

I-69 Program Segment Committee Meeting

MEMORANDUM OF MEETING

SUBJECT: Segment One Committee Meeting

DATE: November 9, 2011

LOCATION: Jefferson Visitor's Center, Jefferson, Texas

ATTENDING: Attendees are listed on attached sign-in sheets (Attachment 1)

Purpose:

The purpose of this meeting was to: 1) review the Segment One Committee September 2011 meeting notes and discuss the upcoming I-69 Summit and I-69 sign unveiling; 2) discuss next steps for the committee in moving towards compiling recommendations for the Advisory Committee; 3) review public outreach efforts for Segment Committees statewide and within Segment One to-date; 4) discuss the Segment One Committee final report outline and contents; 5) verify the recommended Segment One priority sections; and 6) discuss early implementation opportunities within Segment One. A power point presentation was utilized to provide an overview of aforementioned items during the meeting. The agenda and power point presentation are included as Attachment 2.

Welcome/Introductions:

Leah Olivarri, Facilitator, and Jerry Sparks, Committee Chair, initiated the introductions.

Administrative/Announcements:

Leah inquired if the Segment One Committee members had any comments on the September 2011 meeting notes that were sent via email prior to the meeting. No comments were offered at the time. Leah requested that if the committee members had any comments, that they be forwarded to her or Doise Miers within one week.

Doise noted that there will be two events in Corpus Christi on December 5th: 1) the I-69 Summit, a joint meeting with the I-69 Advisory Committee and the Alliance for I-69 Texas Board; and 2) the I-69 sign unveiling at the intersection of U.S. 77 and SH 44. She reminded committee members that both events require RSVPs. Jennifer Shepard will accept RSVPs for the I-69 Summit, and Anna Gonzalez will accept RSVPs for I-69 sign unveiling. Contact information for RSVPs has been previously sent to committee member's email, and Doise is also able to forward RSVPs to either.

Next Steps and Final Committee Tasks:

Leah thanked the committee members for their outstanding efforts to-date. She reviewed the tasks completed to-date and noted that the next tasks per the schedule were to wrap up public outreach activities and discuss public comments, finalize the priorities and recommendations of

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the Segment One Committee and, submit the Segment One Committee final recommendations to the Advisory Committee.

Summary of Public Outreach Activities:

Leah provided a summary of all the segment committee public outreach efforts to-date (Attachment 3). She noted that Segment One had contacted a good number of individuals and their outreach efforts were particularly high because of committee member's efforts in sending information via email distribution lists. The Committee Chair asked if the other Segment Committees' would be affected because they had fewer activities. . Doise responded that the committees' intent of the public involvement process was to communicate with citizens about the committees' work, priorities and recommendations and gather feedback on those items. That is what all the committees have done.. Segment Two for example, gathered comments from the public expressing a desire for a relief route west of Moscow. Additionally, residents and property owners within Moscow submitted a multi-signature letter requesting a bypass to the west. The Segment Two Committee's recommendations now include a relief route in Moscow to reflect citizen input. A committee member asked who the citizens were in Moscow that commented. Doise responded by explaining it was a community effort and by showing the Moscow letter to the Segment One Committee. Doise then noted that Segment Committees Four and Five have acted as a single committee and that they will submit a single report to the Advisory Committee. Leah also commented that Segments Four and Five contain a portion of U.S. 77 which being studied as part of an environmental process and that comments regarding U.S. 77 are being submitted by other means.

A list of the Segment One public outreach activities forms received to-date (Attachment 4) was provided. Leah asked that committee members fill out activity forms for any additional meetings that are not on the list. A committee member had a meeting not on the list and was also trying to schedule a presentation at a future commissioner's court meeting. Another committee member has a meeting scheduled for November 18th.

Leah and Marc discussed the Summary of Feedback from the segment committees' outreach effort from June through November 2, 2011 (Attachment 5). The document contains a summary of comments, recommendations and questions received from the public. Items relating directly to Segment One have been highlighted in yellow for the committee's information and four questions, specific to Segment One, are included on the last page. Marc inquired how the committee would like to address the questions. A summary of the discussion is as follows:

- The committee chair noted that it would be difficult to respond to the questions if they don't know to whom they are responding.
- It was suggested that the questions could be answered on the website. Doise commented that there are various media forms appropriate to respond to questions such as the newspapers, MPO websites, I-69 website, editorial boards, etc. or by even responding to the questions in the report to the Advisory Committee.
- Question number two was discussed. It was determined that a summary of the national I-69 route as it is described in the Corridor 18 and Corridor 20 Studies would be provided as an answer.

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Kent Rogers, Executive Director for Northwest Louisiana, Council of Governments, briefed the committee on the status of I-69 in Louisiana. Discussion included the following:

- The final Environmental impact Statement (EIS) for the National Section of Independent Utility (SIU) 14 from El Dorado, AK to Shreveport, LA has been distributed for public comment. A Record of Decision (ROD) may be issued 45 days after close of public comment.
- National SIU 15 from Shreveport, LA to near Stonewall, LA final EIS will be distributed for comment late December 2011 or early January 2013.
- The Shreveport/Bossier City area has been successful in securing money for projects such as I-49 in the past.
- Committee member William Holley spoke with citizens of the town of Logansport and a crossing of the Texas/Louisiana border, north of Logansport, is preferred.
- The committee chair suggested that TxDOT coordinate closely with LaDOTD to tie to the national I-69 route.
- Roger Beall explained that the process under way in Texas is a high level grass-roots planning process and it does consider the Louisiana National Corridor tie-point near Stonewall.
- A question was asked regarding the use of existing roadways in Louisiana. Kent Rogers explained that the alignment in Louisiana is a combination of both existing roadway and new alignment.

Discussion of Final Committee Reports:

Leah advised the committee members that the remaining task before them is to complete a final committee report that will be submitted to the Advisory Committee for their consideration and incorporation in a statewide plan for I-69. She asked them to review the draft table of contents for their report and provide any comments. She noted that this is a draft Ttable of contents that the committee members can add to or subtract from the outline at this time. Discussions included the following:

- Jerry Sparks will provide a "Message from the Chair".
- A committee member asked how this report will be different from the interim report. Marc explained that this report will build on the interim report but will include the public outreach effort and more detail such as costs, conceptual interstate layout information, etc. related to Segment One.
- No comments were provided on the outline.

Leah concluded by explaining that an initial draft of this report is being prepared and a draft copy of the report will be available for their review/comment in advance of the next meeting.

Verify Recommended Priorities:

Marc directed the committee member's attention to the Segment One Recommended Priorities map (Attachment 6). He asked the members to confirm that they remain satisfied with the priorities that they identified for their Segment. These included the following priorities:

- Nacogdoches Relief Route (U.S. 59)
- Garrison/Timpson/Tenaha Relief Route (U.S. 59)
- Tenaha/Joaquin Relief Route (U.S. 84)

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- Marshall Relief Route (U.S. 59)
- Texarkana Relief Route (U.S. 59)

The committee members discussed combining the U.S. 84 Tenaha/Joaquin relief route priority section with the U.S. 59 Garrison, Timpson and Tenaha relief route priority section. It was concluded the priority sections would remain the same, however, it will be emphasized that they are listed in no particular order of preference.

Discussion of Early Implementation Opportunities:

Marc explained that this exercise is to identify individual projects within or outside of their priority sections which have an immediate need or can be built independently as funding becomes available. In the case of relief routes, the first step would be to initiate an environmental/route location study that will engage the public, investigate environmental issues, initiate preliminary design and ultimately produce a recommended alignment. The committee may wish to recommend that relief routes are candidates for early implementation or identify smaller projects such as interstate redesignations, new interchanges, safety improvements, adding control of access, widenings, etc. Another early implementation possibility could be to direct TxDOT to initiate coordination with Louisiana and proceeding with the connection to the I-69 national route. The discussion was as follows:

- There are traffic problems in Garrison
- At the south U.S. 59 loop connection in Nacogdoches, there is a need for a direct connection to address congestion problems and delay the need for a relief route at Nacogdoches.
- Connections are important, to the interstates, I-20 (Marshall relief route), I-30 (Texarkana relief route) and the I-69 national route (Joaquin/Tenaha relief route).
- From the Sulphur River Bridge to I-30 could be the first phase of the Texarkana relief route. This is consistent with the resolution of the Texarkana MPO. The Texarkana resolution should be captured in the final committee report.
- Timpson to Tenaha is four-lane undivided with intermittent shoulders. The section of roadway has a high crash occurrence.
- Roadway needs to accommodate a new cement/asphalt plant east of Tenaha on U.S. 84 adjacent to the rail line on the north side.
- Include provisions for a low carbon emitting freight transportation system. Marc noted that the freight shuttle has been included in the map of transportation facilities to be considered as part of the I-69 Program which will be included in the report. The map should also be updated with the new facility name in Texarkana as the "TexAmericas Center".
- The report will be an opportunity to highlight issues such as:
 - Freight Shuttle
 - Hour Glass
 - Port connections
 - Connect to interstates in the region
- A freight feasibility study could be a candidate for early implementation. Roger Beall noted that TxDOT is in the procurement stage for leasing state right-of-way for a low emission freight transportation facility.
- There are many counties between Houston and Texarkana which are nearing non-attainment. A low carbon emitting freight transportation system feasibility study should

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be implemented early because of the need to reduce truck emissions, with the understanding that right-of-way should be minimized.

- Provisions for a low carbon emitting freight transportation system, while minimizing right-of-way, should be included in the final committee report.
- A railroad crossing at U.S. 59 in Garrison for a switch track has no stop bar or signal lights.

A committee member asked if Louisiana was considering freight in their development of I-69. Kent Rogers answered that a rail compatibility study was done when KCS wanted to relocate their line, however a study for I-69 specifically was not done.

Leah requested that the committee members email her, Doise or Marc if they think of any other early implementation opportunities.

Wrap Up:

Marc then explained to committee members that the next task is an activity to providing an assessment of the public outreach efforts. The committee members were provided cards with questions on their perception of the public involvement efforts. The members wrote responses to the questions on the cards, the cards were collected and then adhered to a “sticky wall”. A summary of the feedback on the cards is as follows:

Improvements

- Speed up the process
- All is well
- Start outreach earlier in process
- Earlier news releases
- Can't think of anything

What Went Well

- Comments
- Meeting at a midpoint
- Material were good- Impressive to groups
- Internet/ Comment Cards
- Teleconference, public info with web and electronic response
- Getting public involved with decisions
- The handouts and response opportunities
- It was very good

Dislikes

- The whole I-69 process has taken too long. This process is just a repeat of what has already taken place in prior years.
- All is well
- Slow
- Public outreach came late. Public was already energized by public reports on segment meetings. And the demand for outreach came earlier than process.

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- More detailed information would have been helpful
- No problem
- Needed to get tools out earlier

Likes

- The tools were great
- Never hurts to have more info at hand to help with making decisions more info and discussion was made available.
- Letting the public get involved
- Solid attempt to be inclusive in planning
- Good supportive resources, video , handouts
- Candid discussion, website was excellent, teleconference for updates
- The brochures to explain to the public what we are doing
- I think the process is very good. Everyone can express their concerns about anything.
- Consensus decision making has been effective.
- Resulted in very doable recommendation.

Public Response

- In the region we represent- excellent
- Very well considering the limited information
- Good response
- Getting input on
- About the same as prior years
- They don't respond until the route has been determined
- Mixed results
- Very positive, lots of substantive comments

Texas Transportation Commissioner, Jeff Austin, noted that I-69 is near and dear to his heart because he lives and works in northeast Texas. He likes what the Segment One Committee has accomplished so far and noted that early implementation is important to bring I-69 in north Texas to the same level as I-69 in south Texas (i.e. the redesignation of U.S. 77 as I-69).

Commissioner Austin noted the following:

- Connectivity with the interstates including I-10, I-20, I-30 and potentially I-49 is important.
- It is important to consider multi-modal opportunities while trying to remain within the existing right-of-way.
- Connections to the ports could result in economic opportunity.
- Air quality in northeast Texas is degrading and several counties are on the edge of non-attainment.
- He is excited about the public support and interest such as the multi-signature letter from Moscow.
- It is important to obtain resolutions from communities along the route.

The committee chair requested that the draft final committee report be emailed to committee members well in advance of the next meeting. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for December 14, 2011.

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The meeting was then adjourned.

Attachments:

1. Sign-In Sheet
2. Agenda and Presentation
3. Summary of all the Segment Committee Public Outreach Efforts
4. Public Outreach Activities Forms Received to-Date
5. Summary of Feedback Received from the Segment Committee Outreach Efforts June through November 2, 2011
6. Segment One Recommended Priorities Map

Meeting staff included:

Roger Beall TxDOT, Doise Miers-TxDOT, Leah Olivarri-Consultant, Marc Williams-Consultant, Tina Brown-Consultant, Nancy Ledbetter-Consultant, Tricia Bruck-Consultant

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**Attachment 1
Sign-In Sheet**

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Jefferson, TX**

Last	First	Appointing Entity	Int.
Anderson	David	Panola County	<i>[Signature]</i>
Barton	Bob	Rusk County	<i>BOB.</i>
Campbell	Rick	Shelby County	<i>[Signature]</i>
Cork	William V.	TexAmericas Center	<i>[Signature]</i>
English	Joe	Nacogdoches County	
Greer	James	Marshall Texas Chamber of Commerce	
Holley	William	City of Tenaha	<i>w.H.</i>
Huffman	Jerry	Angelina County	
Jeffers	Jim	City of Nacogdoches	<i>[Signature]</i>
Lee	Joe David	City of Jefferson	<i>[Signature]</i>
McCaleb, P.E.	Brad	Texarkana MPO	<i>[Signature]</i>
Meador, P.E.	Michael	Texas Farm Bureau	<i>[Signature]</i>
Medford	Philip M.	City of Lufkin	
Murray, P.E.	Robert H.	Bowie County	<i>[Signature]</i>
Owen	Karen	Longview MPO	
Parker	Phil	Marion County	
Sparks	Jerry	City of Texarkana	<i>[Signature]</i>
Taylor	Hugh	Harrison County	
Thomas	Charles	City of Carthage <i>Proxy David Anderson</i>	
Turner	Joe	Cass County	
Wilcox	Charles R.	City of Atlanta	<i>[Signature]</i>

Adams

Wade

City of Harrison

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**Attachment 2
Agenda and Presentation**

I-69 Segment One Committee Meeting
Jefferson, Texas
November 9, 2011
9:30 am

Welcome/Introductions

Jerry Sparks, Committee Chair
Leah Olivarri, Facilitator

Administrative/Announcements

Review and approve September 2011 meeting notes
I-69 Designation (I-37 to Robstown) and event RSVPs

Next Steps and Final Committee Tasks

Summary of Public Outreach Activities

Review public outreach efforts to-date of segment committee members statewide and within Segment One.

- Review public outreach update summary
- Confirm Activity Reports
- Note any additional outreach activities
- Review comments that may require action
- Document recommended actions or responses

Discussion of Final Committee Reports

Review draft Table of Contents and discuss content for final Committee Report

Verify Recommended Priorities

Final confirmation of Recommended Priorities

Discussion Early Implementation Opportunities

Discuss committee recommendations for early implementation opportunities to initiate future project development actions within Segment One.

Wrap Up

Future meeting scheduling

Adjourn



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Meeting Agenda

Jerry Sparks, Committee Chair
Leah Olivarri, Facilitator

- **Welcome/Introductions**
- **Administrative/Announcements**
- **Next Steps and Remaining Committee Tasks**
- **Summary Update of Public Input & Assessment of Outreach Efforts To-Date**
- **Discussion of Committee Reports**
- **Verify Recommended Priorities**
- **Discuss Early Implementation Opportunities**
- **Report Feedback Activities**
- **Adjourn**



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Next Steps and Final Committee Tasks

- Wrap up public outreach activities and discuss public comments
- Finalize priorities and recommendations of the Segment Committee
- Submit final recommendations to the Advisory Committee



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Public Outreach Summary Update

	Statewide	Segment 1
Activity Reports Submitted	98	25
Individuals Contacted	5231	2106
Comment Cards Received	223	TBD
Internet Comments Received	187	83



Review Public Comments and Remaining Activities

- Confirm Record of Activity Reports
- Note any Remaining Outreach Activities
- Review Comments that May Require Action
- Document Recommended Actions or Responses

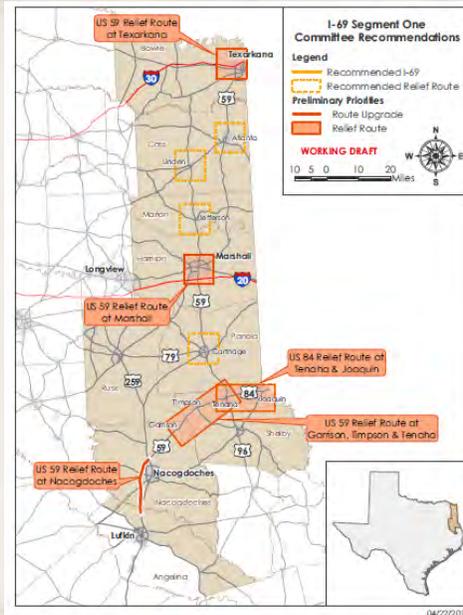


Final Committee Report - Draft Table of Contents -

- A Message from the Chair
- A Citizens Plan for I-69
 - Advisory Committee
 - Segment Committees
- I-69 Segment One Committee
- Transportation Problems and Challenges
- Recommended Highways to Serve as I-69 and Connecting Facilities
 - Recommended Interstate 69 Route
 - Other Recommended Facilities to Consider in I-69 Planning
- Development of Conceptual Interstate Layouts and Costs
 - Interstate Highway Requirements
 - Conceptual Interstate Layouts
 - Order of Magnitude Cost Estimates
 - Funding Requirements
- Public Outreach
- Committee Recommendations for I-69
 - Segment One Priorities
 - Early Implementation Opportunities
- Conclusion and Next Steps



Verify Segment One Recommended Priorities



Discuss Committee Recommendations for Early Implementation Opportunities

- Examples:
 - Redesignate Existing Sections Built to Interstate Standards
 - Undertake Route Location/Environmental Studies for Priority Sections
 - New Grade Separation/Safety Improvement
 - Control of Access Projects
 - Widening
 - Other Problem Areas



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Report Feedback Activities

- Committee Assessment of Outreach Efforts To-Date
 - How did the public respond?
 - What did you like/dislike about the process?
 - What went well/could be improved?
 - Are further outreach efforts needed
- Review map of 'Recommended Facilities to be Considered for Development of I-69'
- One-on-One Discussion of Early Implementation Opportunities



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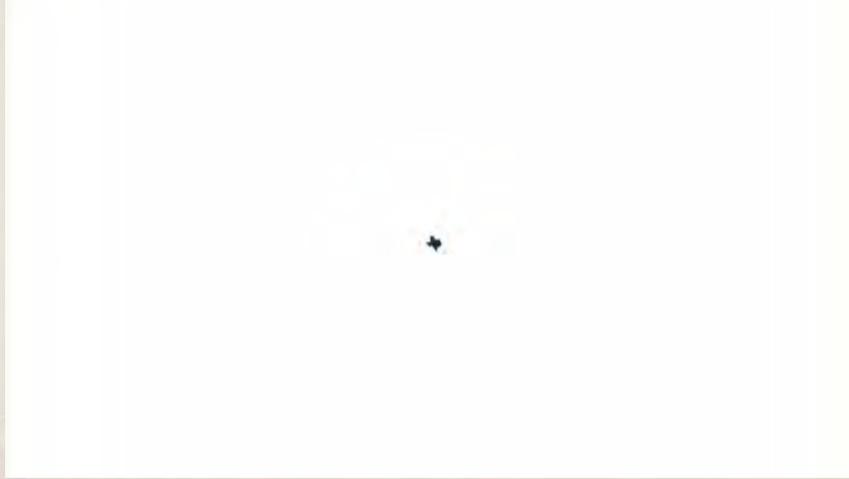
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**Attachment 3
Summary of all the Segment
Committee Public Outreach
Efforts**

Summary of All Segment Committee Public Outreach Efforts

Total Number		Total Number	
Rotary Clubs	10	Lions Club	2
Attendees	290	Attendees	47
City Council Meetings	5	EDC	4
Attendees	108	Attendees	100
Town Hall Meetings	4	Commissioner Court Mtg	5
Attendees	121	Attendees	155
Chamber of Commerce	8	Mtg w/ Council Members	1
Attendees	2379	Attendees	2
Mtg w/ Congressman	4	Public Hearing	2
Attendees	20	Attendees	265
Port Meetings	1	Business Groups	5
Attendees	16	Attendees	459
Real Estate Groups	3	MPO's	5
Attendees	85	Attendees	81
Healthcare groups	2	Moscow on The Go	1
Attendees	219	Attendees	79
Community Service Org	2	Open House	3
Attendees	17	Attendees	132
Transportation Advocacy Group	2	Community Stakeholder	3
Attendees	40	Attendees	27
Management Group	1	Infrastructure Groups	3
Attendees	20	Attendees	125
Television Interviews	2	Radio	1
Farm Bureau	1	Political Group	1
Attendees	8	Attendees	20
You Tube	1	RV Club	1
Views	123	Attendees	165
Brochure Locations	16		
Total Groups		99	
Total Attendees		5241	

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**Attachment 4
Public Outreach Activities Forms
Received to-Date**

Segment One

Public Outreach Activity Forms

10/17/2011- Brad McCaleb- Placed Driven by Texans link on Texarkana MPO website

10/06/2011- Ed Pool & Jim Jeffers- Democratic Party- I-69 presentation to Democratic Party. The group asked pointed questions about eminent domain yet remained non committal on the merits of the overall project.

9/27/2011- Bill Cork-Texarkana Chamber of Commerce- Sent an eblast to Texarkana Chamber of Commerce. Newsletter included a link to I-69 video and encouraged member to submit comments. Video link on webpage too.

9/27/2011- Karen Owen- Longview MPO Policy Board- I-69 briefing and handed out brochures

9/15/2011- Bill Cork- You Tube- Posted I-69 video on You Tube page.

8/23/2011- Brad McCaleb- Texarkana Oaklawn Rotary Club- Questions about signage, relief route selection, and funding. 25 attendees

8/19/2011- Jim Jeffers- I-69 Public Meeting- Interested in timeline and exact route it would take west of Nacogdoches. 11 attendees

8/11/2011- Willie Holley- Tenaha Businessmen's Club- Gave updates and focused on the local need for the interstate as well as encouraged all the send comments. 33 attendees

8/11/2011- Jim Jeffers- Economic Development Corporation- Mayor Van Hon Presented to the EDC. 30 attendees

8/05/2011- David Anderson & Charles Thomas- Gave presentation and handed out brochures.

8/02/2011- Jim Jeffers- Nacogdoches City Council- Presentation made to the Mayor and City Council. Presentation made available via City's website. 20 attendees

7/28/2011- Brad McCaleb- Wilbur Smith Rotary- no comments. 57 attendees

7/28/2011- Joe Turner- Placed brochures at- TRICO Hardwar and Lumber, Tin Star Restaurant, Linden United Methodist Church, Crumps Food Center.

7/26/2011- Joe Turner- Meeting with Marion County member Joe Lee- Agreed to support one another and share experiences. 2 attendees

7/26/2011- Joe Turner- Cass. Marion Interagency- A group of health care agencies and managers. They were very supportive. 24 attendees

7/20/2011- Brad McCaleb- West Bowie Rotary- Questions concerning rail service and how I-69 impacts trucking. 8 attendees

7/19/2011- Brad McCaleb- Texarkana MPO Policy Board Meeting- No Comments. 15 attendees

7/12/2011- Brad McCaleb- MPO Technical Committee- No Comments. 20 attendees

6/29/2011- Joe Turner- Community Service NE Texas- Very Hostile. 17 attendees

6/28/2011- Joe Turner- Linden Lions Club- Enthusiastic and wanted extra materials. 26 attendees

6/21/2011- Joe Turner- Good Shepherd Hospital Staff - Admin agreed to present info to employees, visitors, and patients. 195 attendees

6/20/2011- Willie Hollie- Tenaha City Council- Questions about location, TTC, and how to plan for City's growth. 17 attendees

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**Attachment 5
Summary of Feedback Received
from the Segment Committee
Outreach Efforts June through
November 2, 2011**

Summary of Feedback Received From Segment Committee Outreach Effort
June through October 2011

(Comments from Segment 1 are highlighted in yellow)

Comments Overall:

In support of I-69:

- Connection between Mexico and U.S. ports
- Economic development, Texas would be more appealing to large businesses
- Improved safety
- Plan for future growth
- Need to prepare for widening of the Panama Canal
- Enhanced job growth
- Would provide better evacuation route during hurricanes
- Too many large trucks on the roads, we need I-69 to accommodate the truck traffic
- The most needed highway improvement in the state

Not opposed, but has concerns:

- Opposed to tolls, private funding and raising taxes in general
- Funding should be used for other programs such as social, healthcare, education, and improvements to other roads instead of I-69
- Fear of foreign or private ownership
- Fear of losing homes, churches, cemeteries, property and/or livelihood
- Concerned about increased traffic noise in small communities
- Access limitation, especially for emergency vehicles
- East Texas is beautiful, leave it alone. Go West!

Opposed to I-69:

- I-69 would promote more truck traffic, crime, drugs, guns and illegal aliens entering the United States
- This project would only add to our debt
- The railroad system is a better way to move freight
- Feel that the I-69 project too similar to the Trans Texas Corridor
- Does not see the need for I-69, happy with current highway system

Recommendations:

- Use existing right-of-way
- Build it now!

- Respect the trade areas near Lufkin, TX and Nacogdoches, TX
- An I-69 sign was placed near my home on US 59 in Nacogdoches, TX. This could negatively impact my property value. Please remove it!
- Publish meeting advertisements on the front page of the newspaper
- Schedule meetings on different days and at different times so we can attend more than one
- A more open process
- Send copies of the plans for I-69 to local libraries in addition to posting them to the internet
- Add more information on how I-69 would benefit those living near US 59 to the website
- Need a firm timeframe and dates
- I-69 should be cement and not tar and gravel
- Include wildlife passages and native vegetation in the plans for I-69
- Take advantage of multi-modal opportunities
- Include Kendleton, TX on map of recommendations
- Sinton, Refugio, and Odem would benefit from I-69
- I-69 will accommodate the transport of goods from Freeport, the intermodal facility near Kendleton, and continuing growth in western Fort Bend County
- Funding
 - Allow comprehensive development agreements and public-private partnerships
 - Increase gasoline tax based on inflation and utilize it for highway repair and improvements only
 - Use private funding or tolls if necessary
 - Restrict the timeframe for which I-69 would be a toll road
 - Use Harbor Maintenance fund
 - Earmark the funding to finish I-69 from Corpus Christi, TX to Brownville, TX
- I-69 Routes
 - The ability to connect I-30 to a north-south route will be invaluable
 - Texarkana, Bowie, and Cass counties as well as Arkansas need I-69
 - Get as close to Longview, TX as possible
 - Bring through Ingleside, TX
 - Victoria, TX to Corpus Christi, TX should be a spur route of I-69 or I-37
 - Existing I-37 from US 77 to downtown Corpus Christi, TX should be a spur route of I-37 as should US 83 through the Valley
 - Use existing US 77 from Victoria, TX to Refugio, TX rather than US 59 from Victoria, TX to Goliad, TX to Beeville, TX
 - There should be a direct route from Victoria, TX to Laredo, TX
 - If I-69 joins US 77, this should occur south of Corpus Christi, TX and not go through the southern portion of Victoria County
 - Route should go through Premont, TX
 - Go through Carthage, TX and Panola County
 - Need a relief route in Carthage, TX
 - Bypass Moscow, TX on the west side

- Stay in the box near Moscow, TX
- Go straight through Moscow, TX, upgrade US 59 through Moscow, TX
- Build an elevated structure over Moscow, TX
- Need east loop around Livingston, TX
- US 281 south of McAllen, TX through Pharr, TX should be a priority for I-69
- Designation of US 281 in Pharr, TX as I-69 is long overdue
- Route toward Brownville, TX
- Route to Matamoros, Mexico
- Route through Cameron County
- Extend to the Rio Grande Valley
- Follow US 79 from Louisiana state line to the intersection of US 77 in Rockdale, TX, then follow US 77 south to Victoria, TX
- Follow US 79 from Marshall, TX to where it ties into I-35 in Round Rock, TX
- Marshall, TX needs a relief route on the west side
- Relief options need to extend into most of Matagorda County, counties southwest of Harris and Fort Bend are looking for relief routes that serve the Port of Freeport, Galveston, Texas City and Houston
- Needs to be easily accessible to Tyler, Smith, Longview, Gregg, Upshur, Rusk counties
- Route planned east of Lufkin, TX should provide access to SH 103 and any planned service roads near the Angelina and Neches River railroad tracks
- Look at combining US 59, SH 99 and I-69 as much as possible
- Include a connector loop using Isleib Road in Beasley, TX
- Use US 77 through San Patricio, TX
- Develop a connector route on SH 36
- Go through Texarkana, Linden, and Carthage
- Stay on US 59 through Nacogdoches, TX
- Utilizing US 59 would be a poor choice, it is already overrun with traffic and is used as an evacuation route for hurricanes
- The intersection of South Loop and US 59 in Nacogdoches, TX needs improvement
- Need FM 1301 to connect to US 59 in Wharton, TX for I-69 to work
- Follow US 59 through Wharton, TX
- US 59 south of Victoria, TX is wide enough for I-69, building an additional bypass in this area would be wasteful
- Need a loop around Livingston, TX
- Should go around Tenaha and connect Joaquin and Logansport
- Interstate Designation
 - Extend the I-37 designation down US 77 to the Valley
 - Should be designated as I-47 in Texas not I-69
 - Can we choose a different name other than I-69?
 - US 59 through Rosenberg, TX should be I-69

Questions:

1. Will we be coordinating with the LA DOTD to recommend a route between Logansport and Stonewall? Will it be an upgrade to an existing roadway or a new roadway?
2. On the map provided, when enlarged, shows I-69 going to Texarkana, TX. Why on the smaller version on the map does it show the project track diverting north of Nacogdoches, TX and traveling upwards in a northeast direction across northwest Louisiana, northern Mississippi, etc? I thought this was a North-South project which would carry further north than Texarkana, TX. I was under the impression it would travel more in a direction toward Kansas City, at least connecting to another Interstate Hwy., maybe at Joplin to I believe I-44 or I-45 before diverting northeasterly direction.
3. Given the existing numbering scheme, why would it not be called I-47? It seems that would best reflect its location between north-south I-45 and I-49.
4. I would like to know why so much money was spent on the overpass for traffic going from Diboll, TX US 59 onto the loop to the east when I-69 takes a different route at that point.
5. Cannot see detail on map of alternate route around Lufkin. Where can I find this information?
6. I live at the Angelina River in Angelina County; I would like to see a detailed map of your plans at my location.
7. How many miles is the relief route east of Lufkin, TX going to extend down I-69 South?
8. Why was Kendleton, TX not included in the map of recommendations? *The larger towns (1000+) are listed on the maps but some of the smaller ones are not. The Segment 3 Committee decided to label Kendleton, TX on this map.*
9. When will we know what decision has been made?
10. Please send me more detail for the area near US 59 and FM 2782.
11. Please send more information on how this would affect Houston County.
12. Exactly what part of US 59 between Nacogdoches and Garrison are going to be affected? Is there an exact map I can look at?

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**Attachment 6
Segment One Recommended
Priorities Map**

