



The Alliance for I-69 Texas

Encouraging Cooperation and Seeking Solutions Since 1994

December 2, 2019

The Honorable Barbara Canales
County Judge
Nueces County
901 Leopard St.
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Dear Judge Canales:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Alliance for I-69 Texas, I am writing to thank you for the County's past support and to ask for your continued support in 2020. Attached is your 2020 membership invoice which reflects no increase over 2019 contribution levels. In addition, included is a brief status report and look ahead to 2020.

The Alliance for I-69 Texas has a simple mission: Aggressively press for development of incremental highway projects that will ultimately lead to the completion of I-69 in Texas. Local community leaders make the Alliance a successful unified voice supporting state and federal investment in Interstate 69.

The persistent work of the Alliance for I-69 Texas over more than two decades is paying big dividends. We have diligently worked with local leaders and the TxDOT district offices to identify and position I-69 projects for inclusion in the Unified Transportation Program (UTP). This ongoing and collaborative effort is paying off as we are seeing a significant increase in projects funded. We saw a record high level of funding for I-69 System projects in the UTP approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in August. That includes \$5.7 billion for 64 projects spread across the I-69 System. This is up from 45 projects totaling \$3.4 billion in the 2019 UTP.

The I-69 Alliance also plays an active role in supporting state and federal legislation to increase overall funding for transportation. In 2019, the I-69 Alliance was a driving force behind the effort to get Prop 1 funding extended through 2034. This will bring an estimated \$1.4 billion annually to transportation projects, like I-69.

In Washington, Congress is preparing to reauthorize the surface transportation authorization bill next year which will establish the programs and funding levels for the development of transportation infrastructure. Our I-69 DC Fly-in 2019 provided an excellent opportunity to convene congressional members along the 8-state I-69 Corridor along with the chairman of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee to discuss specific ways to ensure progress on I-69 in the next bill. In 2020 we will continue to work with congressional leaders to enact legislation that increases transportation funding for Texas and, in particular, advances I-69 as a major freight corridor.

While we are encouraged by the strong progress being made, there is much work to be done to complete I-69 in Texas. We are asking all members to either submit payment of 2020 dues during the first quarter of 2020 or to provide a written response as to when payment will be submitted. We appreciate prompt payment of membership contributions so that our efforts can focus on the work of advancing of I-69. We are certainly grateful for your past support and look forward to your continued involvement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sydney Murphy".

Sydney Murphy, Polk County Judge
Chairman, Alliance for I-69 Texas