

Corpus Christi District

2020 Unified Transportation Program (UTP)

The Corpus Christi District is best known for the diversity of its landscapes, including barrier islands, coastal plains, and caliche hills. The beauty of these natural resources attracts tourists and seasonal residents. The district works to maintain a transportation system that accommodates this influx, while providing access to key destinations, such as the Port of Corpus Christi, three major military facilities, and two universities.



Did You Know?

- M-69 is Texas' only Marine Highway, a special designation allowing TxDOT and port authorities to develop more projects along this important waterway.
- Built for cotton exports in 1926, the Port of Corpus Christi (also known as "The Energy Port of the Americas"), now ranks fourth nationally in total tonnage arriving or departing from the district's South Texas shores and is the leading port for U.S. crude oil exports.

★ DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

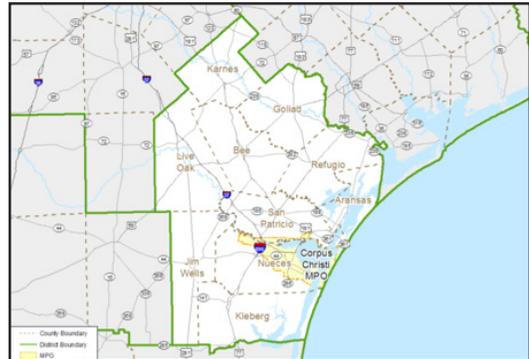
The Port Aransas Ferry is a unique part of TxDOT's transportation system. Operating as a link across the Corpus Christi Ship Channel, TxDOT's fleet of eight ferries travels from the mainland to Port Aransas, connecting commuters and tourists to destinations like the Padre Island National Seashore and Mustang Island.

The District is uniquely positioned at the nexus of four proposed I-69 routes: US 77, US 281, US 59, and SH 44. These routes total about 322 miles of highway, more than in any other district. The first segment of designated I-69 in Texas (6.2 miles) was dedicated on December 5, 2011, in Robstown, Texas. An additional 16.2 miles of these highways are under construction, and once completed will also meet interstate standards. The continued upgrade of these corridors is important to address not only Port-to-Port and rural connectivity, but also facilitate the freight movement generated by oil and gas activity.

Planning and Programming

The district works closely with local government officials and stakeholders to identify its greatest needs, especially with entities that are part of the Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). These partnerships allow the district to collaborate, innovate, and prioritize the projects that will continue to improve mobility.

At the core of the district staff's planning process is a focus on safety, freight mobility, and system preservation. With no shortage of rural connectivity needs in the district, staff assess the value of these potential projects through the lens of system-wide and statewide priorities. Balancing local and statewide needs defines the district's approach to UTP project development.



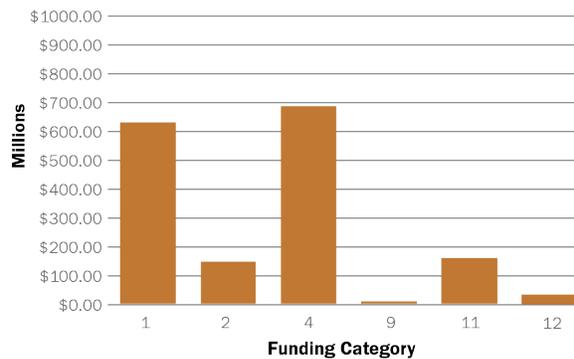
FAST FACTS

Population	Nearly 600,000
Square Miles	Nearly 7,800
Daily Vehicle Miles	15.5 Million
Lane Miles	Nearly 7,200
Registered Vehicles	529,300

How to Stay Involved

- Corpus Christi TxDOT District [page](#)
- District Projects and Studies [page](#)
- TxDOT Hearings and Meetings [schedule](#)
- **Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization:** get involved with regional transportation planning
- **Harbor Bridge Project:** construction updates on new US 181 bridge
- **I-69 project website:** ongoing progress updates for proposed national interstate
- Contact the district by [email](#)

Corpus Christi District: 2020 Planning Targets by Category



Priorities

The district's planning reflects a big-picture perspective focused on statewide and regional mobility, as well as safety and maintenance of transportation facilities. The designation of US 77, US 281, and US 59 as future interstate highway corridors uniquely positions the district to plan and develop these corridors to add new interstate lane mileage to the transportation system. Improvements to both US 77 and US 281, including new overpasses, frontage roads, and several relief routes, are preparing these roadways to become I-69E and I-69C, respectively. Category 4 funding allows the district to continue work on these nationally significant projects, and the funding levels above demonstrate ambitious planning for the next decade.

Regional mobility planning is coordinated closely with the MPO, especially with Category 2 funding, which allows the district to focus on projects that improve connectivity and mobility within the Nueces and San Patricio County areas. In addition, the Port of Corpus Christi is a member of the MPO and plays an instrumental role in planning transportation improvements to address the increased industrial growth in the area.

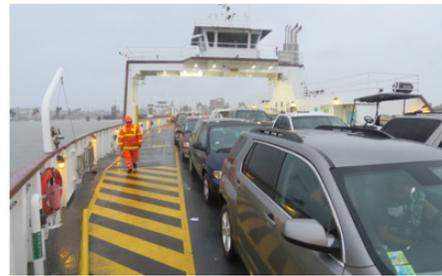
Increasing traffic in the Eagle Ford Shale contributes to maintenance needs in the district. Accordingly, the district receives energy sector funding through Category 11 to support rehabilitation of these roads. The recent addition of passing lanes on SH 72 is an example of how district staff apply these funds to improve the safety and capacity of this roadway. Staff also routinely request statewide Category 6 and Category 8 funds to address various bridge and safety needs throughout the district.

Finally, the Harbor Bridge Project is a long-time priority. At a cost of \$802.9 million, it is the largest dollar-value project ever delivered in the district. It replaces the existing Harbor Bridge and reconstructs portions of US 181, I-37, and the Crosstown Expressway. This project will be the tallest structure in South Texas and the nation's longest cable-stayed bridge. A project of this scale required a blending of funding sources, including Categories 2, 6, 7, and 12, as well as local funding.

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TxDOT FUNDING CATEGORIES

- 1 Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation
- 2 Metropolitan and Urban Area Corridor Projects
- 3 Non-Traditionally Funded Transportation Projects
- 4 Statewide Connectivity Corridor Projects
- 5 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement
- 6 Structures Replacement and Rehabilitation
- 7 Metropolitan Mobility and Rehabilitation
- 8 Safety
- 9 Transportation Alternatives Program
- 10 Supplemental Transportation Projects
- 11 District Discretionary
- 12 Strategic Priority



Ferry operations during Hurricane Harvey evacuation.

KEY DISTRICT PROJECTS & PROGRESS

Long Term (Five or more years)

- US 281, Jim Wells County: construct grade separations at County Roads 116 and 117
- US 77, Kleberg County: upgrade to freeway from Kingsville to Riviera

Short Term (Four or fewer years)

- US 181 and US 183, Bee, Goliad, and Refugio Counties: pavement and operational improvements
- US 77, Kleberg County: upgrade to freeway from FM 1356 to south of Kingsville
- US 281, Jim Wells County: construct relief route and upgrade to freeway at Premont
- I-37, Nueces and San Patricio Counties: expand freeway and raise Nueces River bridge
- SH 72 and SH 119, Goliad, Live Oak and Karnes Counties: pavement and operational improvements



Make sure to visit TxDOT's Project Tracker website to view up-to-date information transportation projects: www.txdot.gov/pt

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 [website URLs are found on the Resources Page](#)

Corpus Christi District | Multiple-County Projects

Multi-Segment Projects

IH 37		CSJ (Project ID): 0074-05-098		Programmed Construction Funding		
				Category	Amount	
Project:	IH 37 - Widen Freeway - at Nueces River			4	REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY	\$22,000,000
Limits From:	NUECES RIVER (CB)	Est. Let Date:	FY 2020-2023 (Construct)	Total		\$22,000,000
		UTP Action:	No Funding Change			
Limits To:	IH37/US 77 INTERCHANGE	Est Const. Cost:	\$22,000,000			
Description:	WIDEN FREEWAY - SAN PATRICIO COUNTY	Toll:	No			
		Ranking Tier:	1			

IH 37		CSJ (Project ID): 0074-06-241		Programmed Construction Funding		
				Category	Amount	
Project:	IH 37 - Widen Freeway - at Nueces River			2	METRO CORRIDOR	\$12,000,000
Limits From:	REDBIRD LN. (OVERPASS)	Est. Let Date:	FY 2020-2023 (Construct)	4	URBAN CONNECTIVITY	\$15,000,000
		UTP Action:	Funding Adjustment	12	STRATEGIC PRIORITY	\$33,000,000
Limits To:	NUECES RIVER_(CB)	Est Const. Cost:	\$60,000,000	Total		\$60,000,000
Description:	WIDEN FREEWAY BY CONSTRUCTING ADDITIONAL 2 TRAVEL LANES NB & 1 ADDITIONAL TRAVEL LANE SB - NUECES COUNTY	Toll:	No			
		Ranking Tier:	1			
				<i>CAT 12 increased \$18M</i>		

Corpus Christi District | Aransas County

Individual Projects

SH 35		CSJ (Project ID): 0180-04-120		Programmed Construction Funding		
				Category	Amount	
Project:	SH 35 - Safety Improvement Projects			4	REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY	\$15,000,000
Limits From:	ON SH35 AT CORPUS CHRISTI ST. INTER	Est. Let Date:	FY 2020-2023 (Construct)	Total		\$15,000,000
		UTP Action:	No Funding Change			
Limits To:	.	Est Const. Cost:	\$15,000,000			
Description:	CONSTRUCT GRADE SEPARATION	Toll:	No			
		Ranking Tier:	1			

Corpus Christi District | Jim Wells County

Individual Projects

US 281		CSJ (Project ID): 0254-07-008		Programmed Construction Funding		
				Category	Amount	
Project:	US 281 - Safety Improvement Projects			4	REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY	\$25,000,000
Limits From:	US 281 AT CR 116 & 117 INTER	Est. Let Date:	FY 2024-2029 (Develop)	Total		\$25,000,000
		UTP Action:	No Funding Change			
Limits To:	.	Est Const. Cost:	\$25,000,000			
Description:	CONSTRUCT GRADE SEPARATION (FUTURE I-69 CORRIDOR)	Toll:	No			
		Ranking Tier:	1			

US 281		CSJ (Project ID): 0254-07-010		Programmed Construction Funding		
				Category	Amount	
Project:	US 281 - Upgrade to Freeway - Alice			4	REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY	\$95,000,000
Limits From:	BU 281R N OF ALICE	Est. Let Date:	FY 2024-2029 (Develop)	Total		\$95,000,000
		UTP Action:	New Authorization			
Limits To:	BU 281R S OF ALICE	Est Const. Cost:	\$95,000,000			
Description:	CONSTRUCT MAINLANES, FRONTAGE ROADS AND STRUCTURES TO CONVERT FOUR LANE DIVIDED HIGHWAY TO FOUR LANE DIVIDED FREEWAY (FUTURE I-69 CORRIDOR)			Toll:	No	
		Ranking Tier:	1			

Corpus Christi District | Kleberg County

Individual Projects

US 77		CSJ (Project ID): 0102-04-097		Programmed Construction Funding		
				Category	Amount	
Project:	US 77 - Upgrade to Freeway - Kingsville South			4	REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY	\$95,000,000
Limits From:	CR 2130	Est. Let Date:	FY 2024-2029 (Develop)	Total		\$95,000,000
		UTP Action:	Funding Adjustment			
Limits To:	1.5 MI. N. OF SH 285	Est Const. Cost:	\$95,000,000			
Description:	CONSTRUCT MAINLANES, FRONTAGE ROADS AND STRUCTURES (FUTURE I-69 CORRIDOR)			Toll:	No	
		Ranking Tier:	1			

US 77		CSJ (Project ID): 0102-04-099		Programmed Construction Funding		
				Category	Amount	
Project:	US 77 - Upgrade to Freeway - Kingsville South			4	REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY	\$45,000,000
Limits From:	FM 1356	Est. Let Date:	FY 2020-2023 (Construct)	Total		\$45,000,000
		UTP Action:	Funding Adjustment			
Limits To:	CR 2130	Est Const. Cost:	\$45,000,000			
Description:	CONSTRUCT MAINLANES, FRONTAGE ROADS AND STRUCTURES (FUTURE I-69 CORRIDOR)			Toll:	No	
		Ranking Tier:	1			

US 77		CSJ (Project ID): 0327-09-002		Programmed Construction Funding		
				Category	Amount	
Project:	US 77 Riviera Relief Route			4	REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY	\$120,000,000
Limits From:	1.5 MI N. OF SH 285 INTERSECTION	Est. Let Date:	FY 2024-2029 (Develop)	Total		\$120,000,000
		UTP Action:	New Authorization			
Limits To:	KENEDY/KLBERG COUNTY LINE	Est Const. Cost:	\$120,000,000			
Description:	THE PROJECT WILL CONSTRUCT A 4-LANE DIVIDED FREEWAY RELIEF ROUTE ON NEW LOCATION AROUND RIVIERA. (FUTURE I-69 CORRIDOR)			Toll:	No	
		Ranking Tier:	1			

Corpus Christi District | Nueces County

Individual Projects

SH 286		CSJ (Project ID): 0326-01-056		Programmed Construction Funding	
				Category	Amount
Project:	SH 286 - Upgrade to Freeway	Est. Let Date:	FY 2020-2023 (Construct)	2 METRO CORRIDOR	\$40,000,000
Limits From:	FM 43	UTP Action:	Funding Adjustment	Total \$40,000,000	
Limits To:	SOUTH OF FM 2444	Est Const. Cost:	\$40,000,000	<i>CAT 2 increased \$21.5M</i>	
Description:	CONSTRUCT PHASE I FREEWAY EXTENSION BY UPGRADING EXISTING 2- LN RDWY TO 4-LN DIVIDED HIGHWAY	Toll:	No		
		Ranking Tier:	2		

SH 358		CSJ (Project ID): 0617-01-177		Programmed Construction Funding	
				Category	Amount
Project:	SH 358 - Freeway Ramp Improvements	Est. Let Date:	FY 2020-2023 (Construct)	2 METRO CORRIDOR	\$35,000,000
Limits From:	NILE DRIVE	UTP Action:	No Funding Change	Total \$35,000,000	
Limits To:	STAPLES STREET	Est Const. Cost:	\$35,000,000		
Description:	RAMP REVERSAL PHASE II-B	Toll:	No		
		Ranking Tier:	1		

PR 22		CSJ (Project ID): 0617-02-073		Programmed Construction Funding	
				Category	Amount
Project:	PR 22 - Intersection Improvements	Est. Let Date:	FY 2024-2029 (Develop)	2 METRO CORRIDOR	\$16,000,000
Limits From:	AQUARIUS ST.	UTP Action:	No Funding Change	Total \$16,000,000	
Limits To:	WHITECAP BLVD.	Est Const. Cost:	\$16,000,000		
Description:	CORRIDOR UPGRADE FOR PEDESTRIAN AND ACCESS _MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS WITHOUT ADDING CAPACITY	Toll:	No		
		Ranking Tier:	2		

Corpus Christi District | San Patricio County

Multi-Segment Projects

US 181		CSJ (Project ID): 0101-04-114		Programmed Construction Funding	
				Category	Amount
Project:	US 181 - Widen Freeway - Portland	Est. Let Date:	FY 2020-2023 (Construct)	2 METRO CORRIDOR	\$4,000,000
Limits From:	FM 3239 (BUDDY GANEM DR.)	UTP Action:	No Funding Change	Total \$4,000,000	
Limits To:	FM 2986 (WILDCAT DR.)	Est Const. Cost:	\$4,000,000		
Description:	REVERSE ENTRANCE AND EXIT RAMPS IN NORTHBOUND DIRECTION	Toll:	No		
		Ranking Tier:	1		

US 181		CSJ (Project ID): 0101-04-120		Programmed Construction Funding	
				Category	Amount
Project:	US 181 - Widen Freeway - Portland	Est. Let Date:	FY 2020-2023 (Construct)	2 METRO CORRIDOR	\$2,000,000
Limits From:	FM3239 (BUDDY GANEM DR.)	UTP Action:	Funding Adjustment	4 URBAN CONNECTIVITY	\$12,000,000
Limits To:	FM2986 (WILDCAT DR.)	Est Const. Cost:	\$14,000,000	Total \$14,000,000	
Description:	THE PROJECT WILL UPGRADE THE EXISTING 4-LANE FREEWAY TO A 6-LANE FREEWAY BY CONSTRUCTING 1 ADDITIONAL TRAVEL LANE IN EACH DIRECTION.	Toll:	No	<i>CAT 4 increased \$8M</i>	
		Ranking Tier:	1		

SH 35		CSJ (Project ID): 0180-06-118		Programmed Construction Funding	
				Category	Amount
Project:	SH 361/SH 35 - Interchange	Est. Let Date:	FY 2024-2029 (Develop)	4 URBAN CONNECTIVITY	\$21,500,000
Limits From:	FM 3284	UTP Action:	New Authorization	Total	\$21,500,000
Limits To:	.23 MI N OF SH 361	Est Const. Cost:	\$21,500,000		
Description:	UPGRADE/ADD DIRECT CONNECTORS	Toll:	No		
		Ranking Tier:	1		

SH 361		CSJ (Project ID): 0180-10-082		Programmed Construction Funding	
				Category	Amount
Project:	SH 361/SH 35 - Interchange	Est. Let Date:	FY 2024-2029 (Develop)	2 METRO CORRIDOR	\$38,500,000
Limits From:	AT SH35 INTERCHANGE	UTP Action:	No Funding Change	Total	\$38,500,000
Limits To:	.6 MI SE ON SH 361	Est Const. Cost:	\$38,500,000		
Description:	UPGRADE/ADD DIRECT CONNECTORS	Toll:	No		
		Ranking Tier:	1		

Individual Projects

US 77		CSJ (Project ID): 0371-04-062		Programmed Construction Funding	
				Category	Amount
Project:	US 77 - Upgrade to Freeway - Sinton	Est. Let Date:	FY 2024-2029 (Develop)	4 REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY	\$40,000,000
Limits From:	CHILTIPIIN CREEK BR (CONTROL BREAK)	UTP Action:	No Funding Change	Total	\$40,000,000
Limits To:	BUSINESS NORTH (SINTON)	Est Const. Cost:	\$40,000,000		
Description:	UPGRADE TO FREEWAY STANDARDS (FUTURE I-69 CORRIDOR)	Toll:	No		
		Ranking Tier:	1		

US 77		CSJ (Project ID): 0372-01-101		Programmed Construction Funding	
				Category	Amount
Project:	US 77 - Upgrade to Freeway - Sinton	Est. Let Date:	FY 2024-2029 (Develop)	4 REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY	\$40,000,000
Limits From:	BUSINESS SOUTH (SINTON)	UTP Action:	No Funding Change	Total	\$40,000,000
Limits To:	CHILTIPIIN CREEK BR (CONTROL BREAK)	Est Const. Cost:	\$40,000,000		
Description:	UPGRADE TO FREEWAY STANDARDS (FUTURE I-69 CORRIDOR)	Toll:	No		
		Ranking Tier:	1		

US 77		CSJ (Project ID): 0372-01-106		Programmed Construction Funding	
				Category	Amount
Project:	US 77 - Upgrade to Freeway - at IH 37	Est. Let Date:	FY 2024-2029 (Develop)	4 REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY	\$127,500,000
Limits From:	IH 37 AND INTERCHANGE	UTP Action:	No Funding Change	Total	\$127,500,000
Limits To:	SOUTH OF ODEM	Est Const. Cost:	\$127,500,000		
Description:	UPGRADE FREEWAY AND UPGRADE INTERCHANGE (FUTURE I-69 CORRIDOR)	Toll:	No		
		Ranking Tier:	1		

FM 893		CSJ (Project ID): 1209-01-030		Programmed Construction Funding	
				Category	Amount
Project:	FM 893 - Widen Non-Freeway	Est. Let Date:	FY 2020-2023 (Construct)	2 METRO CORRIDOR	\$7,000,000
Limits From:	CR 3685 (STARK RD)	UTP Action:	No Funding Change	Total	\$7,000,000
Limits To:	.2 MI W OF CR 79 (GUM HOLLOW)	Est Const. Cost:	\$7,000,000		
Description:	UPGRADE TO 5-LANE URBAN ROADWAY BY CONSTRUCTING ADDTNL 2 LANES AND CLTL	Toll:	No		
		Ranking Tier:	3		