

## Roadway Connectivity is a Key Priority for the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Future Interstate and Texas **I-27 Advisory Committee**



The Ports-to-Plains Corridor was designated as a future interstate in Texas and New Mexico in the federal Fiscal Year 2022 omnibus appropriations bill. Interstate 27 (I-27) is part of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor and exists between Lubbock and Amarillo. It is assumed the Corridor will be designated I-27 as it extends south from San Angelo and north from Amarillo. Route numbering is ultimately the responsibility of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the United States Department of Transportation. The 963-mile corridor spans 26 Texas counties and includes portions of I-20, I-27, I-35, US 83, US 87, US 277, US 287, SH 158, and SH 349.

## **Roadway Networks that Connect through the Ports-to-Plains Corridor**



**Interstates** 

**State Highways** 

**U.S. Highways** 

Interstates - Network of controlled-access highways that forms part of the National Highway System.

Texas Trunk System - Network of rural highways to improve rural mobility, connect major activity centers, and provide access to ports of entry into Texas. Approximately 878 miles or 91% of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor is on the Texas Trunk System.

The Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET)<sup>1</sup> - Network of roads deemed necessary for emergency mobilization and peacetime movement of heavy armor, fuel, ammunition, repair parts, food, and other commodities to support U.S. military

National Highway System - National network of roadways important to the nation's economy, defense, and mobility.

## **Building a Resilient Texas Interstate System**

The Ports-to-Plains Corridor Interstate System is a key component of building resiliency within the Texas Interstate system. The future interstate upgrade would:2



Reduce truck traffic congestion from nearby parallel routes



Provide a safer and more reliable route



Reduce travel time by 89 minutes

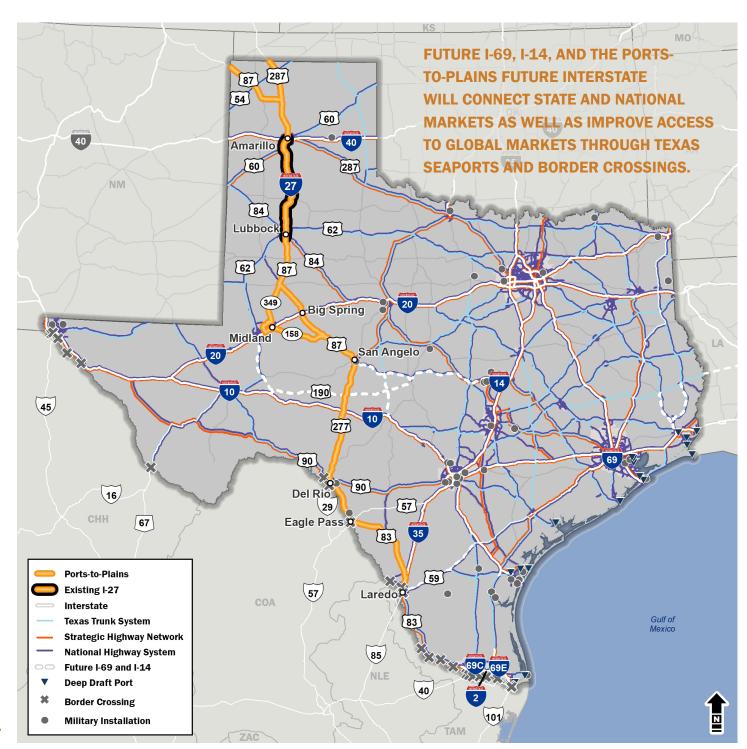


Increase average daily truck traffic by 24% in 2050

In addition to the Ports-to-Plains Corridor (future interstate), TxDOT is working toward the designation of two other future interstate systems:

I-69	<b>1,134</b> miles	14% designated
I-14	<b>1,031 miles</b>	8% designated
P2P	963 miles	16% designated

**FUTURE INTERSTATES INCLUDING PORTS-TO-PLAINS,** I-14, AND I-69 WOULD DOUBLE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY MILES CURRENTLY IN TEXAS.



**Roadway Network Crossing** 

<sup>1</sup>TxDOT ArcGIS OpenData <sup>2</sup>Ports-to-Plains Corridor Interstate Feasibility Study (October 2020)



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## **Future U.S. Interstate Highway and International Connections**

