160.8
Designation Pending	0.0
Meets Interstate Standards	56.5
Under Construction to Meet Interstate Standards	31.2
Total	248.5



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