

Interstate 69 Coalition

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I-69 History

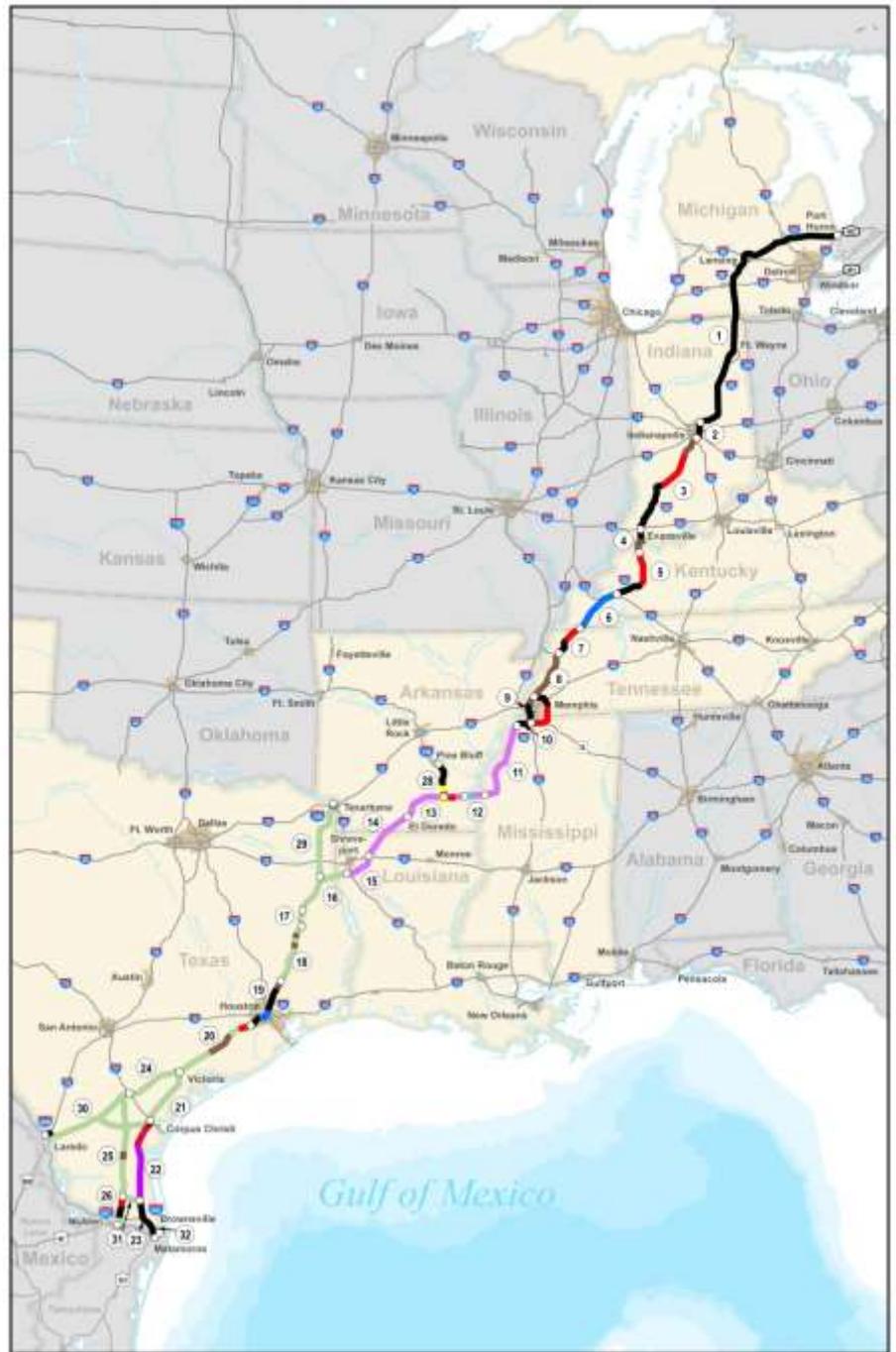
Year	Description
1991	<p>Congress Designated Corridor 18 and Corridor 20 as High Priority Corridors of National Significance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Corridor 18 - Indianapolis to Memphis✓ Corridor 20 - Laredo to Texarkana
1993	<p>Corridor 18 Extended from Memphis to Houston Connecting to Corridor 20 I-69 Steering Committee Established - Arkansas Lead State</p>
1995	<p>The National Highway System Designation Act added Specific Language that Corridor 18 would serve Mississippi and Arkansas and that Corridors 18 and 20 were “Future Parts of the Interstate System”</p>
1998	<p>Congress Further Expands Corridor 18, Officially Designates the Route as Interstate 69 and adds Connections to Pine Bluff and Chicago</p>
2007	<p>USDOT Selected Interstate 69 as one of six Corridors of the Future</p>

I-69 Status



Interstate 69 Corridor Status

-  Open to Traffic
-  Under Construction
-  Right of Way Acquisition in Progress
-  Design in Progress
-  NEPA Complete (FONSI Issued)
-  NEPA Complete (Record of Decision Issued)
-  NEPA in Progress
-  Evaluation - Use Existing Alignments to the Greatest Extent Possible
-  Corridor to Utilize Existing Fully Controlled Access Facilities
-  Section of Independent Utility





- 2,730 miles
- Estimated Cost to Complete - \$30 Billion
- 32 “Segments of Independent Utility” (SIUs)
- Innovative Financing Study Complete

✓ *“Based on the limited availability of resources for I-69 at the state level, it appears that significant Federal assistance will be required to advance development of the I-69 Corridor, particularly given the high cost of the bridges across the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers that are keys to ensuring connectivity throughout the corridor.”*

I-69 Corridor



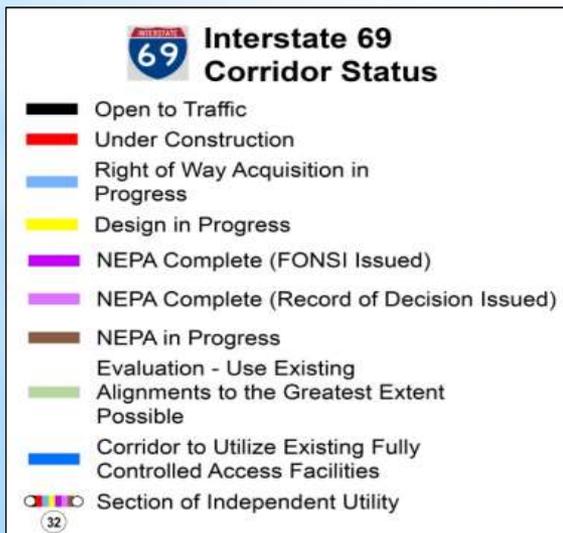


Arkansas Interstate 69 Update



I-69 in Arkansas

- Preferred Alignment Identified
- 184 miles
- Estimated Cost to Complete - \$3.0 Billion
- 4 “Segments of Independent Utility” (SIUs)
- Federal Earmarked Funds - \$300 Million





I-69 in Arkansas



I-69 Corridor





I-69 Connector

- Environmental Studies Complete / Preferred Alignment Selected
- 42 miles
- Right-of-Way Purchased for 4-lane Interstate Facility
- Initial Construction 2 Lanes
- Current Estimate is \$632million for the ultimate 4-lane Interstate Facility



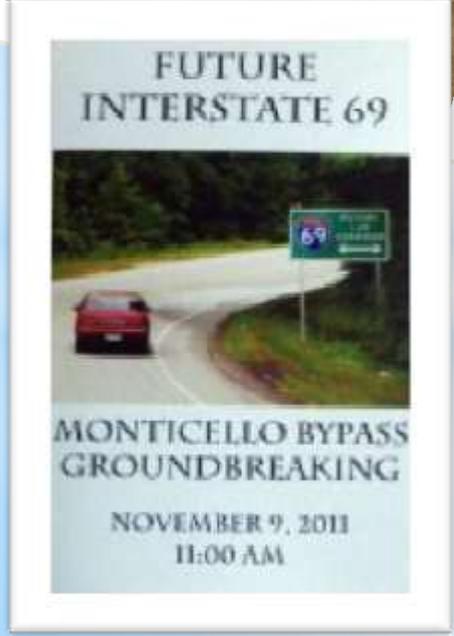


I-69 Connector Funding Summary



Status	Miles	Total (millions)
Complete	29.0	\$ 187
Scheduled	2.8	\$ 11
Unfunded	10.5	\$ 434*
Total	42.3	\$ 632

* Completion of initial two lanes and additional lanes for entire route.



Monticello Bypass



Great River Bridge



Future I-69 Great River Bridge

Desha County, Arkansas
Bolivar County, Mississippi



- Design Complete
- Estimated Cost - \$1.3 Billion
 - ✓ Arkansas' Portion - \$910 Million
- Right of Way Acquisition Nearing Completion



I-69 Great River Bridge

Spanning a River – Connecting a Nation



I-69 Funding Summary



Status	Miles	Total (millions)
Complete	-	-
Under Construction	8.5	\$ 13
Scheduled	11.3	\$ 79
Unfunded	122.0	\$ 2,980
Totals	141.8	\$ 3,072



**FASTLANE 2016
GRANT APPLICATION
I-69 PROJECT**



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Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) Grant

- Requested \$12 Million
- Total Project Cost \$25 Million
- Project Development Activities
- Monticello Bypass to Great River Bridge



“There are those that look at things the way they are, and ask why? I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?”

– Robert F. Kennedy