

I-27 Advisory Committee (S.B. 1474 amended with H.B. 2775)

Texas Department of Transportation

Meeting #9 Midland, Texas



Welcome and Opening Remarks



Honorable Curtis Parish, Judge, Lubbock County, I-27 Advisory Committee Vice-Chair



Alvin New, Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission



Alejandro "Alex" G. Meade III, Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission



Introduce New Members

By Honorable Curtis Parrish, Judge, Lubbock County, I-27 Advisory Committee Vice-Chair



Introduce New Members



• San Angelo – Honorable Tom Thompson, Mayor



Segment 2 Economic Professional – Victoria Vara,
 Executive Director, Sonora Economic Development Corporation



HB 2775: I-27 Advisory Committee Expansion

- House Bill 2775 amends the I-27 Advisory
 Committee membership from 23 to 26 by
 adding one representative each from
 Schleicher County and Ector County, and
 one representative from the City of Odessa.
- The House Bill was sent to Governor Greg
 Abbot for Signature on May 26, 2025 with an
 effective date of September 1, 2025.



Mayor Cal Henrick City of Odessa



County Judge Dustin Fawcett Ector County



County Judge Charlie Bradley Schleicher County



Roll Call and Safety Minute

Lorena Echeverria de Misi, P.E.

Corridor Planning Branch Manager, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT

Roll Call



Committee Chair **TBD**



Committee Vice-Chair Curtis Parrish Lubbock County



Mayor Alvaro "Al" Arreola City of Del Rio



Mayor Lori Blong City of Midland



Mayor Cal Henrick City of Odessa



Mayor Mark McBrayer City of Lubbock



Mayor Robert Moore City of Big Spring



Mayor Cole Stanley City of Amarillo



Mayor Tom Thompson City of San Angelo



Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino City of Laredo



Commissioner Rick Bacon Tom Green County



County Judge Tano E. Tijerina Webb County



County Judge Charlie Bradley Schleicher County



President & CEO John Osborne Segment 1: Lubbock Economic Development Alliance



County Judge Dustin Fawcett Ector County



Executive Director
Victoria Vara
Segment 2:
Sonora Economic
Development Corporation



County Judge Randy Johnson Howard County

Economic

Development

Segment 3:

Vacant



County Judge

Terry Johnson

President & CEO Tracee Bentley Permian Strategic Partnership



County Judge Alicia Law Sherman Count



Executive Vice President Gerry Schwebel International Bank of Commerce



County Judge Lewis Owens Val Verde County

Board Member,

County Commissioner

Dee Vaughan

Texas Corn Producers



County Judge Rowdy Rhoades Moore County



County Judge Wes Ritchey Dallam County



County Judge Nancy Tanner Potter County



TxDOT District Leadership



Blair Johnson, P.E. District Engineer Amarillo District



Steven Warren, P.E. District Engineer Lubbock District



Kylan Francis, P.E. **Deputy District Engineer** Lubbock District



Jeremy Dearing, P.E. District Engineer Abilene District



Eric Lykins, P.E. District Engineer Odessa District



District Engineer San Angelo District



Chris Cowen, P.E. Epigmenio Gonzalez, P.E. District Engineer Laredo District



Kit Black, P.E. Director of TP&D Amarillo District



Shelley Harris, P.E. Director of TP&D Lubbock District



Vacant Director of TP&D Abilene District



Robert Ornelas, P.E. Director of TP&D Odessa District



Russell Pehl, P.E. Director of TP&D San Angelo District



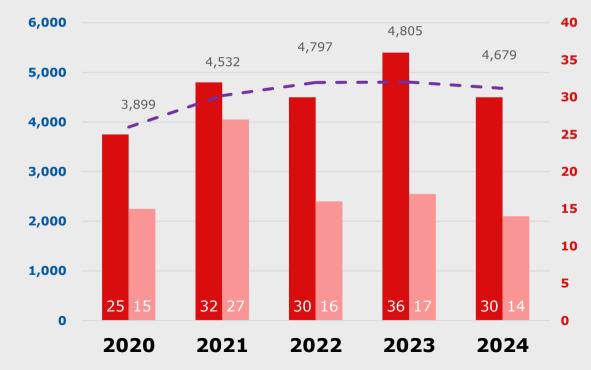
Roberto Rodriguez, P.E. Director of TP&D Laredo District



Safety Minute

Rural vs. Urban Crashes along the I-27 Corridor

Although proportionally less in total, rural crashes account for more fatal crashes than urban ones.



Total Crashes per Year
Rural Fatal Crashes
Urban Fatal Crashes



Presentation Outline

- 1 | Election of New Chair, Vice Chair, and Economic Professional Member
- 2 | Roundtable: Member Updates and State of the I-27 Corridor
- **3** | Review of Legislation Related to I-27
- **4** | I-27 Implementation Plan Summary of Progress and What's Next for the I-27 Designation
- **5** | I-27 Implementation Plan Project Updates
- 6 | Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Update



Election of New Chair and Vice Chair

Election of Economic Professional Member

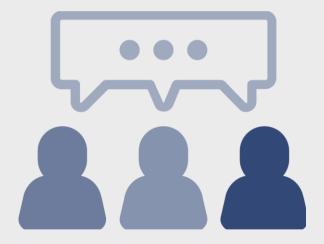
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I-27 Advisory Committee Purpose

The I-27 Advisory Committee is established to:

- Provide the department with information on concerns and interests along the Ports-to Plains Corridor; and
- Advise the department on transportation improvements impacting the Ports-to-Plains Corridor.

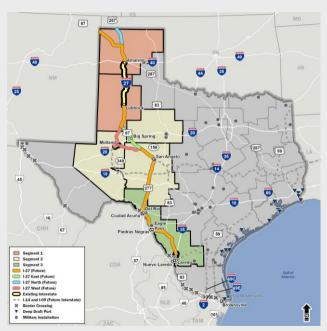




I-27 Advisory Committee: Elect Chair and Vice-Chair

- The advisory committee shall elect by majority vote:
 - A chair to serve as the committee's presiding officer
 - A vice-chair to serve as the committee's presiding officer in the absence of the chair
- The advisory committee shall meet at least twice each state fiscal year and at such other times as requested by department or the chair
- The advisory committee may meet remotely or by teleconference as determined by the chair or the department

I-27 Advisory Committee: Elect Economic Professional



Source: 2021 Ports-to-Plains Feasibility Study

The mayors on the advisory committee shall appoint the following members by majority vote:

1 member who are economic development professionals, to be selected based on geographic segments that were established for the feasibility study



Segment 1: John Osborne, Lubbock Economic Development Alliance



Segment 2: Victoria Vara, Sonora Economic Development Alliance



Mayors to nominate **Segment 3** Economic Development professional



Roundtable: Member Updates and State of I-27 Corridor

I-27 Advisory Committee Members



Roundtable

I-27 Advisory Committee Members Share What's Energizing them in their Regions about I-27



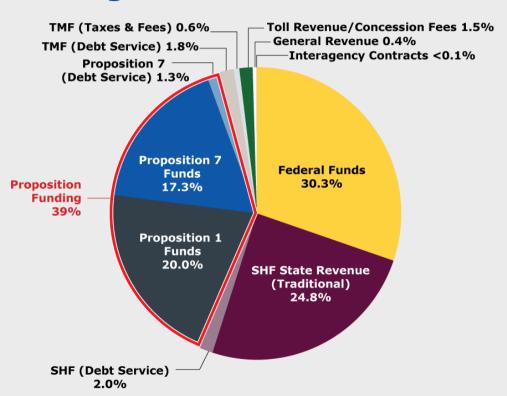


89th Regular Legislative Session Overview (2025)

Wesley Starnes, State Legislative Affairs Liaison, Government Affairs Division, TxDOT



Budget Sources: Senate Bill 1



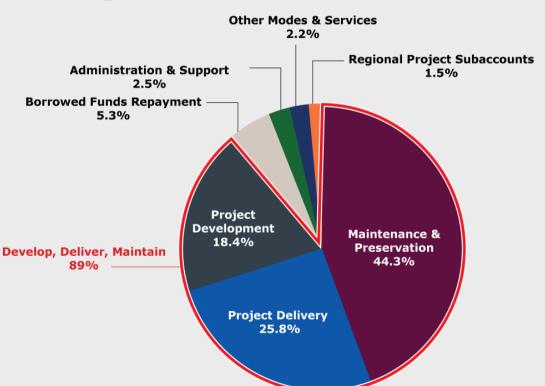
BUDGET SOURCES

Federal Funds	\$12.07 billion
SHF (Traditional)	\$9.88 billion
SHF (Debt Service)	\$0.80 billion
Proposition 1 Funds	\$8.00 billion
Proposition 7 Funds	\$6.92 billion
Proposition 7 (Debt Service)	\$0.50 billion
TMF (Debt Service)	\$0.72 billion
TMF (Taxes & Fees)	\$0.25 billion
Toll Revenue/Concession Fees	\$0.59 billion
General Revenue	\$0.18 billion
Interagency Contracts	\$0.01 billion
Total	\$39.92 billion

^{*}Totals and percentages may not sum due to rounding



Budget Uses: Senate Bill 1



BUDGET USES

Mai	ntenance & Preservation	\$17.66	billion
Pro	ject Delivery	\$10.34	billion
Pro	ject Development	\$7.36	billion
Bor	rowed Funds Repayment	\$2.13	billion
Adn	ninistration & Support	\$0.98	billion
Oth	er Modes & Services	\$0.86	billion
Reg	ional Project Subaccounts	\$0.59	billion
Tota	al	\$39.92	billion

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Budget Overview: Senate Bill 1 & House Bill 500

SB 1 (General Appropriations Act)

TxDOT budget **\$39.92 billion**

- \$35.37 billion (89%) for the development, delivery, and maintenance of state highways
- **\$860 million** in multi-modal projects and services— rail, maritime, aviation, and public transportation
- Over **\$900 million** in capital budget items—buildings, facilities, land, information technology (IT)
- Nearly **\$180 million** in general revenue funding for various specified roadway, pedestrian, rail, and aviation projects

HB 500 (Supplemental Appropriations Bill)

\$504.1 million appropriated to TxDOT

- **\$250 million** in pedestrian and roadway rail grade separation grant funding
- **\$129 million** in aviation grant funding
- **\$105 million** in capital budget items—TxDOT vehicle fleet, aircraft, and aviation facilities
- \$20 million for specified roadway project





Legislative Highlights



HB 4520 - Representative M. Martinez/Senator Nichols

Relating to requirements for certain funding of aviation facilities and projects.

- Lowers the required local match (**from 10% to 5%)** for General Aviation Airports located in an economically disadvantaged county (EDC).
- Impacts 130 General Aviation Airports located in 100 economically disadvantaged counties.

HB 2775 - Representative Landgraf/Senator Sparks

Relating to the composition of the I-27 Advisory Committee.

- Expands the membership of the TxDOT-administered I-27 Advisory Committee—created in 87th Legislature, Regular Session (2021).
- Adds one member each from Schleicher and Ector Counties and the City of Odessa.





Legislative Highlights



SB 1555 - Senator Nichols/Representative Patterson

Relating to a grant program to fund certain railroad grade separation projects.

- Creates a TxDOT administered grant program for local government pedestrian and roadway rail grade separation projects (off-system)—funded with \$250 million in HB 500 (89R, 2025).
- Requires at least 10% of the project be funded with non-state dollars.
- Projects must increase public safety, enhance economic development, and reduce traffic.

SB 2366 - Senator Hughes/Representative Hefner

Relating to a grant program to fund short line railroad projects.

- Creates a TxDOT administered grant program for rural rail transportation district short line rail projects—the program was **not funded**.
- Requires at least 10% of the project be funded with non-state dollars.
- Projects must increase public safety, enhance economic development, and reduce traffic.





89th Regular Legislative Session (2025) TxDOT Overview



Moving Texas Forward

Summary of Enacted Transportation and General Government Legislation





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I-27 Implementation Plan Summary of Progress and What's Next for the I-27 Designation

Lorena Echeverria de Misi, P.E.

Corridor Planning Branch Manager, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT



I-27 Implementation Plan

Investments to Upgrade to Interstate Standards

Corridor Viev

District View

Tabloid View

\$31.2 Billion Implementation Plan Estimated Cost - Circa 2024

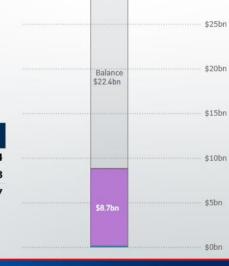
Project Viewer





% Funded of 2024 IMP Plan Estimated Cost

Status	Est. Construction Cost	Projects
Unfunded/Partially Funded	\$8,703,248,773	34
Fully Funded	\$113,698,316	3
Total	\$8,816,947,089	37







I-27 System in Texas:

Overall Investments to Upgrade toward Interstate Standards

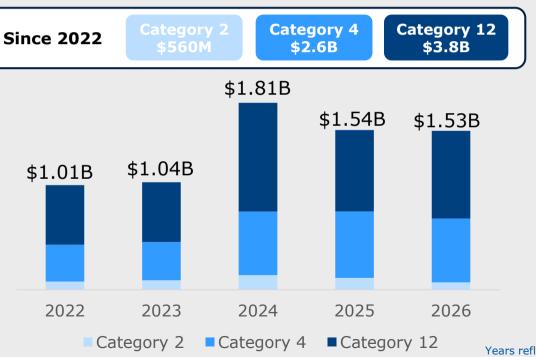


Total \$7B



I-27 Corridor:

Historical UTP Investments – Category Funding for I-27 Corridor (2022-2026)





I-27 Corridor: Total Estimated Construction Cost for Added Capacity Projects

District	Completed Projects	Projects Under Construction*	Fully Funded	Unfunded/ Partially Funded
Laredo	-	-	\$785M	-
San Angelo	-	-	\$3.9M	-
Odessa	-	\$368.1M	\$236.5M	\$767.6M
Abilene	-	-	\$17.9M	-
Lubbock	-	-	\$317M	\$20.1M
Amarillo	-	\$424.7M	\$361.6M	\$864.4M
TOTAL (billions)	-	\$793M	\$1.7B	\$1.7B

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I-27 Corridor:

Total Number of Added Capacity Projects



6 PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

28.6 miles



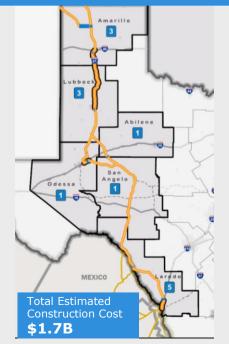
14 FUNDED PROJECTS 46.2 IN THE 2026 UTP miles



12 POTENTIAL FUTURE PROJECTS (Unfunded/Partially Funded)

87.6* miles







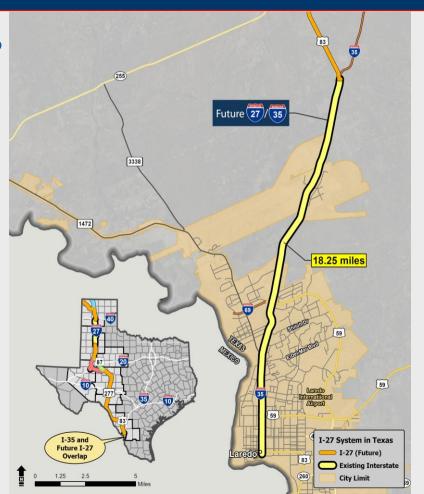
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What's Next for I-27 Designation?



- TxDOT is currently seeking dual designation for I-27/I-35 in Laredo
- 18.25 miles from the Mexico border and the US 83/I-35 split
- Currently reviewing as-builts and technical reports
- This section corresponds to the Statewide Corridor Ranking #1 based on the I-27 Implementation Plan





I-27 Implementation Plan Summary of Progress: Total Investments

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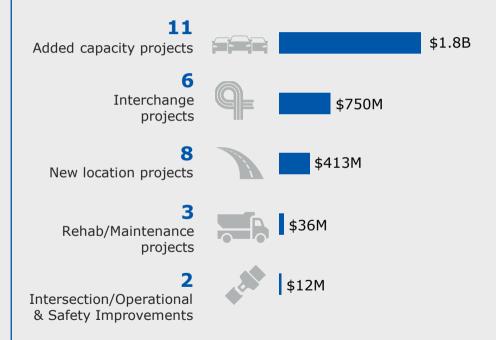


I-27 Corridor Investments: All 2026 UTP Projects

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Ongoing Projects (within UTP 10-year window)

\$3BEstimated Construction
Cost*





I-27 Implementation Plan Project Updates

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Chris Cowen, P.E., San Angelo District Engineer

Eric Lykins, P.E., Odessa District Engineer

Jeremy Dearing, P.E., Abilene District Engineer

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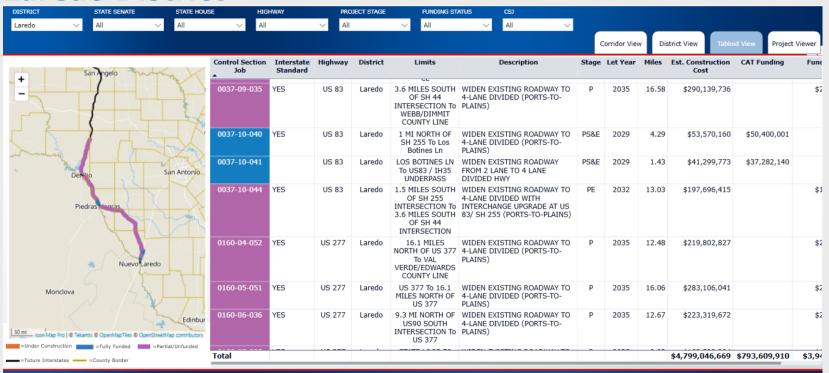


Laredo District



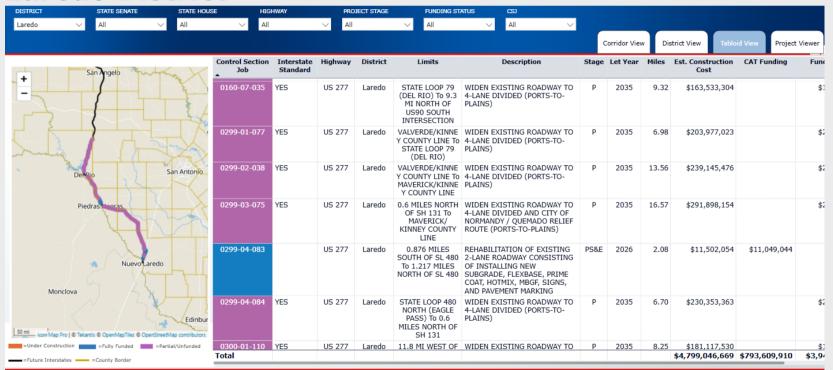


Laredo District





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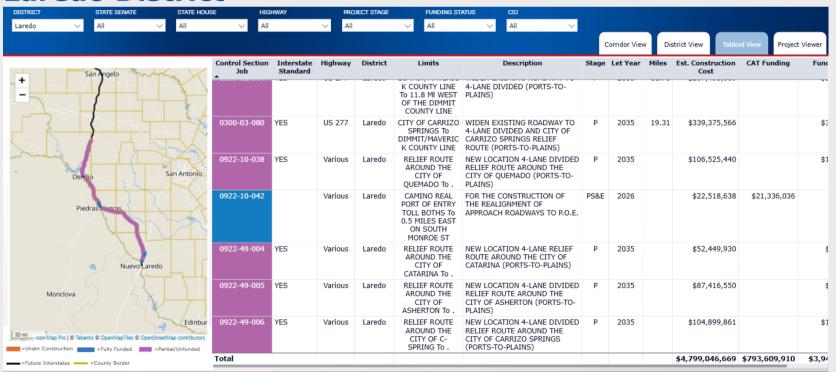


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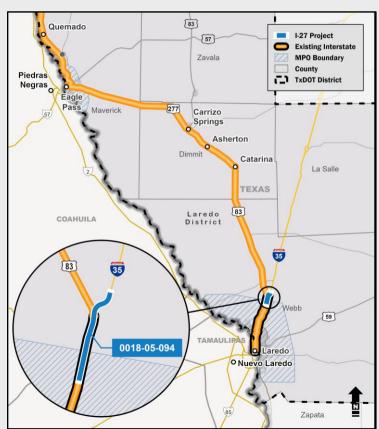


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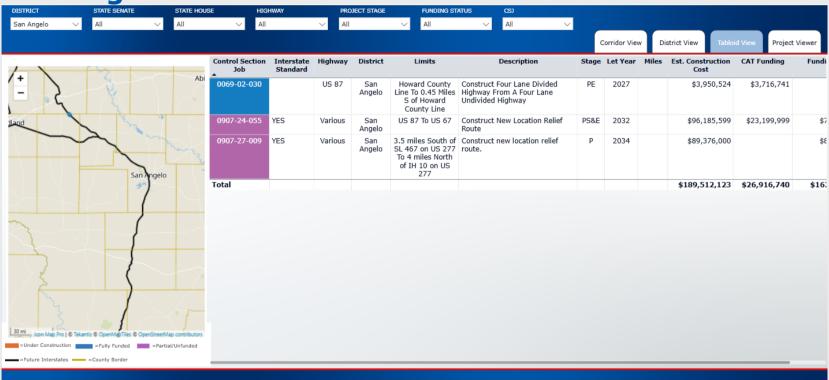
2026 UTP

- CSJ: 0018-05-094
- I-35
- 4-lane to 6-lane
- 3.8 miles, from 2.68 miles north of Uniroyal interchange to 1.2 miles north of US 83 interchange
- 2029 Let Date
- Approved for Construction Funding: \$270.8M





San Angelo District



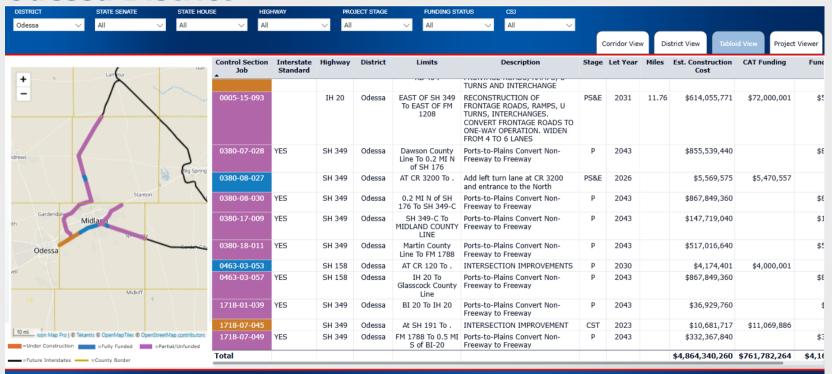


Odessa District



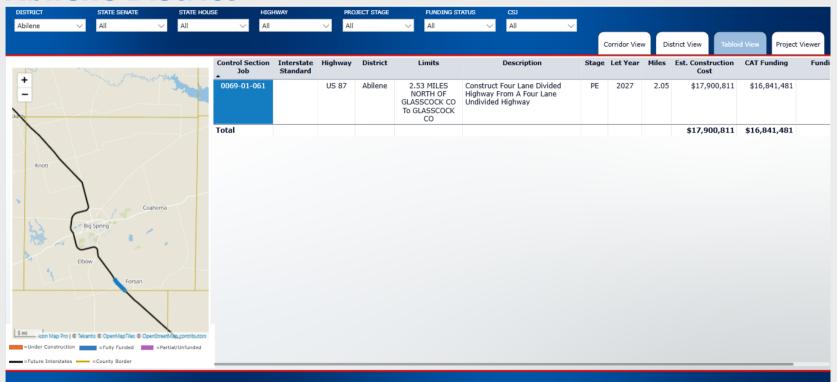


Odessa District





Abilene District





Lubbock District





Lubbock District



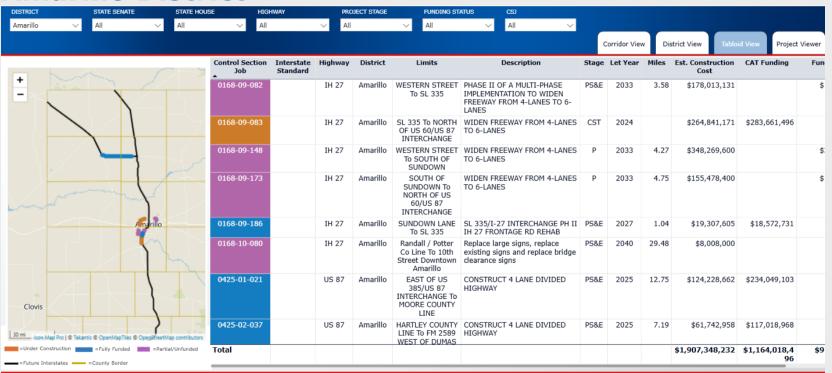


Amarillo District



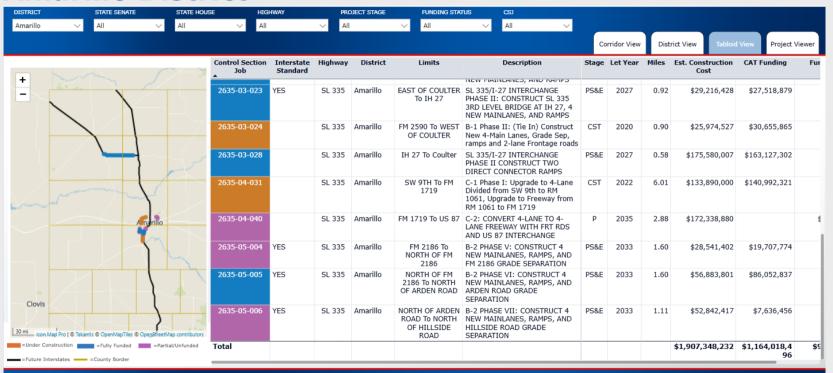


Amarillo District





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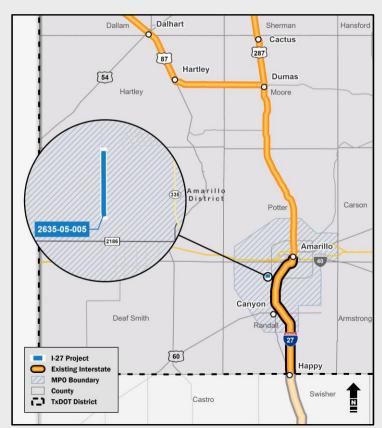


What's Next for I-27 Designation?



2026 UTP

- CSJ: 2635-05-005
- State Loop 335
- Construct mainlanes
- From north of FM 2186 to north of Arden Rd.
- 2030 Let Date
- Approved for Construction Funding: \$62.7M





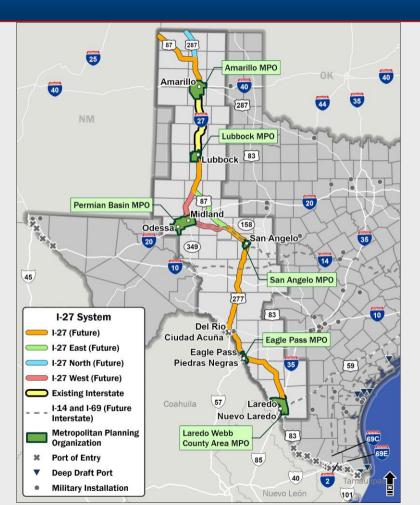
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Update

Cameron Walker, AICP, MPO Director, Permian Basin



MPOs along the I-27 Corridor

- Laredo Webb County Area MPO
- Eagle Pass MPO
- San Angelo MPO
- Permian Basin MPO
- Lubbock MPO
- Amarillo MPO





Closing Remarks

Advisory Committee Chair