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Agency Coordination Plan

I-69 Connector from I-69C/US 281 to I-69E/US 77

TxDOT Pharr District

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Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties, Texas

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1.0 PURPOSE OF THE COORDINATION PLAN

In accordance with 23 U.S. Code § 139(g), the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), as lead agency, has prepared this coordination plan for the proposed Interstate Highway (I)-69 Connector Project in Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties, Texas. This plan is intended to establish a schedule and process for coordinating public agency participation and comment during the environmental review process. The coordination plan is developed early in the environmental and planning process. It will be adjusted and updated as input is received from cooperating and participating agencies, and as the complexity of potential environmental issues are revealed.

2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

2.1 Project Location

The proposed project may construct an east-west high-speed controlled-access facility, potentially on new location, between I-69C/United States Highway (US) 281 and I-69E/US 77 in Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties, Texas. The proposed project would evaluate a range of alternatives within a study area that covers approximately 400 square miles and is bound by I-69C/US 281 to the west, I-69E/US 77 to the east, the community of Faysville and the City of Lyford to the north, and the City of Edinburg and the town of Combes (near Mile 12) to the south.

2.2 Purpose and Need

The purpose of the proposed I-69 Connector is to alleviate/reduce traffic congestion and improve mobility, to improve connectivity for travelers, to address future travel demand, and to provide an east-west hurricane evacuation route.

The proposed project is needed to alleviate traffic congestion and improve mobility in the study area and the region, increase connectivity of the transportation network, as well as provide an east-west alternative for the additional anticipated traffic demand and hurricane evacuation route.

2.3 Project History

The I-69 Connector project was advanced from the I-69 Connector Feasibility Study. The I-69 Connector Feasibility Study started in 2019 and evaluated several conceptual and design alternatives to address transportation needs within the I-69 Connector study area between I-69C/US 281 and I-69E/US 77.

Throughout the study's progress, TxDOT conducted several outreach efforts, including technical work group meetings and public meetings. Listed here are major outreach efforts

- Posted meeting information on www.txdot.gov Hearings and Meetings Schedule
- Updated meetings pages with meeting materials
- Regularly updated I-69 Connector study page on www.txdot.gov

Building upon all the previous efforts, the EIS for the I-69 Connector project will evaluate a range of alternatives, including “No-action” (the no-build alternative) and build alternatives. The EIS will analyze potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts from construction and operation of proposed improvements including, but not limited to, the following transportation impacts: air quality and noise impacts; water quality impacts including storm water runoff; impacts to waters of the United States including wetlands; impacts to floodplains; impacts to historic and archeological resources; impacts to threatened and endangered species; socioeconomic impacts including environmental justice communities; impacts to and/or potential displacements of land use, vegetation, residents, and businesses; and impacts to aesthetic and visual resources.

2.4 Projected Cost of Project

The I-69 Connector Project is listed in the 2024 Unified Transportation Program (UTP), a 10-year plan to guide transportation project development, as a new location non-toll freeway extending from I-69C/US 281 to I-69E/US 77. Projected project costs are not known at this time since project alternatives have not been selected. Tolling is not currently a funding option, and tolled lanes are currently not in consideration.

3.0 AGENCY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 Lead Agency

TxDOT will serve as the lead agency for the proposed project. The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated December 9, 2019, and executed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and TxDOT. TxDOT will develop the environmental documents in accordance with 23 CFR 771 and 40 CFR 1500-1508.

The lead agency will:

- Identify and involve cooperating and participating agencies in the environmental review process;
- Develop a coordination plan;
- Solicit input from the public and agencies on the project’s purpose and need;
- Finalize the purpose and need statement;

- Provide opportunities for the public and agencies to provide input on refined alternatives;
- Ensure environmental commitments are completed; and
- Manage the environmental review process and assist in addressing/resolving any potential issues.

3.2 Cooperating Agencies

Cooperating agencies are federal agencies that have either jurisdiction by law regarding aspect(s) of the proposed project or special expertise pertaining to the proposed project. TxDOT, as the lead agency, invited potential cooperating agencies to participate.

Cooperating agencies assist in the preparation, coordination, and review of the EIS. If a federal agency chooses to decline the invitation to become a cooperating agency, the agency's response letter (electronic or hard copy) must state that the agency has no jurisdiction or authority with respect to the project, has no expertise or information relevant to the project, or does not intend to submit comments on the project. If the federal agency's response does not state the agency's position in these terms, the agency should be treated as a participating agency. An agency invited to be a cooperating agency can also voluntarily elect to be a participating agency instead by stating their intent in the response. See **Appendix A** for copies of the cooperating agency invitation letters.

3.3 Participating Agencies

Federal, state, tribal, regional, and local government agencies that may have an interest in the project were invited to serve as participating agencies. **Appendix A** contains copies of the invitation letters to participating agencies.

The roles and responsibilities of participating agencies include, but are not limited to:

- Participating in the scoping process;
- Participating in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process with regard to development of the purpose and need statement, range of alternatives and methodologies and level of detail for analyzing alternatives; and
- Identifying and providing early input on issues of concern regarding the project's potential impacts to the human or natural environment.

Accepting a role as a participating agency does not imply that an agency supports the project or has jurisdiction or special expertise with respect to the evaluation of the project. **Table 1** summarizes the roles and responsibilities of cooperating and participating agencies identified to date.

Table 1. Cooperating and Participating Agencies

Agency	Roles		Agency Response (as of DATE)	Responsibility (Agencies to provide input about their roles and responsibilities)
	Cooperating (Invited)	Participating (Invited)		
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	X			
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	X			
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service	X			
National Park Service	X			
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	X			
Federal Emergency Management Agency	X			
International Boundary and Water Commission	X			
U.S. Customs and Border Protection	X			
Federal Railroad Administration	X			
Federal Transit Administration	X			
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	X			
Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge	X			
Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge	X			
Kiowa Tribe	X			
Mescalero Apache Tribe	X			
Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma	X			
Apache Tribe of Oklahoma	X			
Comanche Nation of Oklahoma	X			
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality		X		
Texas Division of Emergency Management		X		
Texas General Land Office		X		
Texas Historical Commission/State Historic Preservation Officer		X		
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department		X		
Texas Department of Public Safety		X		
Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority		X		
Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority		X		
Cameron County		X		

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	Cooperating (Invited)	Participating (Invited)		
Cameron County Planning and Development		X		
Hidalgo County		X		
Hidalgo County Planning and Development		X		
Willacy County		X		
City of Alamo		X		
City of Donna		X		
City of Edinburg		X		
City of Elsa		X		
City of La Feria		X		
City of La Villa		X		
City of Harlingen		X		
City of Lyford		X		
City of McAllen		X		
City of Mercedes		X		
City of Palm Valley		X		
City of Pharr		X		
City of Raymondville		X		
City of San Juan		X		
City of Weslaco		X		
Town of Combes		X		
Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization		X		
Cameron County Historical Commission (CHC)		X		
Hidalgo County Historical Commission (CHC)		X		
Willacy County Historical Commission (CHC)		X		
McAllen Historic Preservation Council		X		
Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1		X		
Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2		X		
McAllen Economic Development Corporation		X		
Harlingen Economic Development Corporation		X		
Edinburg Economic Development Corporation		X		
Alamo Economic Development Corporation		X		
Donna Economic Development Corporation		X		
Lyford Economic Development Corporation		X		
Mercedes Economic Development Corporation		X		

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Pharr Economic Development Corporation		X		
San Juan Economic Development Corporation		X		
Weslaco Economic Development Corporation		X		
Elsa Economic Development Corporation		X		
Combes Economic Development Corporation		X		

4.0 PROJECT COORDINATION

4.1 Agency Coordination

TxDOT will facilitate the agency coordination process by scheduling an agency scoping meeting to ensure meaningful participation during the project development process. **Table 2** identifies key agency coordination points throughout the project development and NEPA process. This list does not preclude additional coordination opportunities with these agencies during the EIS process.

Table 2. Agency Coordination

Agency Coordination Point	Timeframe
Publication of Notice of Intent (NOI)* in the Federal Register	Summer/Fall 2024
Publication of NOI in <i>The Monitor</i> , <i>Valley Morning Star</i> , and <i>Raymondville Chronicle</i> (English) and <i>El Periódico</i> and <i>El Extra</i> (Spanish)	Summer/Fall 2024
Agency Scoping Meeting: Cooperating and participating agencies are presented, and comments are solicited on the draft coordination plan and schedule, draft purpose and need, and draft range of alternatives.	Summer 2024
Agency Status Meeting: Cooperating and participating agencies are presented, and comments are solicited on the draft purpose and need, draft range of alternatives and draft methodologies and level of detail for analyzing alternatives.	Fall 2025
Notice of Availability and Draft EIS Circulation	Winter 2026
Combined Final EIS/Record of Decision	Summer 2027

*A copy of the published NOI will be included as **Appendix B**.

4.2 Public Involvement and Stakeholder Outreach

Given the local and regional importance of the proposed I-69 Connector project, the public involvement activities that have been carried out to date and the public involvement planned

for the proposed project include a comprehensive public involvement program designed to proactively engage and encourage participation of all interested stakeholders. A Public Involvement Plan (PIP) is included in this coordination plan as **Appendix C**. The PIP will be periodically updated to reflect ongoing public involvement and input. Additionally, issues specific to this project may require adjustments to the PIP to address communication needs identified during public outreach efforts.

Key public involvement and stakeholder outreach efforts that will be undertaken throughout the project development and NEPA process include:

- Development of a project webpage;
- Mailed and emailed notifications to stakeholders;
- Public meetings, including scoping meetings, open houses, and workshops; and
- A public hearing.

Additional information about public involvement activities can be found in **Appendix C**.

5.0 PROJECT MILESTONES

Major milestones and general timeframes are identified in **Table 3**. It is the intent of the lead agency to develop a schedule reflective of these milestones.

Table 3. Major Project Milestones

Milestone	Timeframe
Develop draft purpose and need	Fall 2023
Publication of NOI in Federal Register	Summer/Fall 2024
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Develop range of alternatives	Summer/Fall 2024
Agency Scoping Meeting	Summer 2024
Public Scoping Meeting	Summer/Fall 2024
Refine purpose and need; refine range of alternatives and develop methodologies and level of detail for analyzing alternatives.	Fall 2024/Winter 2025
Public meeting #1 to identify alternatives to be analyzed in Draft EIS.	Fall 2024/Winter 2025
Refine purpose and need; refine range of alternatives and develop methodologies and level of detail for analyzing alternatives.	Winter 2025/Spring 2025
Agency Status Meeting	Fall 2025
Public meeting #2 to refine alternatives being analyzed in Draft EIS.	Spring 2025
Draft EIS preparation and identification of preferred alternative and potential environmental impacts	Summer 2025– Winter 2026
Notice of Availability and Draft EIS circulation	Winter 2026
Public hearing presenting Draft EIS and preferred alternative	Winter 2026
Final EIS preparation	Winter - Spring 2026
Combined Final EIS and Record of Decision	Summer 2027

6.0 REVISION HISTORY

Table 4. Revision History

Effective Date	Reason for and Description of Change
November 2022	Draft internally revised prior to being shared with agencies or the public
February 2023	Draft updated to include schedule revisions
April 2024	Draft project milestones and timelines updated
July 2024	Inserted Final Agency Mailing list in PIP and Final Coordination Letters; Updated dates of Agency Coordination Plan and PIP; Updated Cooperating and Participating Agency List within Agency Coordination Plan

Attachment A

Cooperating and Participating Agency Invitation Letters



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Participating Agency Scoping Meeting Invitation

I-69 Connector From I-69C/US 281 to I-69E/US 77

Monday, July 29, 2024

2 p.m. to 5 p.m. CST

Pharr District Conference Center

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FirstName LastName

June 27, 2024

Title, Organization

Address

City, State ZipCode

Dear Agency Representative:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is initiating the environmental review process for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed transportation project between Interstate Highway (I)-69C/United States Highway (US) 281 to I-69E/US 77, referred to as the I-69 Connector project. The proposed I-69 Connector study area covers approximately 400 square miles and is bound by I-69C/US 281 to the west, I-69E/US 77 to the east, the community of Faysville and the City of Lyford to the north, and the City of Edinburg and the town of Combes (near Mile 12) to the south.

The TxDOT Pharr District conducted a feasibility study to evaluate the need for a new potential connection from I-69C/US 281 to I-69E/US 77 in Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties, Texas. The I-69 Connector EIS is being developed based on the results of the feasibility study. The total length of the project will be dependent upon which alternative is selected and approved; however, based on the conceptual alternatives developed for the feasibility study, the overall length is approximately 23 to 26 miles.

The purpose of the I-69 Connector project, as currently defined, is to alleviate/reduce traffic congestion and improve mobility, to improve connectivity for travelers, to address future travel demand, and to provide an east-west hurricane evacuation route.

Your agency may have an interest in the proposed project due to the potential effects on the natural and/or human environment and input from your agency may also be required.

With this letter, we extend your agency an invitation to become a Participating Agency with TxDOT in the development of the EIS for the I-69 Connector Project. This designation does not imply that your agency either supports the proposal or has any special expertise with respect to the evaluation of the proposed project.

Pursuant to Title 23 U.S. Code, Chapter 1, Section 139, Participating Agencies are responsible to identify, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts that could substantially delay or prevent an agency from granting a permit or other approval that is needed for the project. We suggest that your agency's role in the development of the project include the following:



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- Providing meaningful and early input on the coordination plan, the purpose and need, the range of alternatives, and the methodologies and level of detail for analyzing alternatives.
- Using this process to address any environmental issues of concern to your agency.

A virtual agency scoping meeting with in-person option is planned for **Monday, July 29, 2024, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. CST** at the Pharr District Conference Center, 600 W. Interstate 2, Pharr, Texas 78577. The virtual option can be accessed at the following link at the date and time listed above: <https://tinyurl.com/4d4xdnna>, or by scanning the QR code below. A date and time for the future public scoping meeting with in-person option is still being determined.

A copy of the project study area map showing alternatives previously identified from the TxDOT feasibility study is attached. Please respond to TxDOT in writing, by mail or e-mail, with an acceptance or denial of the invitation within 30 days of the date of this letter. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the project in more detail or our agencies' respective roles and responsibilities during preparation of this EIS, please contact:

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Thank you for your cooperation and interest in this proposed project.

Sincerely,

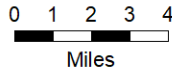
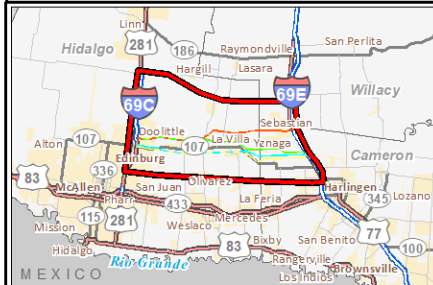
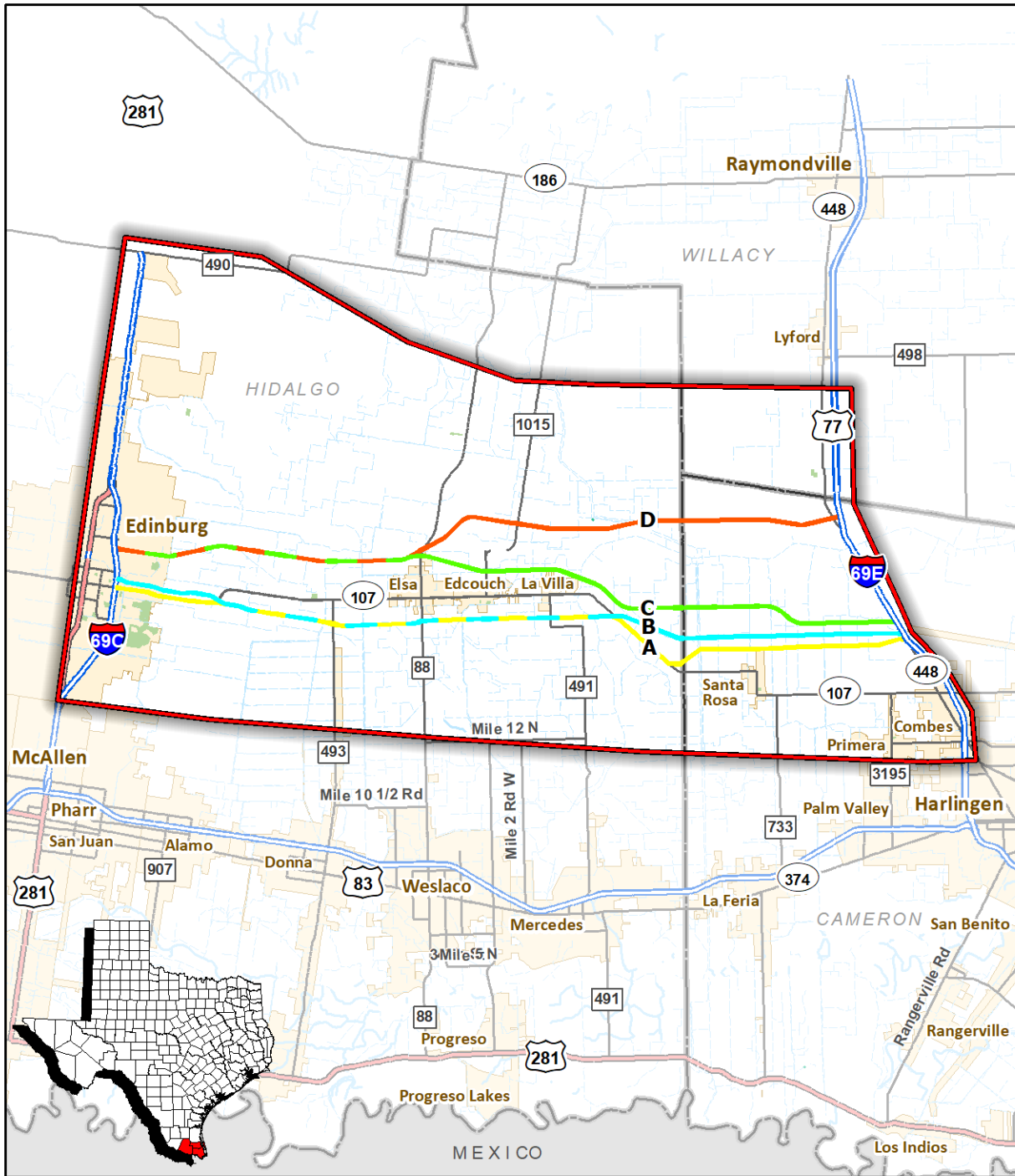


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**Project Study Area and Alternatives
from the Feasibility Study
I-69 Connector from I-69C to I-69E
Cameron, Hidalgo and
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Study Area

— Alternative A — Alternative C
— Alternative B — Alternative D

Base Map: ESRI Open Streetmap
Sources: ESRI; TxDOT



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Your agency may have an interest in the proposed project due to the potential effects on the natural and/or human environment and input from your agency may also be required. Therefore, TxDOT respectfully requests your agency's participation as a Cooperating Agency in preparing the Draft EIS and Final EIS in accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations §1501.6 of the Council on Environmental Quality's Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provision of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). As a Cooperating Agency, your special expertise permits you, as requested by the Lead Agency, TxDOT, to develop information and prepare environmental analyses for the EIS.

Your agency may choose to participate in the proposed project as a Participating Agency. Pursuant to Title 23 U.S. Code, Chapter 1, Section 139, Participating Agencies are similar to Cooperating Agencies, but have lesser authority, responsibility, and involvement in the environmental review process.

As a Cooperating Agency, responsibilities include identifying, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts that could substantially delay or



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prevent an agency from granting a permit or other approval that is needed for the project. Therefore, we suggest that your agency's role in the development of the project include the following:

- Providing meaningful and early input on the coordination plan, the purpose and need, the range of alternatives, and the methodologies and level of detail for analyzing alternatives.
- Participating in coordination meetings and joint field reviews, as appropriate.
- Providing timely review and comment on environmental documents to reflect the views and concerns of your agency on the adequacy of the document, alternatives considered, and the anticipated impacts and mitigation.

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss the project in more detail or our agencies' respective roles and responsibilities during preparation of this EIS, please contact:

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Attachment B

Notice of Intent



Notice of Intent for an FHWA EIS Project

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[4910-22-P]

Federal Highway Administration

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT: HIDALGO AND CAMERON COUNTIES, TEXAS

AGENCY: Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Federal Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 23 C.F.R. §771.123(a), FHWA, on behalf of TxDOT, is issuing this notice to advise the public that an EIS will be prepared for a proposed transportation project to study the effects of constructing a highway improvement project from Interstate Highway (I-) 69C/United States Highway (US) 281 to I-69E/US 77 in Hidalgo, Cameron, and Willacy Counties, Texas. The proposed project will be referred to herein as I-69 Connector, or the I-69 Connector Project. The proposed project is approximately 25 miles in length.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fransico Chapa, P.E., TxDOT Pharr District Project Manager, 600 West I-2, Pharr, Texas, 78577, (956) 702-6344, Fransico.Chapa@txdot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a



Notice of Intent for an FHWA EIS Project

Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

Purpose and Need

The purpose of the proposed I-69 Connector is to alleviate/reduce traffic congestion and improve mobility, to improve connectivity, to address future travel demands, and to provide an east-west alternative hurricane evacuation route.

Proposed Action

This project is needed to alleviate traffic congestion, improve mobility in the region, increase connectivity of the transportation network, meet future population growth and travel demand, and provide an additional hurricane evacuation route.

The proposed project would evaluate a new potential connection from I-69C/US 281 to I-69E/US 77 in Hidalgo, Cameron, and Willacy Counties, Texas. The proposed project could potentially include constructing a highway on new location for approximately 25 miles, with grade separations at intersections with major crossroads.

Alternatives

The EIS will evaluate a range of build alternatives and a no-build alternative. Possible build alternatives include the four alternatives that were evaluated in the I-69 Connector Route Feasibility Study. Each alternative would be evaluated on the same right-of-way width and level of detail during the Alternative Analysis process.



Alternative A

Alternative A starts on the western end at the intersection of I-69C/US 281 and State Highway (SH) 107. It follows SH 107 for approximately 3.2 miles to the east, where SH 107 curves north, before continuing on new location eastward for approximately 12.3 miles. After intersection with International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC)'s North Floodway, the alignment follows SH 107 southeast for 2.2 miles before turning north at the intersection of Farm-to-Market (FM) 1425 for approximately 1.1 miles and continuing east for approximately 6.5 miles until the eastern end of the project at I-69E/US 77. Alternative A is on partial new location and approximately 25.5 miles long.

Alternative B

Alternative B starts on new alignment at the western end at I-69C/US 281 and approximately 0.15 mile south of E. Richardson Road. This alignment continues east for approximately 3.4 miles, and curves slightly south at the intersection of SH 107 before continuing on new location for approximately 12.3 miles. After the alignment's intersection the IBWC's North Floodway, the alignment moves slightly south until the intersection with FM 1425 for approximately 2.1 miles, then continues east for approximately 7 miles until the eastern end of the project at I-69E/US 77. Alternative B is on new location and approximately 24.8 miles long.

Alternative C

Alternative C starts on new alignment at the western end at I-69C/US 281 and approximately 0.70 mile north of E. Richardson Road. The alignment continues east for



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approximately 9.7 miles until curving south after the intersection with FM 88. The alignment continues east for approximately 15.3 miles until the eastern end of the project at I-69E/US 77. Alternative C is on new location and approximately 25 miles long.

Alternative D

Alternative D starts on new alignment at the western end at I-69C/US 281 and approximately 0.7 mile north of E. Richardson Road. The alignment continues east for approximately 9.3 miles until curving north 0.3 mile west of the intersect with FM 88. The alignment continues northeast for approximately 4.3 miles then continuing east for approximately 9.6 miles until the intersection with I-69E/US 77. Alternative D is on new location and approximately 23 miles long.

Potential Project Impacts

Section 106 and Section 4(f) Historic Properties. The proposed build alternatives will be evaluated for potential adverse impacts to historic properties (i.e. properties that are eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places) within the study area.

Environmental Justice (EJ). The proposed build alternatives will be evaluated for potential adverse impacts to EJ communities due to anticipated relocations as well as other impacts such as access, noise, and visual aesthetics. Additional analysis and public involvement will be conducted during the National Environmental Policy Act process to assess if the project would result in any disproportionately high and adverse effects on low-income and minority communities.



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Wildlife and threatened and endangered species. The proposed build alternatives will be evaluated for potential adverse impacts to wildlife and threatened and endangered species within the study area.

Floodplains. The proposed build alternatives will be evaluated for potential adverse impacts to floodplains within the study area.

The EIS will evaluate the potential impacts and benefits to the resources/communities identified above as well as the following other subject areas: Limited English Proficiency communities, land use, right-of-way, social and community resources, traffic noise, air quality, water resources, hazardous materials sites, and visual resources.

It is anticipated that the following would be required: Texas Antiquities Code permit and concurrence, Section 106 historic/archeological resources concurrence, Section 4(f) evaluation approval, Section 7 consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife, IBWC Permit, and U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Section 404 Nationwide Permit(s).

Tentative Schedule

Agency Scoping Meeting: Summer 2024

Public Scoping Meeting: Summer/Fall 2024

In addition to the public scoping meeting, a public hearing will be held after the Draft EIS is prepared. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing. After the public hearing and end of Draft EIS comment period, issuance of the Final EIS/Record of Decision is anticipated. If a build alternative is selected, all permits and authorization decisions would occur before construction. TxDOT will issue a single Final EIS and



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Record of Decision document pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §139(n)(2), unless TxDOT determines statutory criteria or practicability considerations preclude issuance of a combined document.

In accordance with 23 U.S.C. §139, cooperating agencies, participating agencies, and the public will be given an opportunity for continued input on project development. A public scoping meeting is planned for Summer/Fall 2024. The public scoping meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to review and comment on the draft coordination plan and schedule, the project purpose and need, the range of alternatives, and methodologies and level of detail for analyzing alternatives. It will also allow the public an opportunity to provide input on any expected environmental impacts, anticipated permits or other authorizations, and any significant issues that should be analyzed in depth in the EIS. In addition to the public scoping meeting, a public hearing will be held after the draft EIS is prepared. Public notice will be given of the time and place of the meeting and hearing.

The public meeting will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the public meeting, please contact Ray Pedraza, TxDOT Pharr District Public Information Officer, at (956) 702-6102 no later than 4 p.m. CT, at least three business days before the public meeting.



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Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the Texas Department of Transportation to arrange.

The public is requested to identify in writing potential alternatives, information, and analyses relevant to this proposed project. Such information may be provided in writing by mail to Fransico Chapa, TxDOT Project Manager at 600 West I-2, Pharr, Texas, 78577 or by email to Fransico.Chapa@txdot.gov. Such information must be received by 30 calendar days after the date of the public scoping meeting.

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Attachment C

Public Involvement Plan



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Public Involvement Plan

I-69 Connector from I-69C/US 281 to I-69E/US 77

TxDOT Pharr District

Date: July 2024

CSJ: 0921-02-353

Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties, Texas

This public involvement plan is a living document. The plan may be updated to add or remove objectives, stakeholders, strategies or methods as needed to adapt to new and changing circumstances as project development progresses.

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1.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project would construct an east-west high-speed controlled-access facility, potentially on new location, between Interstate Highway (I)-69C/United States Highway (US) 281 and I-69E/US 77 in Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy Counties, Texas (see **Attachment A** for study area map). The proposed project would evaluate a range of alternatives within a study area that covers approximately 400 square miles and is bound by I-69C/US 281 to the west, I-69E/US 77 to the east, the community of Faysville and the City of Lyford to the north, and the City of Edinburg and the town of Combes (near Mile 12) to the south.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The I-69 Connector project was advanced from the I-69 Connector Feasibility Study. The I-69 Connector Feasibility Study started in 2019 and evaluated several conceptual and design alternatives to address transportation needs within the I-69 Connector study area between I-69C/US 281 and I-69E/US 77.

3.0 PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of the proposed I-69 Connector is to alleviate/reduce traffic congestion and improve mobility, to improve connectivity for travelers, to address future travel demand, and to provide an east-west hurricane evacuation route.

The proposed project is needed to alleviate traffic congestion, improve mobility in the study area and the region, increase connectivity of the transportation network, meet future population growth and travel demand, and provide an east-west alternative hurricane evacuation route.

4.0 PURPOSE OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

The purpose of this public involvement plan (PIP) is to develop strategies that create public awareness and achieve meaningful stakeholder and public input regarding the project, such as identifying potential issues and transportation needs. The Project Team including TxDOT, Blanton & Associates, Inc [B&A/ICF], Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. [Jacobs], Hicks and Company [Hicks], and Huitt-Zollars [HZ] will develop this PIP to outline specific dates for each task to be implemented, establish approval and communication protocols, and serve as a guidebook for public involvement activities. The public involvement process will be tailored to suit the issues, impacts, and communication style in the corridor. The public involvement process will be consistent with federal and statewide planning regulations. It will be a "collaborative process" that is initiated early and will be proactive and continuous throughout the project.

The PIP ensures awareness of the study's public involvement strategies by encouraging public input into the decision-making process. Building good relationships with stakeholders will result in an increased transparency, level of trust, and confidence in TxDOT's planning process and with the study outcome.

This PIP includes the following elements:

- Public Involvement Objectives
- Public Involvement Strategies
- Public Involvement Activities
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Evaluation Methods for the Public Involvement Effort
- Media Request Protocol
- Approval Process for Communications Products
- TxDOT Text Treatment
- Documentation of Public Involvement Activities
- Public Involvement Team (TxDOT and the Consultant Team)

The PIP is a living document that will be updated to include additional objectives, stakeholders, strategies, or methods as project development progresses.

5.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT OBJECTIVES

The following is a list of public involvement objectives that will be implemented as part of the project:

- **Ensure continued adherence to all regulatory guidelines and policies** – The public involvement process will ensure compliance with all federal and state laws and will provide sound public involvement practices.
- **Provide early and ongoing public involvement opportunities to engage all appropriate stakeholders and the general community** – This public outreach effort will strive to proactively engage the public and meet or exceed all applicable state and federal public participation requirements.
- **Establish and maintain effective two-way communication between the community and TxDOT** - The public involvement process for the project will emphasize two-way communication between the community and TxDOT and strive to maintain proactive communication and information dissemination during this process. This will help

ensure the community is informed about where to go or who to speak to, should they have any questions or concerns. Two-way communication will provide reasonable public access to educational, technical, and policy information to enhance the public's knowledge and ability to participate in the development of the project.

- **Encourage a collaborative process with stakeholders and the general community** – This public outreach effort will strive to obtain input from the public on their needs and priorities regarding the project's goals and objectives.
- **Ensure that public participation opportunities are held at convenient and accessible locations and times** – TxDOT will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. In addition, TxDOT will include measures for seeking input from and considering the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems as defined in Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), such as low-income, minority, and non-English speaking households who may face challenges accessing employment and other services. Information will be provided in an accessible manner, whether in-person or virtually.
- **Consider and incorporate public input during the decision-making process** - TxDOT will consider public input in the decision-making process and will keep the public informed about project developments and design modifications.
- **Provide for the periodic review of the public engagement process** – This public outreach effort will strive to ensure the effectiveness of TxDOT's public engagement efforts and revise the process as appropriate.
- **Build upon TxDOT's reputation as a transparent, credible agency and a good partner to the community** – This public outreach effort will strive to distribute consistent and reliable information about the project; and provide a contact to listen, acknowledge, and respond promptly to public questions and issues and suggestions.

6.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT STRATEGIES

The following is a list of public involvement strategies that will be implemented as part of the project:

- Maintain transparency and keep the public updated throughout the decision-making process.
- Hold Agency Scoping Meetings and a Public Scoping Meetings.

- Hold up to two meetings with affected property owners (MAPOs) to provide information and to gather input from strategic groups with an interest in the project area.
- Hold two series of public meetings at various locations throughout the project area (up to four meetings), as well as a public hearing. In-person and virtual meetings and hearings will run concurrently to provide the greatest availability of project information.
- Hold up to 40 Stakeholder/Workgroup Meetings
- Obtain feedback from the public at public involvement events and through other remote strategies, potentially including online surveys and a project website.
- Work with the community to ensure comments are considered through the publication of public involvement summaries that provide public comment and responses.

In addition to the public involvement strategies identified above, TxDOT (as designated by and on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration) will consult with the Texas State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), federally recognized Native American Tribes, representatives of local governments, and the interested public under the implementing regulation for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800), hereinafter referred to as Section 106. The consultation will focus on project effects to properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the NRHP within the I-69 Connector's APE.

Potential consulting parties include the following:

- Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy County Historical Commissions
- Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, and Wichita and Affiliated Tribes of Oklahoma
- Potentially affected property owners of resources within the project APE that have previously been listed in or determined eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.
 - Hidalgo County Irrigation District No. 2 (NRHP-listed)
 - Hidalgo & Cameron County Irrigation District No. 9 (NRHP-eligible components)
 - Engleman Irrigation District (assumed NRHP eligible)
 - La Feria Irrigation District – Cameron County No. 3 (assumed NRHP eligible)
 - Adams Garden Irrigation District (assumed NRHP eligible)

- Valley Acres Irrigation District (assumed NRHP eligible)
- NRHP-eligible gas station and residence at 105 Templeton Street, Harlingen (current owner)
- NRHP-eligible Pump House to early irrigation system at 16029 State Highway 107, Harlingen (current owner)
- NRHP-eligible residence at 105 E Mile 12 ½ N Road, Weslaco (current owner)
- Potentially affected property owners of historic-age resources (at least 45 years old) within the project APE
 - Cemetery associations located within 150 feet of proposed ROW

Additional Section 106 consulting parties, not yet identified, will be solicited throughout the NEPA public involvement activities as well. In accordance with Section 106, the verified consulting parties will be given opportunities throughout the public involvement process to provide input on the I-69 Corridor project. During the project's public involvement process, TxDOT ENV HIST will initiate Section 106 public involvement strategies and invite potential consulting parties to participate as official consulting parties in the Section 106 process.

Per TxDOT procedures, TxDOT ENV HIST will send letters to potential Section 106 consulting parties inviting them to become official consulting parties for the I-69 Corridor project. These letters will introduce the project, explain a consulting party's role in the project, and request a response within 30 days. If applicable, TxDOT ENV HIST will then send follow-up letters to the parties who accepted the invitation, acknowledging their official Section 106 consulting party status.

Upon completion of the Section 106 Consulting Party invitation process, TxDOT will send a letter to verified consulting parties requesting their concurrence with the NRHP eligibility and effects determinations and, if required, mitigation plan. TxDOT ENV HIST will determine if consulting party meetings are needed to facilitate completion of the Section 106 process. Lastly, as part of the Section 106 consultation with the SHPO, TxDOT will document the public involvement activities and consulting party coordination regarding preferred alternative recommendations, eligibility determinations, project effects determinations, and mitigation discussions.

7.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

Provided below is a list of public involvement activities that will be utilized in obtaining input from stakeholders and the public:

- Establish methods for stakeholders, public, and other interested parties to contact the Project Team. All contacts with the Project Team will be recorded and documented.
- Prepare database/mailling list - This could include names and contact information for entities such as affected property owners, stakeholders, state and federal agencies, public officials, local governments, emergency responders, civic leaders and those who have indicated an interest in the project, such as members of the public who have contacted the project team about the project. The database will be updated as needed and will serve as the project mailing list.
- Electronic files of correspondence will be sent to TxDOT along with an electronic file containing the names of elected officials from which a mail merged document and mailing labels can be created.
- Prepare and provide materials to be included in the TxDOT website such as:
 - Project fact sheet
 - Public involvement materials
 - Project location maps
 - Calendar of dates for key public outreach activities
 - Team contact information
- Create PowerPoint presentations for use at public meetings, agency meetings, or for discussions with elected officials, if necessary.
- Create informational media that explain the project and its status. This may also be used for additional online public outreach.
- Prepare illustrations and maps - The Project Team will develop easy to understand maps and schematic documents for public distribution and online posting.
- Maintain a project website - The Project Team will develop and maintain a website to distribute information and updates about the project and gather comments from the public.
- Conduct Public Scoping Meetings - Two Public Scoping Meetings will be held in which the same materials will be presented at two separate locations. Scoping is an open process to identify the major and important issues to be considered during the development of the EIS.
- Conduct an Agency Scoping Meeting and Agency Status Meeting - One agency scoping meeting and one agency status meeting will be held to engage key agency stakeholders such as the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, US Fish and Wildlife

Service, US Army Corps of Engineers, International Boundary and Water Commission, Texas Historical Commissions, and Native American Tribes.

- Conduct MAPOs - Up to two MAPOs will be conducted during the project development process to engage with affected stakeholders and provide updates on the project.
- Conduct public meetings – Two series of in-person public meetings at various locations of the project area (up to four meetings) will be conducted to provide an opportunity for the public to learn about the project, ask questions, and receive answers and give input. In addition, one virtual public meeting will be conducted concurrently with the public meeting series. Notification may take place via the following:
 - Email blasts - Emails may be sent to available stakeholder email addresses notifying/reminding them of public meetings 15-20 days prior to the meeting.
 - Web postings - Public meeting notices will be posted on TxDOT’s Hearings and Meetings webpage and the project web page approximately two weeks prior to the public meeting. The public meeting handouts and displays will be posted to the project web site within two days after the public meeting is held.
 - Newspaper advertisements - Ads will be developed and placed in *The Monitor*, *Valley Morning Starr*, *Raymondville Chronical*, *El Periodico*, and *El Nuevo Herald* at least 15 days prior to the meetings.
 - Mail outs - Public meeting notices will be developed and sent to stakeholders 15 days prior to the meeting.
- At the public meetings, a Historic Resources Station will be set up to meet Section 106 public involvement requirements and will include information on Section 106 and the NRHP. Displays will solicit input from the public regarding historic and cultural resources and identify any known historic and cultural (non-archeological) resources. During the public meetings, TxDOT will identify if any members of the public have a proven, vested interest in the project, and therefore, will be invited as official Section 106 consulting parties.
- Conduct public hearings - One series of in-person public hearing (up to two hearings) and one virtual public hearing will be held concurrently to allow the public to review and comment on the draft EIS. Notification may take place via the same methods as the public meetings.
- Conduct stakeholder/workgroup meetings – Conduct up to 40 stakeholder/workgroup meetings with agency representatives, stakeholder members, public officials, and any interested parties who may provide insight into the project area. The objective of this meeting is to present materials and project before going to the general public.

- Identify Section 106 public involvement strategies and prepare and send letters to invite potential consulting parties to participate as official consulting parties in the Section 106 process.
- Conduct Section 106 consulting party meetings – Conduct Section 106 consulting party meetings, if TxDOT ENV HIST determines they are needed. The objectives of these meetings would be to review NRHP eligibility and effects for historic resources, and to do identify and discuss mitigation for adverse effects, if applicable.
- The Project Team will arrange for meeting locations, coordinate logistics, prepare notices, and attend and summarize meetings. Various materials (fact sheet, handouts, comment cards, etc.) will be prepared. The Project Team will also arrange for a voicemail service or a court reporter at the in-person public hearing, if needed.
- Stakeholder relations - Project Team members will respond to inquiries on a case-by-case basis and will meet with stakeholders as needed to discuss and review the alternatives, environmental analyses, and schematic design.
- The Project Team will provide Spanish translation services as necessary, including translation of any presentation materials.
- The Project Team will utilize MetroQuest Survey during the project development process as an online engagement tool to solicit input from the public.

8.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND TIMELINE

Public Involvement Roles & Responsibilities

TASK	LEAD	SUPPORT
GENERAL		
Develop PIP	B&A/ICF	TxDOT PHR, TxDOT ENV, TxDOT OPI
Compile and maintain stakeholder mailing list	B&A/ICF	TxDOT PHR, TxDOT OPI
Create project website, update and post information to website	TxDOT TPP/PI Section	TxDOT PHR, B&A/ICF, TxDOT TPP/PI Section
MEETING LOGISTICS		
Schedule meetings and secure meeting locations	TxDOT PHR	B&A/ICF
Create and distribute meeting notices, elected officials letters, and notifications	B&A/ICF	TxDOT PHR

Public Involvement Roles & Responsibilities

TASK	LEAD	SUPPORT
Prepare meeting materials, including presentations, fact sheets and other handouts, comment forms, sign-in sheets, exhibit boards, and maps	B&A/ICF	TxDOT PHR
Staff meetings	TxDOT PHR, TxDOT OPI, B&A/ICF	
Provide meeting notes and meeting summaries	B&A/ICF	
NOTIFICATION METHODS		
Letters to adjacent property owners and elected officials	B&A/ICF	TxDOT PHR
Send out email blasts	B&A/ICF	TxDOT PHR, TxDOT OPI
Post meeting information to project web site	TxDOT OPI	TxDOT PHR, B&A/ICF
Translations of appropriate materials into Spanish	B&A/ICF	TxDOT PHR
Letters to potential Section 106 Consulting Parties	TxDOT ENV HIST	B&A/ICF
PRINTED MATERIALS		
Create and disseminate exhibits, maps, and other materials for public meetings	B&A/ICF	TxDOT PHR

Timeline*

TASK	TIMEFRAME
GENERAL	
Initiate PIP	April 2024
Identify initial stakeholders	April 2024
Develop initial mailing lists	April 2024
AGENCY SCOPING MEETING	
Send invitations	15 days prior to meeting
Hold Agency Scoping Meeting	Summer 2024
Prepare Agency Scoping Meeting Summary	One month after meeting

*Timeline**

TASK	TIMEFRAME
PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING	
Send invitations/publish notices	15 days prior to meeting
Send email blasts and/or social media post	15 days prior to meeting
Hold Public Scoping Meeting	Summer/Fall 2024
Prepare Public Scoping Meeting Summary	One month after meeting
PUBLIC MEETING SERIES #1	
Identify meeting location	Two months before meeting
Logistics for Public Meeting	Two months before meeting
Develop meeting notices and publish	15 days prior to meeting
Prepare meeting materials and handouts	One month before meeting
Send email blasts	15 days prior to meeting
Hold Public Meeting	Fall 2024/ Winter 2025
Upload Public Meeting material to project website	Approximately 10 days prior to meeting
Draft Public Meeting Summary Report	One month after comment period ends
Finalize Public Meeting Summary Report	Two weeks after Draft summary is approved
AGENCY STATUS MEETING	
Send invitations	15 days prior to meeting
Hold Agency Status Meeting	Fall 2025
Prepare Agency Status Meeting Summary	One month after meeting
PUBLIC MEETING SERIES #2	
Identify meeting location	Two months before meeting
Logistics for Public Meeting	Two months before meeting
Develop meeting notices and publish	15 days prior to meeting
Prepare meeting materials and handouts	One month before meeting
Send email blasts and/or social media posts	15 days prior to meeting
Hold public meeting	Spring 2025
Upload Public Meeting material to project website	Approximately 10 days prior to meeting
Draft Public Meeting Summary Report	One month after comment period ends
Finalize Public Meeting Summary Report	Two weeks after Draft summary is approved
PUBLIC HEARING SERIES	
Send invitations/publish notices	15 days prior to hearing
Send email blasts and/or social media post	15 days prior to hearing

*Timeline**

TASK	TIMEFRAME
Hold Public Hearing	Winter 2026
Upload Public Hearing material to study website	Approximately 10 days prior to hearing
Debrief on outcome of Public Hearing	One week after hearing
Draft Public Hearing Summary Report	One month after comment period ends
Finalize Public Hearing Summary Report	Two weeks after Draft summary is approved
SECTION 106 CONSULTING PARTIES SERIES	
Send invitations	Two months prior to Public Meeting #2
Schedule and hold Consulting Party Meetings	60 days after approved draft HRSR

**Like the rest of this PIP, the schedule is subject to adjustments and updates.*

9.0 EVALUATION METHODS FOR PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT EFFORT

To evaluate this public involvement effort, various strategies will be tracked, measured, and evaluated. These strategies include:

- Number of agency, stakeholder, and/or public meetings conducted, as well as number of attendees at each event.
- Number of informational materials (fact sheets, etc.) distributed.
- Evaluation of how public comments were used in decision-making process.

10.0 MEDIA REQUEST PROTOCOL

The media will seek information from multiple sources. These potentially include TxDOT, project team members, neighborhoods, businesses, or other stakeholders within the corridor. Media requests for information internal to the Project Team must be directed to the TxDOT PIO, immediately. TxDOT’s PIOs are the designated spokesperson for media inquiries unless that protocol is modified by TxDOT.

11.0 APPROVAL PROCESS FOR COMMUNICATIONS PRODUCTS

Any communication product (ex. fact sheet) created by district staff and/or Project Team must go through the following approval process:

- Internal QA/QC review
- Concurrent review by TxDOT Pharr District, Division and the Office of Public Involvement (OPI)

- PowerPoint presentations and other materials must be reviewed and approved by TxDOT Pharr District and OPI
- In addition to the approval process above, any Section 106-related materials must be reviewed and approved by TxDOT ENV HIST and/or ARCH

12.0 TXDOT TEXT TREATMENT

All materials created must be within current TxDOT guidelines:

<http://crossroads.org/cmd/templates.html>

<http://crossroads.org/cmd/Assets/PublicationsStyleguide.pdf>

13.0 DOCUMENTATION OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

The Project Team will gather written comments and feedback after the meetings and provide an overall summary of all public involvement activities. Additionally, the Project Team will document the public involvement activities by collecting copies of all letters, correspondence, email correspondence, and direct communications with members of the interested public.

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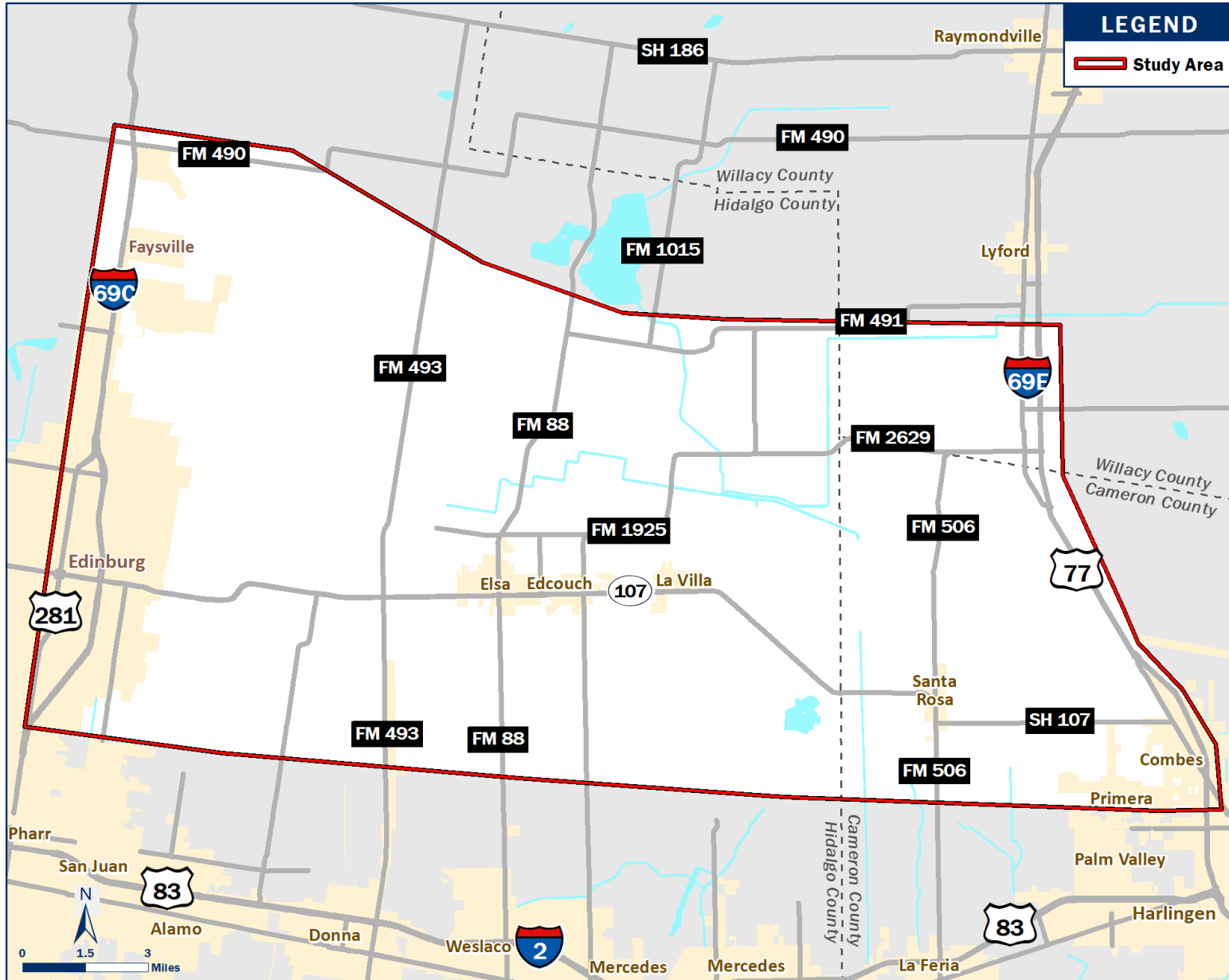
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Attachment A

I-69 Connector Study Area Map



Attachment B

I-69 Connector Master Contact List

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