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**TEXAS REP. DUSTIN BURROWS FILES HOUSE BILL 869 TO
AUTHORIZE TXDOT STUDY OF EXTENDING I-27 TO LAREDO**
Lubbock Mayor and Ports to Plains Alliance Support Study

Texas State Representative Dustin R. Burrows (HD-83) filed House Bill 869 today, legislation directing the Texas Department of Transportation to conduct a feasibility study of extending Interstate Highway I-27 from Lubbock to Laredo.

"This bill would direct TXDOT to examine a critically needed expansion of I-27, which currently ends in Lubbock. Given the economic and population growth West Texas has experienced during the last 20-years, the continuation of the interstate to Laredo would allow for further industry and business expansion along the route," said Burrows. "President-elect Trump has stated he will pursue substantial national infrastructure improvements and my bill positions West Texas to be ready with a solid plan for the I-27 expansion," Burrows added.

Michael Reeves, Executive Director of the Ports to Plains Alliance, a group of over 275 communities and businesses who advocate for transportation infrastructure improvement, said "We wholeheartedly support Rep. Burrows' bill which will facilitate a critical next step in our efforts to extend Interstate 27. Texas does not have a major north-south Interstate west of I-35. An extended I-27 will boost economic growth and opportunity in West Texas, while serving as a much needed alternative to the congested I-35 corridor."

Lubbock Mayor Dan Pope said "From an economic development perspective, the extension of I-27 would be a huge boost, not only to Lubbock's economy, but to virtually all of the communities along the interstate. A thorough TXDOT study would certainly prepare us for the next step in this process."

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