



North Houston Highway Improvement Project (NHHIP) 3C-2

Texas Transportation Commission



July 30, 2026

Minute Order Authorization

Summary of Commission Action:

- Authorize Texas Department of Transportation (department) to issue a request for qualifications (RFQ) to design and construct the NHHIP 3C-2 Project (Project).
- Texas Transportation Code §223.242 authorizes the department to enter into, in each state fiscal biennium, up to six design-build contracts for highway projects with a construction cost estimate of \$150 million or more.

Purpose

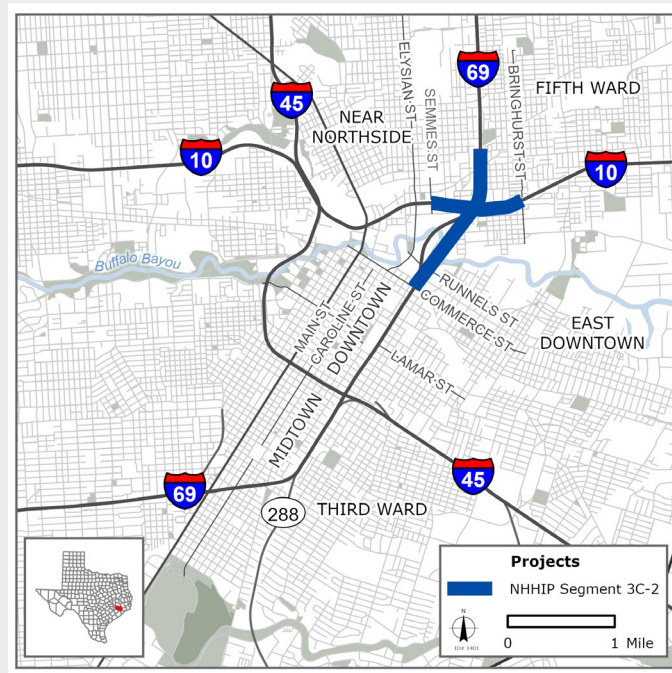
- Texas Top 100 (2025) most congested:
 - Ranked 2nd and 10th
- Project limits:
 - Interstate (I) 45, I-10, and United States (US) Highway 59/I-69 interchange
- Project purpose:
 - Improve safety, operations, and capacity,
 - Provide system linkage for interstates, managed lanes, and freight,
 - Mitigate flooding, and
 - Expand emergency evacuation capacity.



NHHIP 3C-2 Project Map

Overview

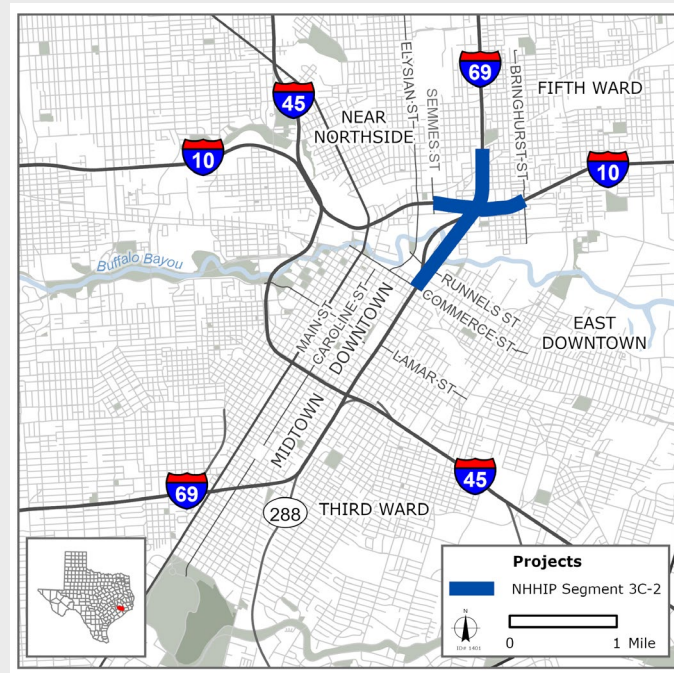
- Texas Clear Lanes Project
- Project Scope:
 - Reconstruct I-10/I-69 interchange northeast of downtown Houston, including I-10 Managed Lanes
 - Reroute I-45 northeast of downtown
 - Reconstruct Union Pacific Railroads
 - Construct detention pond, by-pass channel, and pump station



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Overview (continued 1)

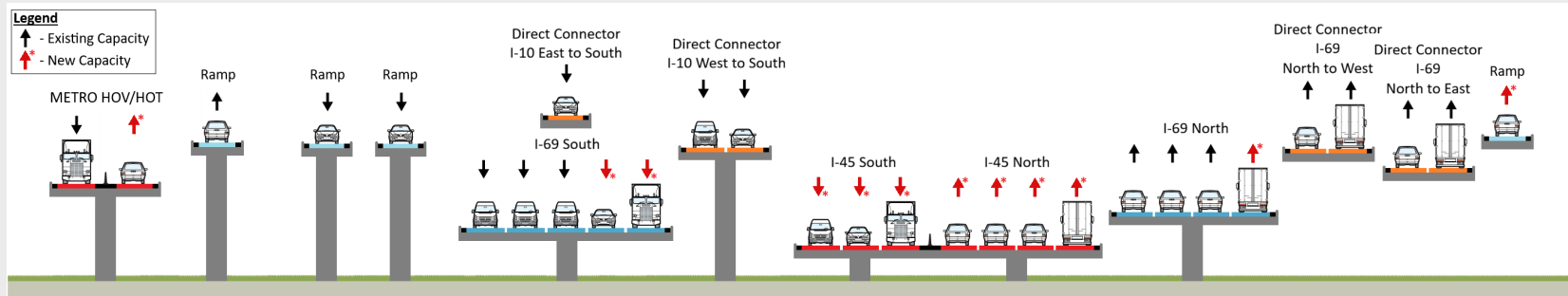
- Project Scope (continued):
 - Construct two new ramps to the future Hardy Toll Road (paid for by the Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA))
 - Realign/reconstruct the existing ramps that extend to reversible Houston METRO Managed Lanes High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)/High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes
- Design-Build cost estimate: \$2.14 billion



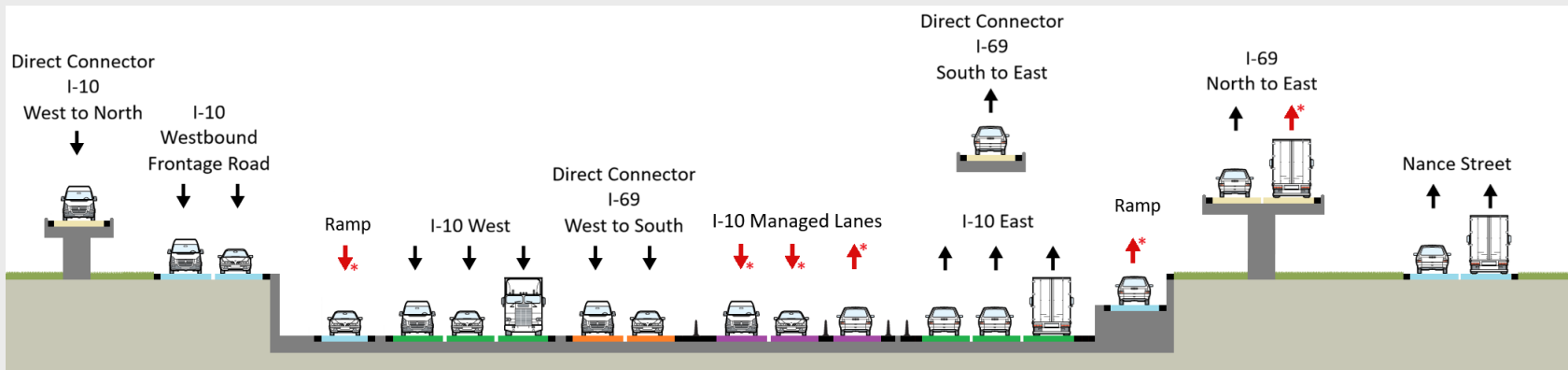
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Overview (continued 2)

I-69/I-45 SOUTH OF INTERCHANGE



I-10 EAST OF INTERCHANGE



Design-Build Anticipated Timeline

Milestone	Date
Commission action to issue RFQ	July 30, 2026
Issue RFQ	August 2026
Qualifications statements due	October 2026
Commission action to issue request for proposals (RFP)	December 2026
Issue draft RFP	January 2027
Issue final RFP	July 2027
Proposals due	January 2028
Commission action for conditional award	Spring 2028
Contract execution	Summer 2028
Construction completion	Spring 2036