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## It's Official: First I-69 Signs To Go Up In Corpus Christi & Robstown

ALLIANCE FOR I-69 TEXAS

The first section of Interstate 69 in Texas will soon be a reality.

The Federal Highway Administration has given official approval to adding a 6.2 mile section of US 77 at Corpus Christi to the Interstate Highway System and to signing it as Interstate 69.

The section starts at Interstate 37 in northwest Corpus Christi and extends south to the intersection with State Highway 44 in Robstown. TxDOT completed this piece of US 77 to interstate standard in 2006.

Addition of the section to the Interstate System was supported by members of the Texas Congressional Delegation and the Texas Legislature.

“The Alliance for I-69 Texas has actively supported efforts to begin signing sections of I-69 and we see this decision as only the first step in adding completed sections to the Interstate Highway System,” said John Thompson, chairman of the Alliance board of directors which is made up of leaders from communities along US 59, US 77 and US 281.

“The signing of portions of I-69 will be a great step in expanding the interstate system to meet the transportation needs of Texas and the nation. I expect a great positive economic impact and improved job market as we link more of South Texas to the Interstate Highway System,” said U.S. Rep. Blake Farenthold who represents District 27 which stretches from Corpus Christi to Brownsville.

Approval came in an Aug. 1 letter from FHWA Administrator Victor Mendez. FHWA made an official finding that the 6.2-mile segment met the requirements set out in a 1991 federal law for addition of I-69 components to the Interstate Highway System.

John Casey, District Engineer for the TxDOT Corpus Christi District, said the district is ordering the new red, white and blue signs and will have them up as soon as the approval process is complete.

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