TENTATIVE AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETING

JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (JOHRTS) AREA

South East Texas Regional Planning Commission
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room

Thursday, March 31, 2016
10:00 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

III. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (DECEMBER 10, 2015)

IV. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

Adam Jack – Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT– Beaumont District

V. PRESENTATION ON IH-14 ACCESS INTO OUR SOUTHEAST TEXAS REGION

John Durkay – Legal Council, Southeast Texas Plant Manager's Forum

VI. ELECTION OF NEW JOHRTS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017

Bob Dickinson – Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources, SETRPC

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MINUTES
OF THE
JEFFERSON-ORANGE-HARDIN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
(JOHRTS) AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)

DATE: December 10, 2015

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC)
Homer E. Nagel Conference Room, Beaumont, TX

I. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called the meeting to order, welcomed guests, and certified the presence of a quorum.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, recommended the adoption of the agenda as presented. Steve Stafford, Engineering Supervisor, Jefferson County, made the motion and Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, City of Port Neches, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – July 23, 2015

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adopt the minutes as prepared and distributed. Taylor Shelton, Public Works Director, Jefferson County, made the motion and Rawetts Baaheth, Acting Public Works Director, City of Port Arthur, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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STATUS ON SETRPC-MPO PLANNING ACTIVITIES

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization (SETRPC-MPO) staff continued work on the following activities:

1. Staff attended a Texas A&M Transportation Institute Workshop on Leveraging Grant and Funding Opportunities for Transportation Air Quality in College Station on August 3, 2015.

2. Staff attended a Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce Highway Committee meeting in Port Arthur on August 19, 2015.

3. Staff attended the Semi-Annual Technical Working Group meeting in Houston on September 3, 2015.

4. Staff attended a Neches River Bridge Stakeholder meeting at the Port of Beaumont on September 23, 2015.

5. Staff attended a TxDOT Rail Bridge Public Meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 in Beaumont.

6. Staff attended a TxDOT-Beaumont District Major Drive-IH-10 reconstruction public meeting on Thursday, October 21, 2015, in Beaumont.

7. Staff held a JOHRTS Technical Committee meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2015.

8. Staff attended a TxDOT sponsored Local Government Projects class in Houston on October 26-27, 2015.

9. The SETRPC-MPO staff continued the process to develop a timeline for updating the JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2045.

10. The SETRPC-MPO staff held the comment period for the Draft Revised JOHRTS 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Draft Revised JOHRTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)-2040 and held four public meetings during the third week of November to gather public input on the documents.

11. The SETRPC-MPO staff held a JOHRTS Technical Committee meeting on Thursday, December 03, 2015.

Adam Jack, Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District, advised let projects are:

- Received bids for IH-10 widening in Orange County from KCS Railroad to FM 1442 estimated at $15.8 million. Texas Sterling won the bid at $13.1 million
- Received bids for State Hwy 62, south of FM 253 to north of the Newton County line, estimated at $9.3 million. Helmcamp won the bid at $9.6 million

He also stated the following planning activities and information:

- Consultant is working on plans for widening IH-10, between Winnie and FM 365, which will be let in August 2016
- Consultant is working on the environmental documents and schematics for frontage roads on Hwy 69 crossing Pine Island Bayou. The design phase should begin shortly and is to be let in 2017 if funds are available.
- Consultant is working on the engineering and design plans for IH-10 in Orange, from FM 1442 to FM 3247, to widen to six lanes, three in each direction, which will be let in the spring of 2016
- Proposition 1 will fund the IH-10 widening as well as the reversal of the ramps on Hwy 69 at Cardinal Drive between Highland Avenue and Spur 380
- It is estimated that Prop 1 funds will be half as much in 2017 as in 2016
- Category 2 funds for the MPO are estimated to be $6 million
- Proposition 7 and the Transportation Bill passed. Dispersion of the funds for 2018 are being evaluated

V. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF UPDATES TO THE JOHRTS 2015-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson advised that updates to the JOHRTS 2015-2018 TIP require a 30 day comment period and it was held from October 28 through November 26, 2015. This provided ample time for committee members and the public to comment on the updates. Four public meetings were held in the third week of November with a fair turnout. The locations were here at the SETRPC, in the cities of Lumberton, Port Arthur, and Vidor. Also the information was sent to the TPC & TPC interested parties for review. Mr. Dickinson stated that a positive action is needed so the updates to the TIP can be adopted and TxDOT can begin to work on the projects that have been priorities in the region for several years.

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to approve the updates to the JOHRTS 2015-2018 TIP. Tucker Ferguson, District Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District, made the motion. Zheng Tan, City Engineer, City of Beaumont, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE JOHRTS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)-2040

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson explained that the process for the proposed revisions to the MTP-2040 are the same as the updates to the JOHRTS 2015-2018 TIP. The process was followed to adhere to the requirements of the Public Participation Plan (PPP). The transportation planning documents must be in sync so that projects can move towards planning, letting, and construction of critical projects in the region.

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to approve the revisions to the JOHRTS MTP-2040. Steve Stafford, Engineering Supervisor, Jefferson County, made the motion. Robert Viator, Mayor, City of Vidor, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE JOHRTS 2015-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Dickinson informed the committee that the TxDOT-Beaumont District has requested that project CSJ: 0786-01-083 be moved from project year FY 2017 to FY 2018 within the JOHRTS 2015-2018 TIP.

The SETRPC-MPO PPP states that a project can be moved from one program year to another, by an administrative modification, if no significant changes are made to the project. In the case of this project, no changes will be made to the scope or estimated cost of the project. Approval is necessary for the administrative amendment to the JOHRTS 2015-2018 TIP.

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to approve the administrative amendment to the JOHRTS 2015-2018 TIP. Taylor Shelton, Director of Public Works, City of Port Neches, made the motion. Joe Moreno, Public Works Director, City of Silsbee, seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

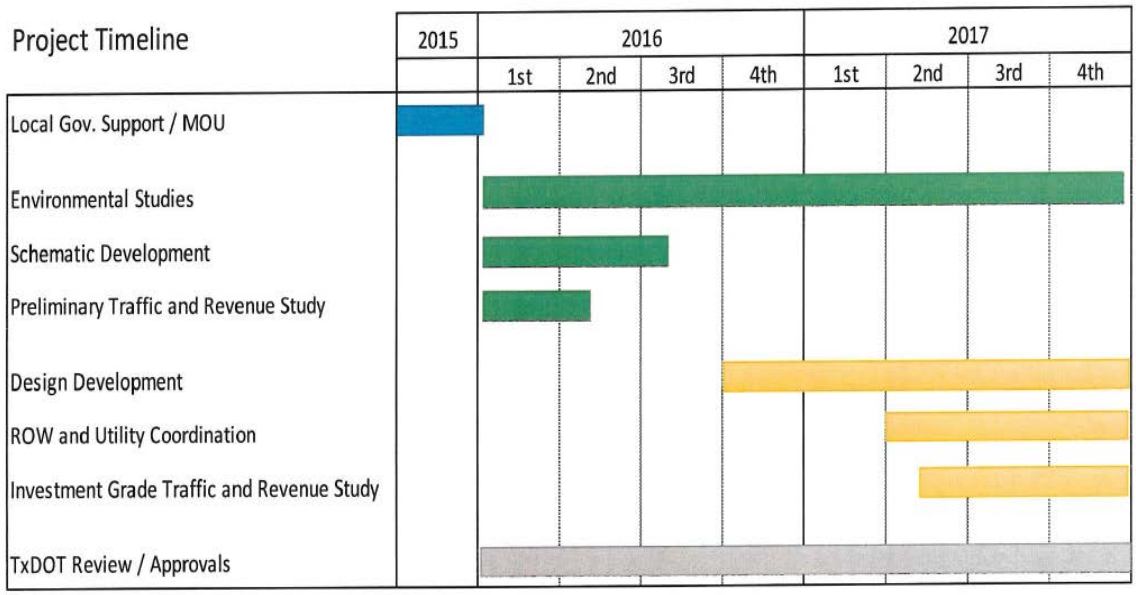
VIII. REPORT ON STATE HIGHWAY 105 PUBLIC-PRIVATE TOLL ROAD PROJECT FEASIBILITY STUDY

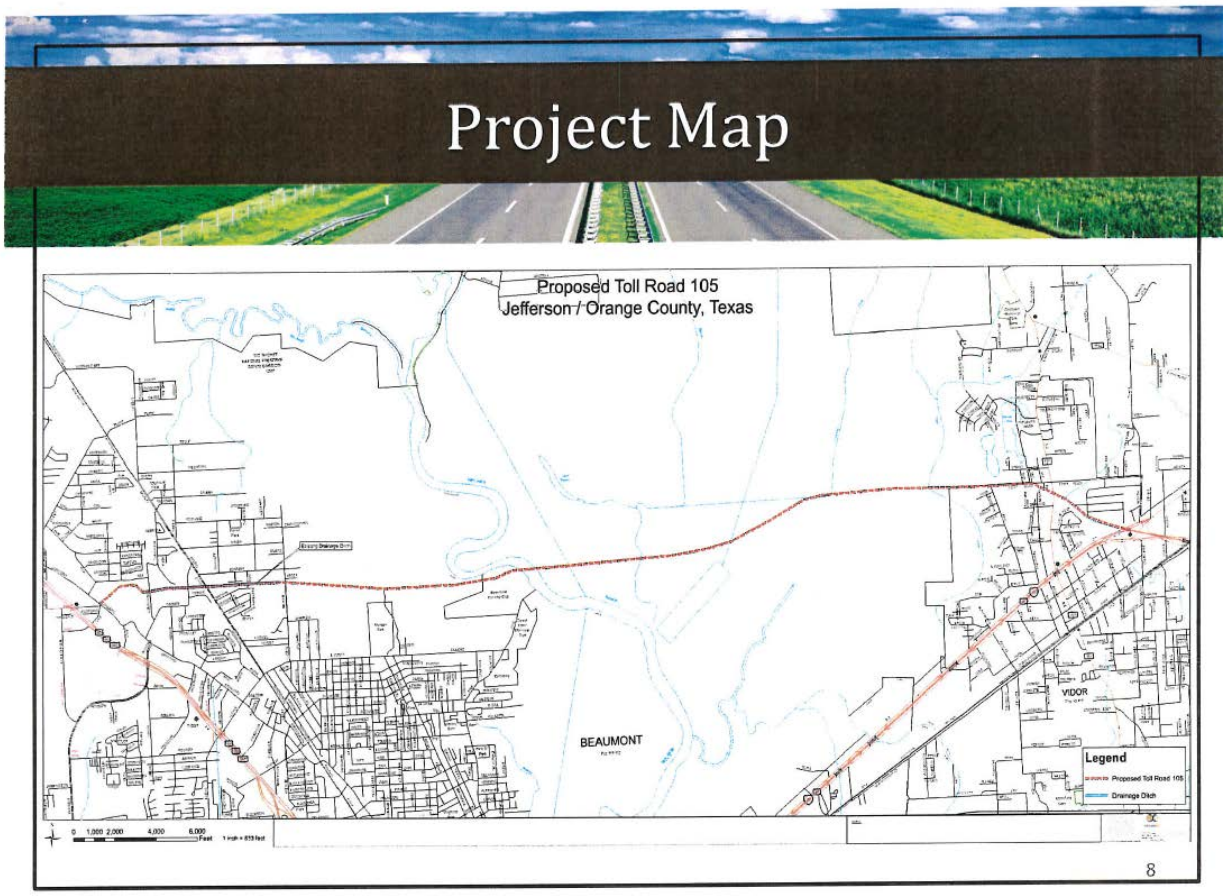
John Crew-Texas Turnpike Corporation

Mr. John Crew with Texas Turnpike Corporation (TTC) introduced himself and gave a brief history of his background. He stated his presentation is for informational purposes with regard to a proposed 10-mile new location Tollway along with the use of innovative funding tools for transportation development. The roadway, a 4-lane toll road and toll bridge, would extend approximately 10 miles from the intersection of US 96/69 and SH 105 in Beaumont eastward crossing the Neches River to IH-10 in Vidor. It would be designed for high speed travel between IH-10 and US 96/69 with a preliminary engineering and construction estimate of $150 million and a project lifecycle of approximately 36-48 months to complete.

Mr. Crew stated that the key entities are Public Werks, Inc., Strategic Planning and Project Development, Inc., Texas Turnpike Corporation, '105' Turnpike, LP, TxDOT, and the SETRPC. He added that Texas Turnpike Corporation will provide all necessary capital required for the pre-development and development of the project. TTC will raise the capital from interested private investors, some of them coming from the local community. See project timeline and map below.

Project Timeline





After the presentation, the floor was opened for questions and comments.

IX. REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION

Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division, SETRPC

Mr. Bob Dickinson referenced the TxDOT News Release in the packet. He advised that Proposition 7 was approved by Texas voters by an overwhelming majority (more than 80%) of votes cast in support.

The additional funding from Prop. 7 will enable TxDOT to put a greater focus on infrastructure improvements without new taxes, tolls, fees or debt. Starting in 2018, once state sales tax revenue exceeds $28 billion in a fiscal year, the next $2.5 billion of revenue will be directed to the State Highway Fund. Then, beginning in 2020, 35 percent of the state motor vehicle sales and rental tax revenue in excess of $5 billion will be directed to the State Highway Fund.

Mr. Dickinson also provided information and a fact sheet regarding the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act explaining that it is a five-year legislation to improve the Nation's surface transportation infrastructure, including our roads, bridges, transit systems, and rail transportation network. The bill reforms and strengthens transportation programs, refocuses on national priorities, provides long-term certainty and more flexibility for states and local governments, streamlines project approval processes, and maintains a strong commitment to safety.

Mr. Dickinson then shared a news headline, "Congress Designates Central Texas Corridor as Future Interstate 14" which currently is US 190. The Strategic Highway Coalition has been working for more than a decade in support of Texas highway improvements that will improve access between major U.S. Army installations and the Texas strategic deployment seaports that support them – the Port of Corpus Christi, the Port of Beaumont, and possibly the Port of Port Arthur.

Lastly, Mr. Dickinson referred to the November Status Map that is provided by TxDOT. The status map lists new projects and updates on current projects in the region.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

XI. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date was not set.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jody Crump, Orange County, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert Viator, Mayor, City of Vidor, made the motion. Tucker Ferguson, District Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District, seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jody Crump	Commissioner, Orange County
Taylor Shelton	Director of Public Works, City of Port Neches
Rawetts Baaheth	Acting Public Works Director, City of Port Arthur
Troy Foxworth	Interim Public Works Director, City of Groves

Robert Viator	Mayor, City of Vidor
Steve Stafford	Engineering Supervisor, Jefferson County
Zheng Tan	City Engineer, City of Beaumont
Tucker Ferguson	District Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Joe Moreno	Public Works Director, City of Silsbee
Chris Duque	City Manager, City of Nederland

GUESTS PRESENT

Mansour Shiraz	MPO/Rural Planning Coordinator, TxDOT
Scott Ayres	Planning Engineer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Sarah Dupre	Public Information Officer, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Marc Shepherd	Business Services Coordinator, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Travis Milner	MPO/Rural Planning Coordinator, TxDOT - MPO Coordination East
Mike Kunst	City Manager, City of Vidor
John Crew	President, Texas Turnpike Corporation
Duane Gordy	CEO, CDEF
Adam Jack	Director, Transportation Planning & Development, TxDOT-Beaumont District
Larry Kelley	Deputy Port Director, Port of Port Arthur
Madhu Narayanasany	Project Manager, CDM Smith
Bruce Walker	Executive Director, Big Thicket Association
Scott Young	President, SPPDI
John Stafford	Vice President, Big Thicket Association
Bruce Drury	Member, Big Thicket Association
John Spikes	Solid Waste Fleet Manager, City of Groves

SETRPC STAFF PRESENT

Bob Dickinson	Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Robert Grimm	Operations Manager, Transportation and Environmental Resources
Paige Callaway	Administrative Assistant III, Transportation and Environmental Resources

INDUSTRY OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS

The Last Mile

I-14 is designed to link the major military bases from coast to coast and with their outload ports. All Interstates include appropriate attached spurs and loops.

The 596th Transportation Group is an Army battalion housed at the Port of Beaumont. It is the free world's largest military offload port. For thirty years during the cold war it hosted the REFORGER exercise designed to reintroduce an armored division into Germany. It hosted the deployment of the Desert Storm army from America to Saudi Arabia. It hosted the deployment of significant components of the Iraqi Freedom force from America. It deploys armored brigades to Afghanistan. It houses two rapid deployment tank and troop carriers. The I-14 plan is designed to connect I-14 to highways to the Port of Beaumont both from the West (US 69) and the East (US 96). This moves Fort Hood, Fort Bliss, Fort Sill, Fort Lawton, Fort Leavenworth, Fort Riley, Fort Carson and Fort Polk (roughly 8 brigades). It can supplement movements from Fort Rucker, Fort Benning, Fort Knox and Fort Campbell.

It has extensive rail service but needs I-14 for multimodal highway transport of tank carriers.

US Highways 69 and 96 are already interstate specification.

These highways should be re-designated Interstate spurs of I-14 (the suggestion is I-114). This re-designation will involve no cost and is simply a posting of interstate highway signs.

The re-designation should run from the joining of 69 and 96 in Hardin County until the juncture of Highway 69-96 and the Martin Luther King highway in South Beaumont.

The army then needs "the last mile". There is adequate TXDOT and refinery right of way to build an overpass from the juncture to the Transportation Battalion's facility in the Port of Beaumont. The highway would extend around one and one half miles. No other high speed corridor is available to the Transportation Battalion. This road would need to be drilled pile construction but if done that way environmental disruption would be extremely minimal.

This is not a real simple, inexpensive TXDOT project and therefore Interstate funding is appropriate. But very feasible, in the grand scheme of things, not very expensive and a single, one-shot solution to a long-standing Army transport problem.

The project is supported by the area TXDOT office, Industry of Southeast Texas, the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission, and the US Army Transportation Battalion. It is a high priority project which needs fast tracking, particularly the no-cost re-designation portion.

John J. Durkay, General Counsel
Industry of Southeast Texas

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TxDOT Will Advance Planning For Gulf Coast Strategic Highway System Including Interstate 14

January 29, 2016

BRYAN - The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will continue to initiate planning efforts that will lead to future development of the various components of the Gulf Coast Strategic Highway System which connects U.S. Army facilities to strategic military ports at Corpus Christi and Beaumont.

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He pointed to the success TxDOT has had working with local communities in a grassroots process to achieve more consensus and collaboration on development of I-69 projects. TxDOT will follow that model as the department works on projects within the Central Texas Corridor, he said.

"This is the first step in a long process. It is just the start. As with I-69 (authorized in 1991) it is a marathon, not a sprint. And it is an ongoing process," Williams said. He anticipates that transportation improvements on Interstate 14 and connecting strategic feeders will be developed in a "needs based" process that will be multi-generational and will likely stretch over several decades.

Jeff Moseley, one of the five members of the Texas Transportation Commission, said there are very strong long-term forces driving increased demand for highway capacity in Texas. These include population growth, increased freight movements connected to expansion of the Panama Canal, the energy sector revolution and robust economic growth in Mexico.

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SETRPC
SOUTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

March 31, 2016

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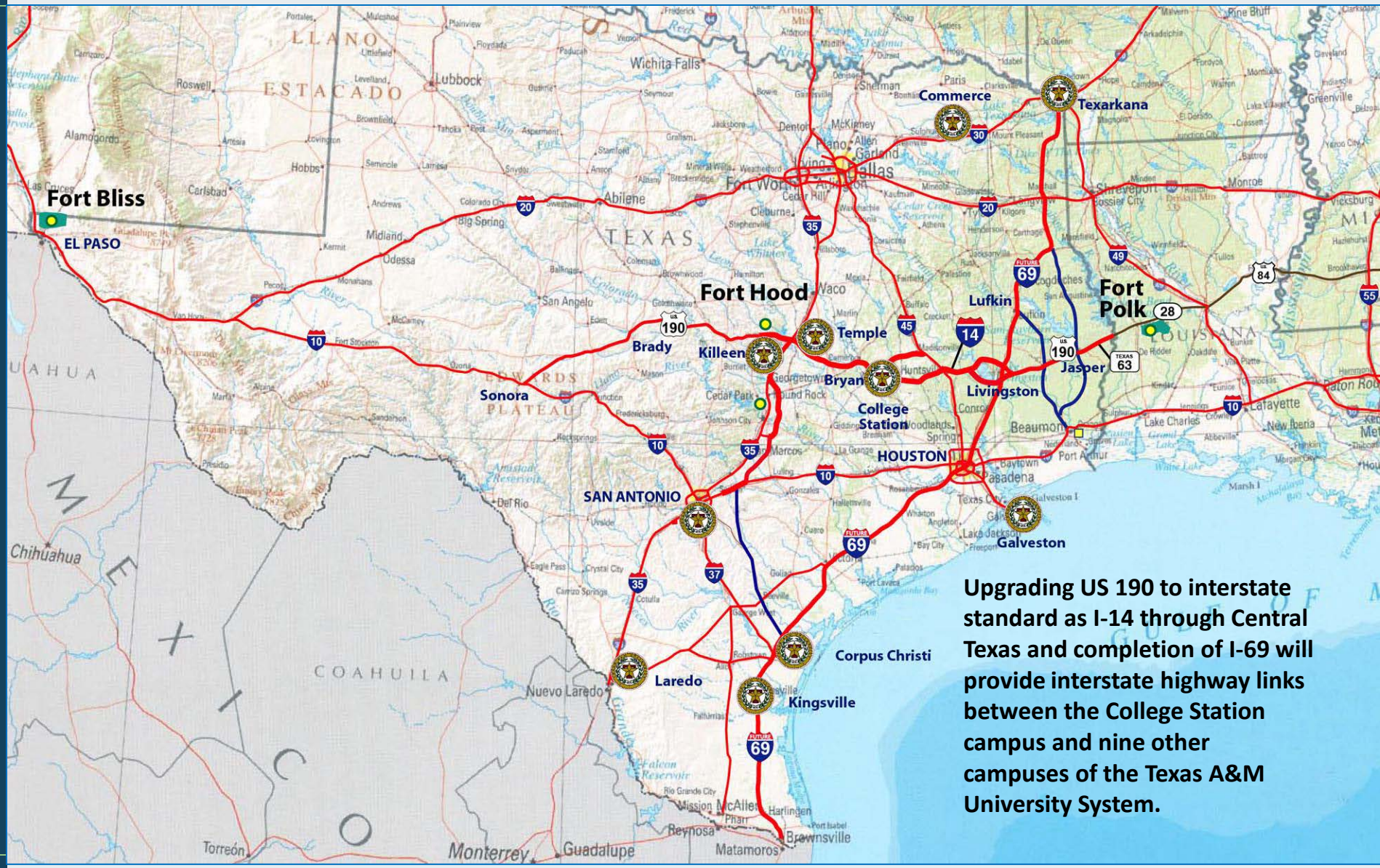
Annual Meeting

January 21, 2015

Brazos County Sanctuary - Bryan

Linking Texas A&M System Campuses



Upgrading US 190 to interstate standard as I-14 through Central Texas and completion of I-69 will provide interstate highway links between the College Station campus and nine other campuses of the Texas A&M University System.

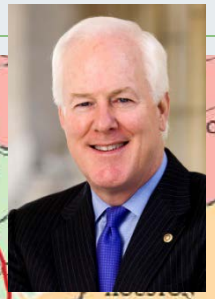
Linking Army Installations and Strategic Ports

33,000 Military Personnel

40,000 Military Personnel

8,500 Military Personnel Plus 8,000 in 10 Annual Training Rotations

Authorization for I-14 Portion of System



Sen. John Cornyn

Rep. Brian Babin

25 - Roger Williams (R)

17 - Bill Flores (R)

8 - Kevin Brady (R)

1 - Louie Gohmert (R)

11 - Mike Conaway (R)

31 - John Carter (R)

36 - Brian Babin (R)

14 - Randy Weber (R)

US 181 and SH 123

15 - Ruben Hinojosa (D)

34 - Filemon Vela (D)

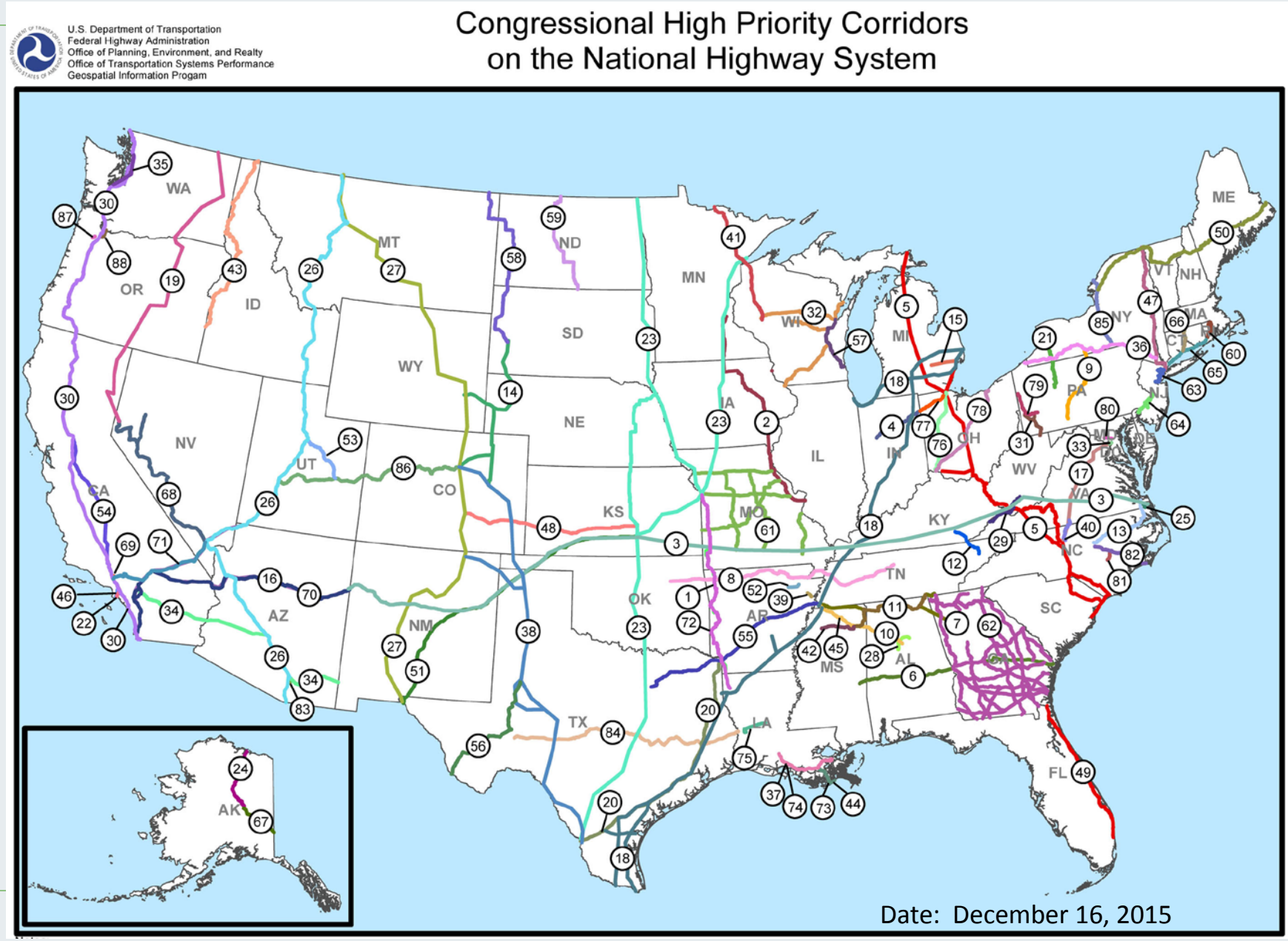
35 - Lloyd Doggett (D)

27 - Blake Farenthold (R)

Congressional designation of the I-14 Corridor was part of the 2015 FAST Act

(Map of Congressional Districts)

Central Texas Route Added as Corridor 84



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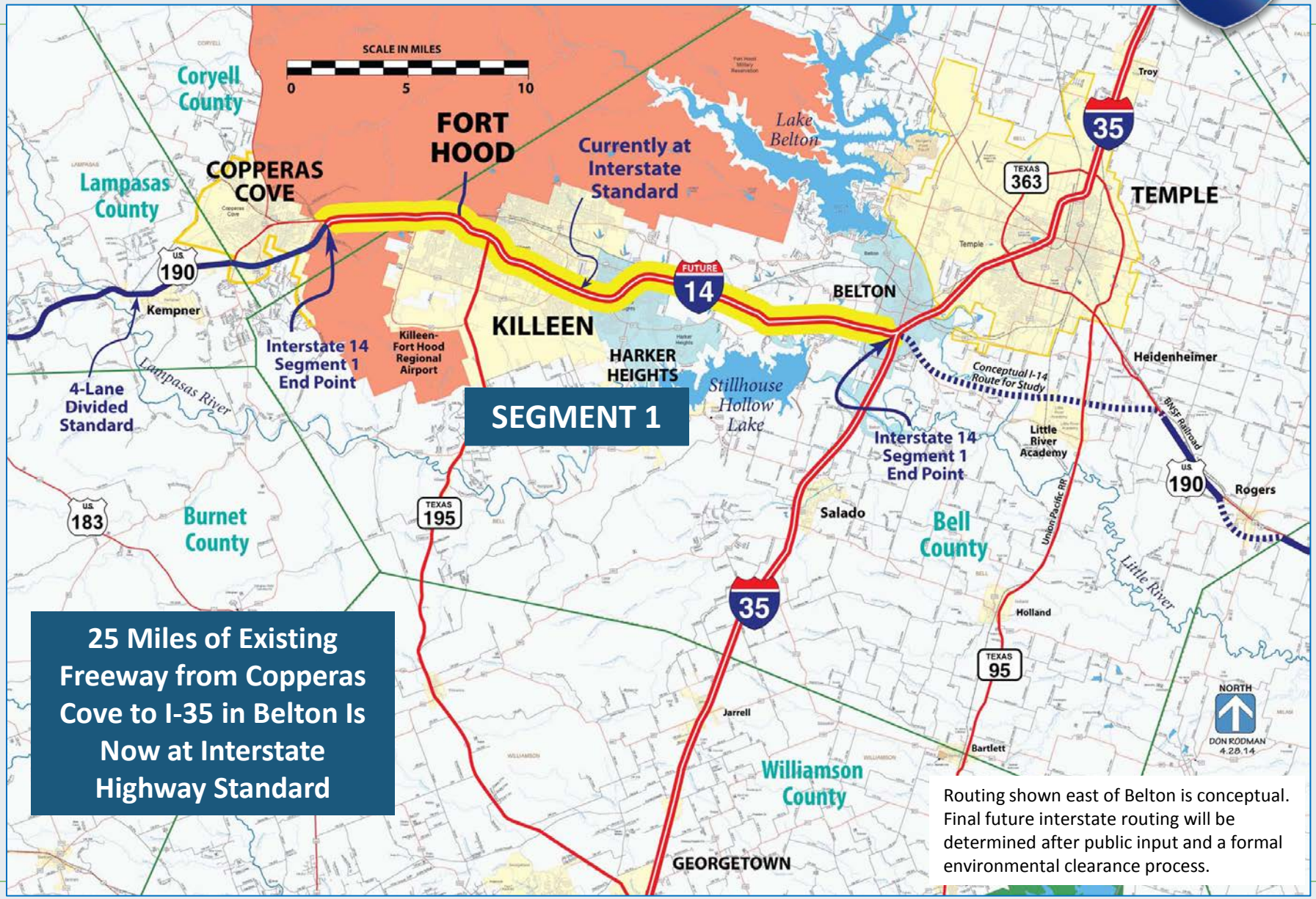
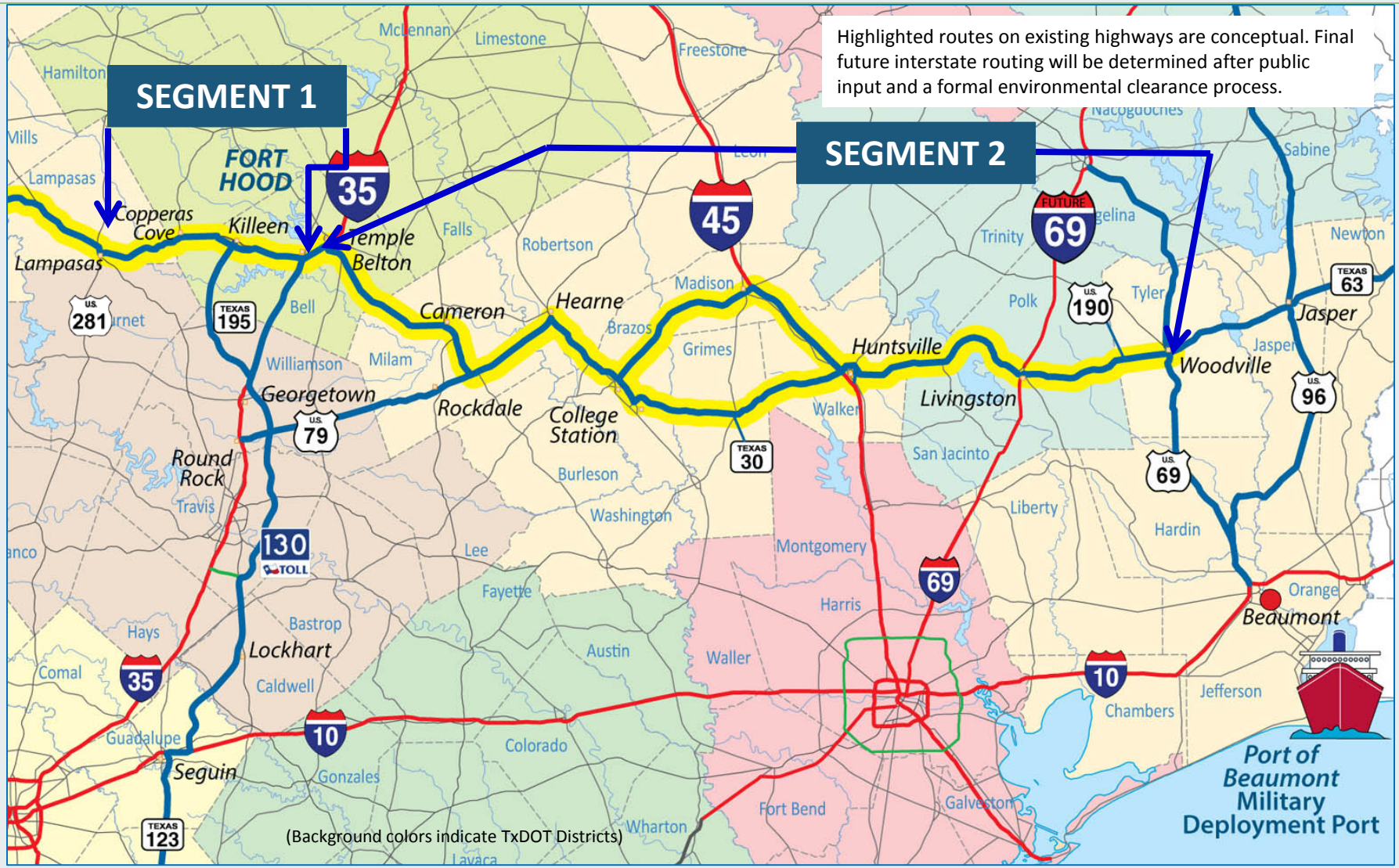


25 Miles of Existing Freeway from Copperas Cove to I-35 in Belton Is Now at Interstate Highway Standard

Routing shown east of Belton is conceptual. Final future interstate routing will be determined after public input and a formal environmental clearance process.

2nd Leg of I-14: Belton to Woodville



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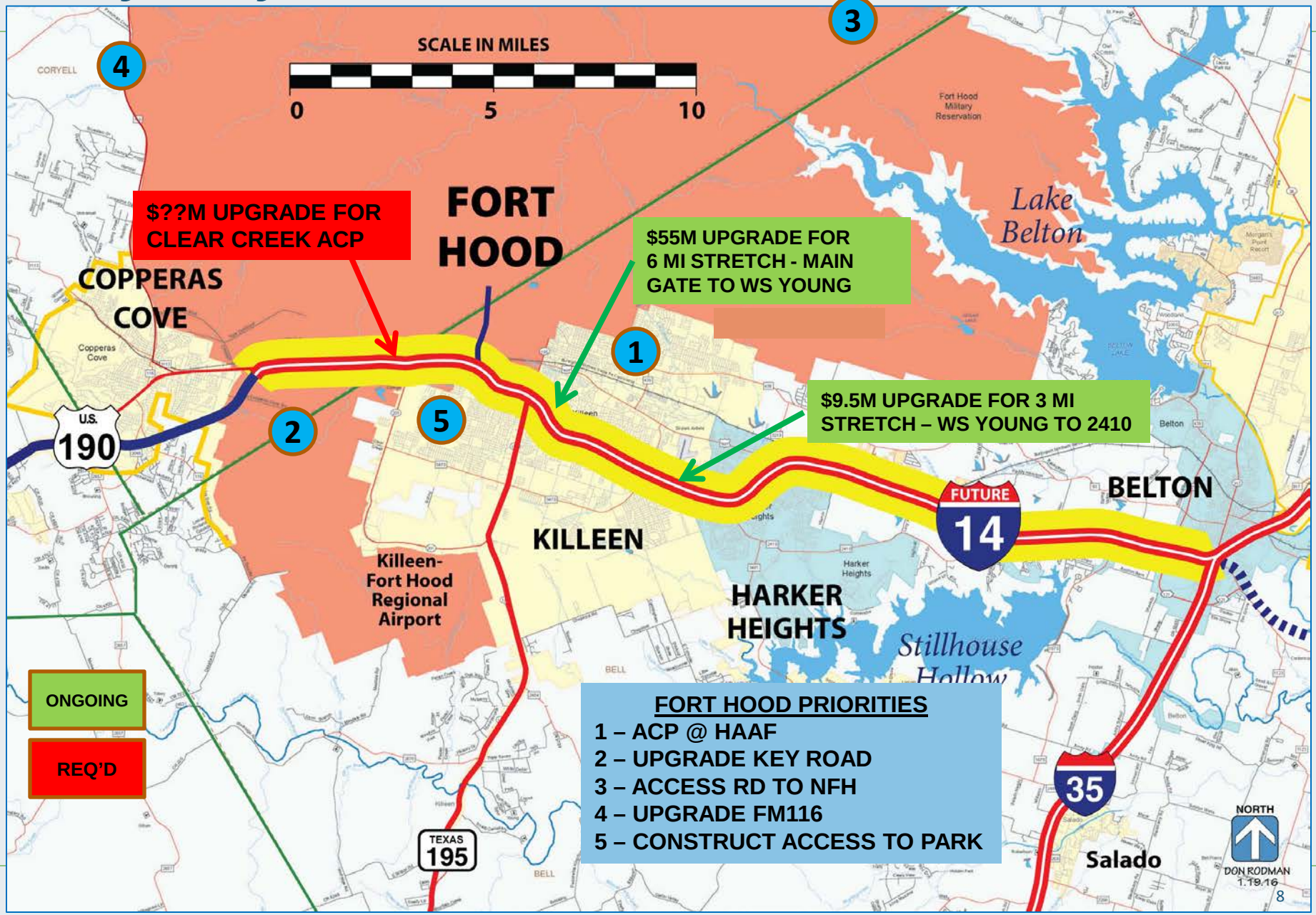
Key Projects for FH-Central Texas Corridor



Two of the Nation's Largest Forts

FORT HOOD

- The largest single site employer in Texas
- $28 Billion annual economic impact for Texas
- 40,000 soldiers and 70,000 family members
- 6,000 DOD civilian personnel and 10,000 contract employees
- Home of III Corps, First Army Division West, 1st Cavalry Division and 16 other units including two airfields

FORT BLISS

- 33,000 military personnel and 40,000 family members
- Civilian workforce of more than 12,400
- More than 1.1 million acres with restricted air space, the only base where it is possible to live fire any weapon in the DOD inventory
- Home of 1st Armored Division, 32nd Army Air & Missile Defense Command, 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, the 402nd Field Artillery Brigade, other units and Briggs Army Airfield

Two Vital Army Depots

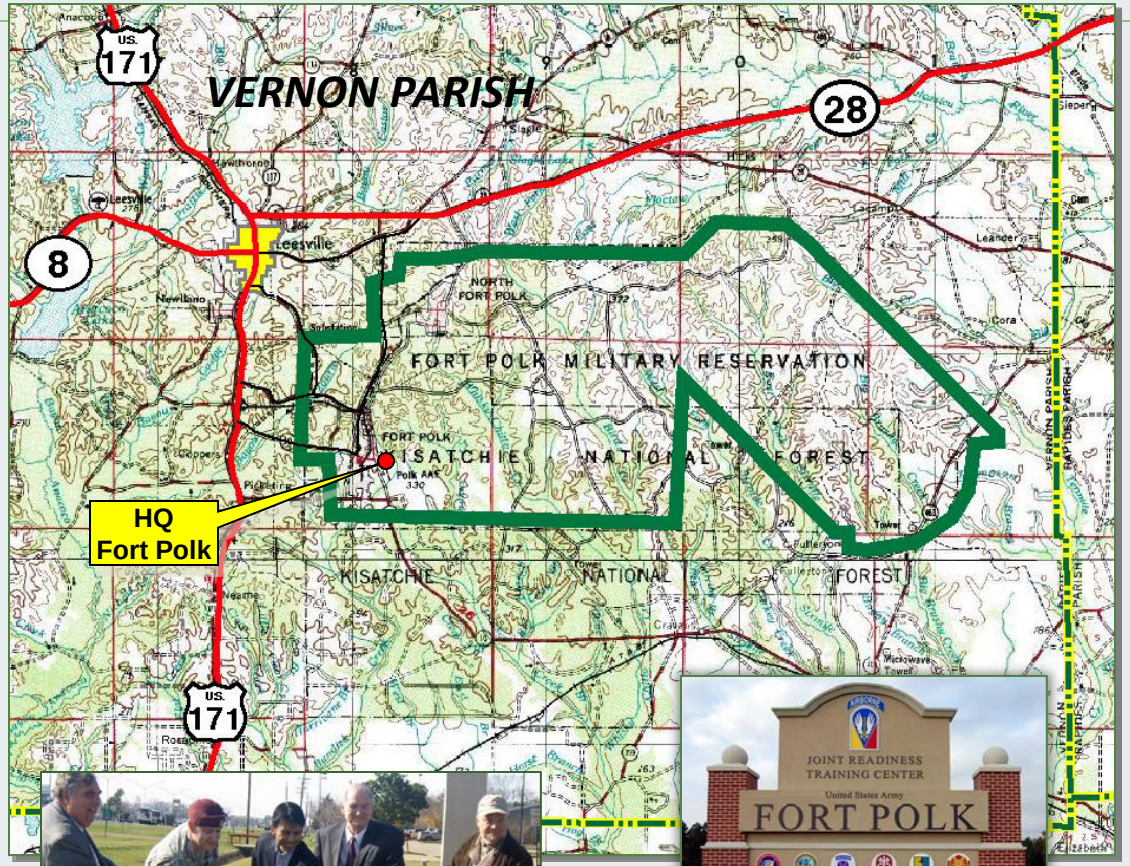
Corpus Christi

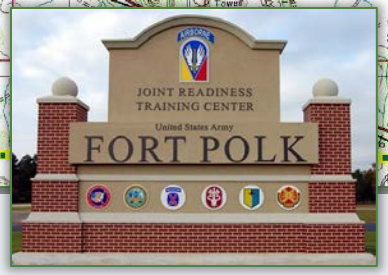
- CC Army Depot is the world's largest repair facility for rotary wing aircraft and components
- 4,200 civilian personnel and 1,300 contractor employees
- Supports Black Hawk, Apache, Chinook, Kiowa, UAS Shadow, and Air Force Pave Hawk

Red River/TexAmericas

- Red River Army Depot provides vehicle maintenance support for the Army' tactical wheeled vehicles – MRAPs and HUMVEEs
- Civilian workforce of more than 5,000
- 2,500 Guard and Reserve personnel
- TexAmericas Center is a civilian redevelopment of buildings and acreage on closed portions of the depot and the former Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant, creating a new multi-modal transportation center

Fort Polk – Joint Readiness Training Center

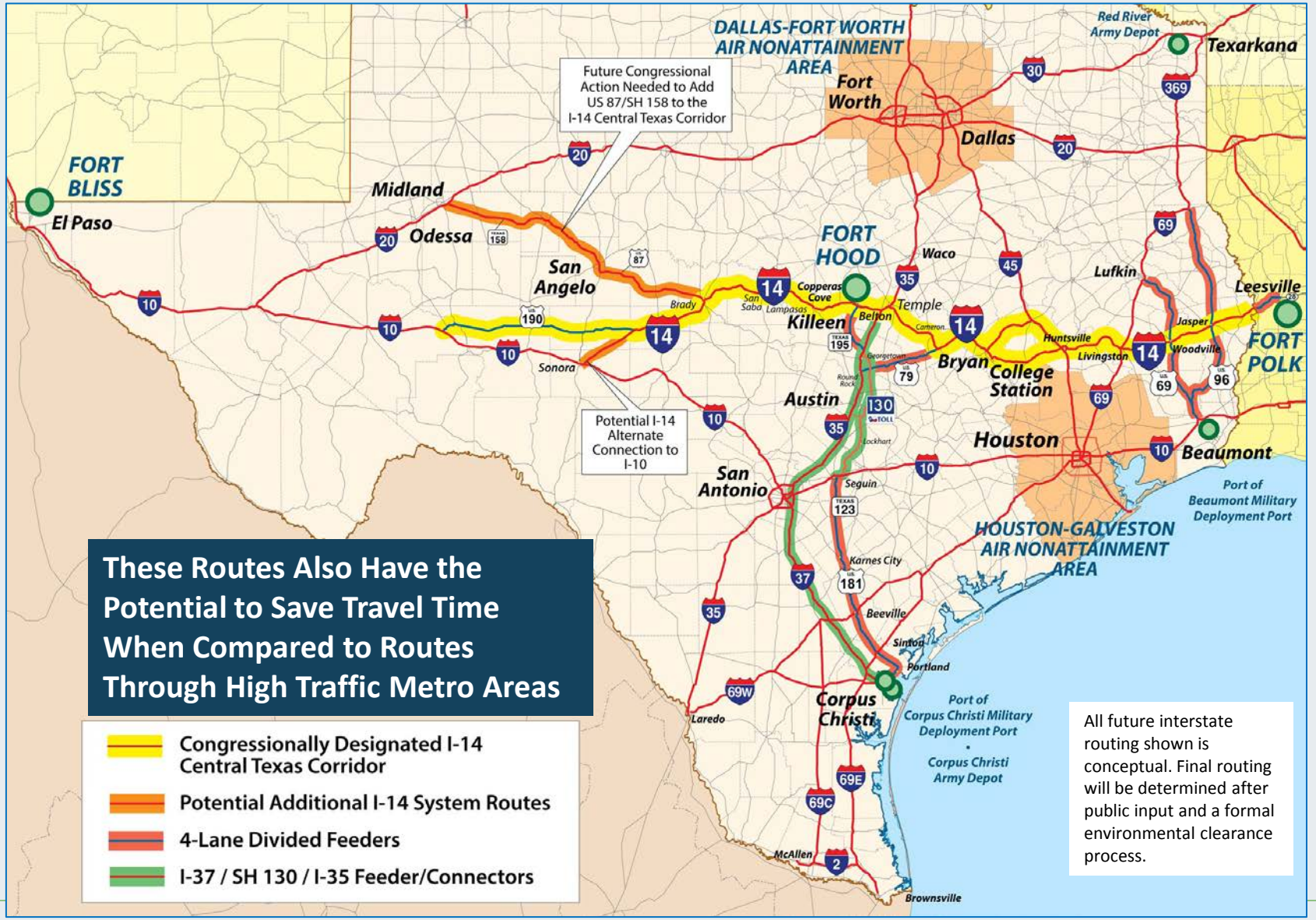




2009 Groundbreaking on final LA 28 segment which is now complete as a divided highway from Fort Polk to England Air Park at Alexandria

- Largest employer in Louisiana other than state government with an annual economic impact of more than $1.5 billion
- 8,500 military personnel; 6,300 civilian and contract employees
- Home to the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC), the premier light infantry graduate certification program, with 10 rotations per year of 8,000 soldiers each coming from bases around the United States
- Due to budget considerations more movements are by convoy

Would Provide Routes Across Texas Outside Federal Air Quality Non-Attainment Areas



Total $1.35 Billion in Funded Texas Projects

FUNDED PROJECTS

Highway		Description	From	To
US 190	1	Roadway Rework	US 377	San Saba CL
US 190	2	Frontage Rds	Lampasas CL	Clarke Rd
US 190	3	Resurface	Lampasas CL	Copperas Cove
US 190	4	New Lanes	Main Gate	WS Young
US 190	5	New Lanes	WS Young	FM 2410
US 190	6	New Lanes	FM 3470	FM 2410
US 190	91	Resurface Roadway	FM 2657	SH 9
US 190	7	Add Passing Lanes	Bell CL	1.7 W of FM 486
US 190	8	Add Passing Lanes	1.7 W FM 486	Cameron CL
US 190	9	Repair Roadway	US 79	CR 231
US 190	10	Replace Bridge	Little Brazos River	
US 190	92	Repair Roadway	North Zulch	FM 978
SH 6	11	Interchange Improvements	FM 158	FM 2818
US 190	12	Repair Roadway	FM 2865	Loop 160
US 190	93	Safety Upgrades	Walker CL	Polk CL
US 190	94	Widen Roadway	Onalaska	FM 2457
US 190	95	Safety Improvements	US 59	FM 1276
SH 30	13	Interchange	SH 30 at	FM 244
SH 30	14	Overpass	FM 1791	Huntsville
SH 19	15	Add Lanes	SH 30 N	I-45
SH 19	16	Safety Barriers	FM 405	SH 30
US 190	17	Replace Bridge	at Neches River	
US 190	18	Replace Bridge	Neches River	Relief
US 79	96	Traffic Signals	at FM 1460	
US 79	19	Resurface	Tradesman Park	Harrell Pkwy
US 79	97	Resurface	1.1 W US 190	US 77
US 79	98	Repair Roadway	3.0 E SH 36	SH 36
US 79	99	Repair Roadway	Robertson CL	FM 2095
US 69	20	Repair Roadway	SH 326	Sh327
US 69	21	Repair Roadway	US 96 to	Jefferson CL
US 69	22	Resurface	Frontage Rds	Delaware St
US 69	23	Freeway Ramps	Dowlen	Lucas
US 69	24	Freeway Ramps	Lucas Dr	I-10
US 69	100	Add Turn Lanes	CR 1040	
SH 195	25	New Lanes	SH 138	3.4 South
US 195	26	New Lanes	3.4 miles S SH 138	5.25 S SH 138
SH 195	27	New Lanes	5.25 S SH 138	8.1 S SH 138
US 195	28	New Lanes	8.1 S SH 138	9.2 S SH 138
US 195	101	Intersection Improvements	at Sun City Blvd.	
SH 195	29	New Lanes	9.2 S SH 138	To I-35
SH 195	102	Resurface Roadway	US 190	FM 3470
SH 123	30	Widen Roadway	Wilson CL	Seguin
SH 123	31	Widen Roadway	SH 80	Wilson CL
SH 123	32	Repair Roadway	Cibolo Ck Bridge	Wilson CL
US 181	33	New Lanes	Bee CL	S of Kenedy
US 181	88	Repair Roadway	FM 1144	2 Miles South
US 181	89	Repair Roadway	FM 1144	3 Miles South
US 181	34	Add Passing Lanes	Karnes CL	FM 1465
US 181	90	Roadway at Skidmore	SH 359	1 Mile South
US 181	35	Add Passing Lanes	FM 1465	B 181 Beeville
US 181	36	Resurface	Bee CL	SH 89
US 181	37	Roadway Repair	Moore Ave	Turnaround
US 181	87	HARBOR BRIDGE Replace	Beach St.	SH 44 Bus
SH 63	86	New Sabine River Bridge	At Burrs Ferry Crossing	
SH 63	103	Resurface Roadway	FM 692	Sabine River

Total Funded Projects - $1.35 Billion

UNFUNDED PROJECTS

Highway		Description	From	To
US 190	38	Widen to 4-lane divided	Copperas Cove	Lampasas CL
US 190	39	Copperas Cove Relief Rte	Kempner	FM 2657
US 190	40	Reconstruct Intersection	SP 172 interchange	
US 190	41	Upgrade Interchange	SH 195	
US 190	42	Add freeway lanes	FM 2410	Nola Ruth-HH
US 190	43	Add freeway lanes	Nola Ruth	I-35
US 190	44	East Extension (2 lanes)	I-35	SH 36/190 East
US 190	45	4-lane & rail overpass	Bell CL	2 E Bell CL
US 190	46	4-lane divided rural	1.7 W FM 486	2 E Bell CL
US 190	47	4-lane divided rural	US 77	1.7 W FM 486
US 190	48	Widen to 4-lane divided	US 77	US 79
US 190	49	Milano Relief Route	SH 36	2.7 E SH 36
US 190	50	Widen to 4-lane divided	2.7 E SH 36	Robertson CL
US 190	51	Widen to 4-lane divided	Milam CL	FM 50
US 190	52	Hearne Relief Route	SH 6	US 190/79 to west
US 190	53	Widen to 4-lane divided	Navasota River	FM 39
US 190	54	Widen to 4-lane divided	FM 39	3.1 miles east
US 190	55	Widen to 4-lane divided	3 E FM 39	Madisonville
US 190	56	Widen to 4-lane divided	SH 90	I-45
SH 30	57	Widen to 4-lane divided	Navasota River	SH 90
SH 30	58	Widen to 4-lane divided	SH 90	Walker CL
SH 30	59	Widen to 4-lane divided	Grimes CL	FM 1791
US 190	60	Widen to 4-lane divided	SH 19	San Jacinto CL
US 190	61	Widen to 4-lane divided	Point Blank	Lake Livingston
US 190	62	New Bridge for 4-lane	at Lake Livingston	
US 190	63	Add Passing lanes	Onalaska	FM 2457
US 190	64	Widen to 4-lane divided	Lake Livingston	Sandy Creek
US 190	65	Widen to 4-lane divided	Sandy Creek	4.5 W of Livingsto
US 190	66	New 4-lane highway	B 59	2.6 E Livingston C
US 190	67	Widen and upgrade	SH 146	6.9 Mi East
US 190	68	Add Passing lanes	End of 4-lane	Tyler CL
US 190	69	Widen to 4-lane divided	7 E Livingston	FM 1276
US 190	70	Widen to 4-lane divided	FM 1276	FM 2500
US 190	71	Widen to 4-lane divided	FM 2500	Tyler CL
US 190	72	Widen to Super2	Polk CL	3 W US 69
US 190	73	Widen to Super2	Woodville	Jasper CL
US 190	74	Widen to Super2	Tyler CL	SH 63
US 190	75	Widen to Super2	1.6 E SH 63	Newton CL
US 79	76	Rockdale Relief Route	W of Rockdale	E of Rockdale
US 79	77	Milano Relief Route	1 W of SH 36N	Proposed Relief R
US 69	78	Widen to 4-lane divided	Black Creek	Hardin CL
SH 123	79	Widen to 4-lane divided	FM 466	Wilson CL
SH 123	80	Widen to 4-lane divided	Guadalupe CL	Stockdale
SH 123	81	Widen to 4-lane divided	Karnes CL	Stockdale
SH 123	82	Add Passing lanes	Wilson CL	SH 80
US 181	83	Widen to 4-lane divided	Kenedy	Bee CL
US 181	84	Widen to 4-lane divided	Karnes CL	FM 1465
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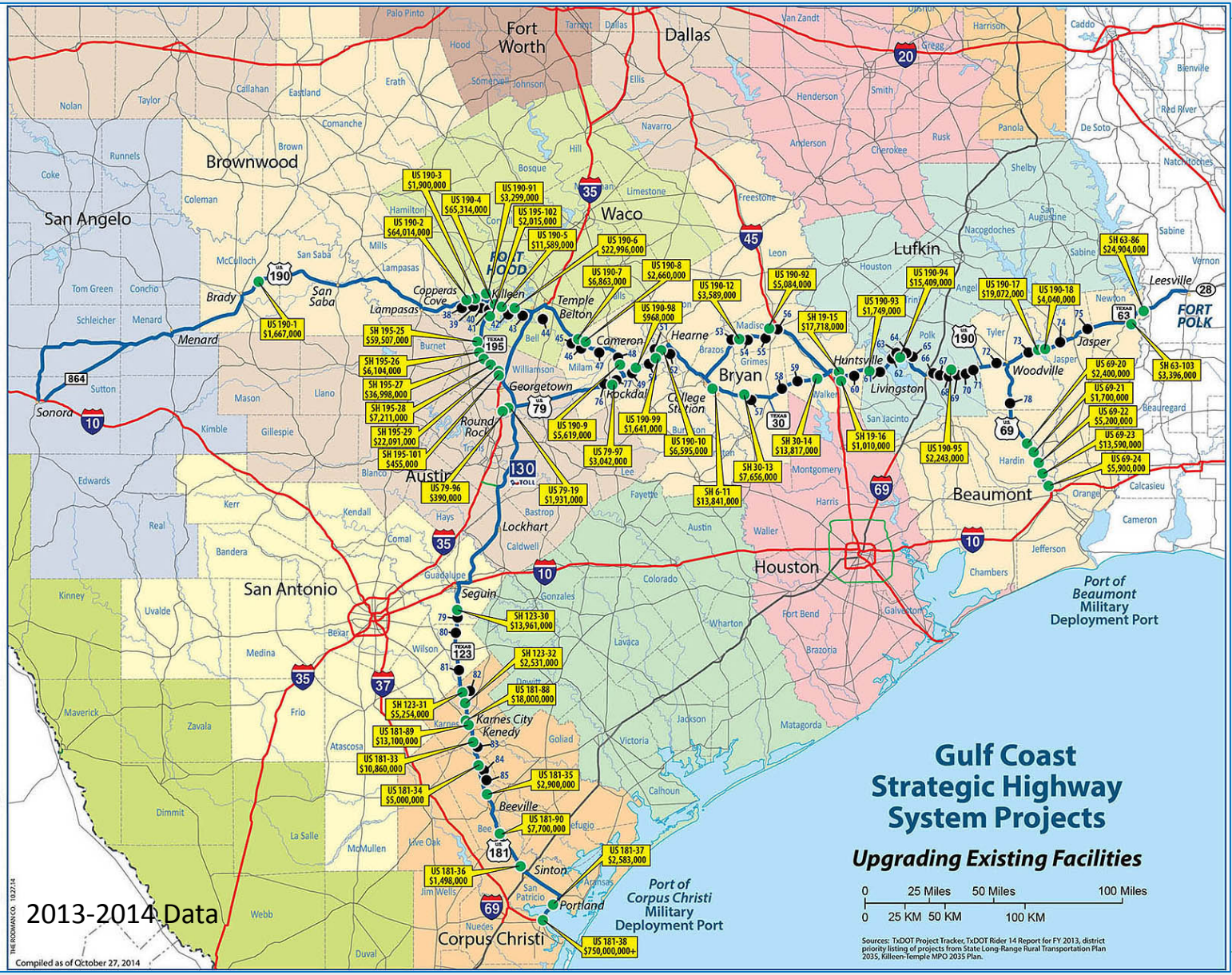
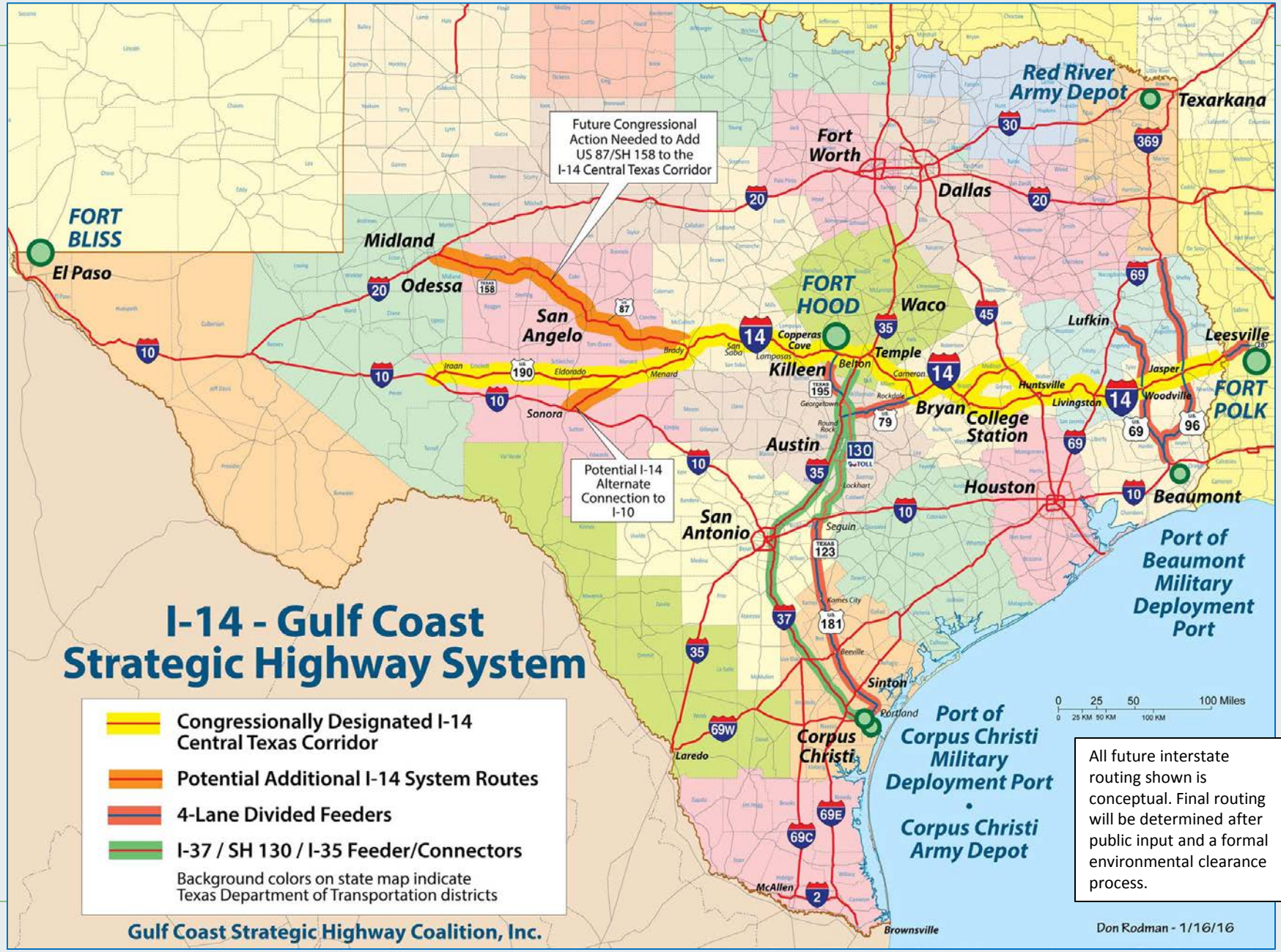


Value of Propositions 1 & 7 to Coalition System

- Revenue estimates
  - Proposition 1 – FY 2016 - $1.33 billion; FY 17 - $594 million
  - Proposition 7 – $2.8 to $3 billion per year starting in FY 18
- Planning, design and construction funds projected – Catch 22 eliminated
- Work with TxDOT Districts to identify and prioritize projects
- Districts on System
  - Beaumont
  - Lufkin
  - Bryan
  - Waco
  - Brownwood
  - San Angelo
  - Odessa
  - Austin
  - San Antonio
  - Corpus Christi

Next Step – Coalition to Form Segment Committees



Gulf Coast Strategic Highway Coalition

Connecting U.S. Army Facilities and Texas Strategic Ports

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March 31, 2016

TO: Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Planning Study (JOHRTS) Area Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) Members

FROM: Mayor Don Surratt, City of Lumberton

SUBJECT: Appointment of Nominating Committee

As required by the JOHRTS TPC Multimodal Transportation Planning Jefferson-Orange-Hardin County Urban Planning Region by-laws, and as the out-going 2014-2015 Chairman, I have appointed a nominating committee composed of Mayor Glenn Johnson, City of Port Neches, Commissioner L. W. Cooper, Hardin County, and Mayor Robert Viator, City of Vidor, for the purpose of recommending a slate of officers for the 2016-2017 TPC. The officers revolve between Jefferson, Hardin, and Orange counties; therefore, a representative from Jefferson County will serve as Chairman, a representative from Orange County will serve as Vice-Chairman and a representative from TxDOT will serve as Secretary.

For your consideration, the recommended slate of TPC officers for 2016-2017 is as follows:

Chairman: **Eddie Arnold, Commissioner, Jefferson County**

Vice-Chairman: **Jody Crump, Commissioner, Orange County**

Secretary: **Tucker Ferguson, District Engineer, TxDOT - Beaumont District**

If any questions arise, please feel free to contact Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation & Environmental Resources at (409) 899-8444, ext 7520.

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Date: March 24, 2016

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Public Encouraged to Provide Comments on the JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP and Revised JOHRTS MTP-2040

"SETRPC to Host Series of Public Meetings beginning Monday, April 11th

(Beaumont) --- The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) will host a series of public meetings beginning **Monday, April 11, 2016**, providing citizens in Jefferson, Orange and Hardin Counties the opportunity to learn about and comment on the **JOHRTS 2017-2020 TIP and the Revised JOHRTS MTP-2040.** "This is an opportunity for the public to be directly involved in the process and have their voices heard as we make recommendations to address transportation-related issues that are affecting the southeast Texas region. Public input is an essential part of this process and we want to make sure the needs of our region are properly addressed," says Bob Dickinson, Director of Transportation and Environmental Resources for SETRPC.

The 30-day public comment period is being held April 04 through May 04, 2016. The public is encouraged to attend a meeting or provide written comments by 5:00 PM, May 04, 2016. Four public meetings will be held in **Port Arthur, Orange, Beaumont, and Lumberton** at the following locations:

Monday, April 11, 2016 – 3:00 PM
City of Port Arthur Public Library, 4615 9th Avenue, Port Arthur, Texas 77642

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City of Orange Public Library, 200 5th Street, Orange, Texas 77631

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These meetings are designed to solicit the public's ideas and input on proposed transportation improvement projects planned for the southeast Texas area. All meetings are the same and are not restricted to a specific area. The public is strongly encouraged to be an active part of this process by selecting a meeting day and time that fits their schedule. For more information or for special needs requests (48 hours), please contact **Bob Dickinson** at (409) 899-8444 extension 7520 or bdickinson@setrpc.org.

SETRPC is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Jefferson-Orange-Hardin Regional Transportation Study (JOHRTS) area. SETRPC, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation, local governments and other interested parties, facilitates the regional multi-modal transportation planning process.

We Value Your Input

Please join us for a meeting about Southeast Texas' Transportation Programs!

Learn about the road, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and safety projects that are proposed through Year 2040, how much they will cost, and when they will happen.

Share your opinion on the proposed projects and provide input on what you want to see in the future. The public review and comment period will be held April 04 – May 04, 2016.

The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission – Metropolitan Planning Organization is responsible for planning transportation improvements in Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties, and we hope to hear from you.

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Community Meetings Scheduled for General Activities Related To Public Transit Planning
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SETRPC is seeking input from residents to develop strategies that provide transportation for the southeast Texas three county region. Community input is critical in order to develop strategies that meet the actual needs of the community. Meetings beginning **Monday, April 11, 2016**, providing citizens in Jefferson, Orange and Hardin Counties the opportunity to provide comments on their transit needs**.** "This is an opportunity for the public to be directly involved in the process and have their voices heard as we make recommendations to address transportation-related issues that are affecting the southeast Texas region. Public input is an essential part of this process and we want to make sure the needs of our region are properly addressed," says Bob Dickinson, Director of Transportation and Environmental Resources for SETRPC.

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