# VARIOUS COUNTIES AND DISTRICTS AUTHORIZATION TO DESIGNATE ON THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM I-369, I-69E, I-2, AND I-69C

## **Description**

This minute order designates the following highway segments:

- A 3.5 mile segment of US 59, from I-30 to State Loop 151 in Texarkana, to be designated as I-369.
- A 53.3 mile segment of US 77, from the junction of Business 77 north of Raymondville to the limits of access control just north of the United States-Mexico International Border Crossing Complex, to be designated as I-69 East (I-69E).
- A 46.8 mile segment of US 83, from the junction of Showers Road in Palmview to US 77 in Harlingen, to be designated as I-2.
- A 13.5 mile segment of US 281, from the junction of FM 2812 in Edinburg to US 83 in Pharr, to be designated as I-69 Central (I-69C).

Additionally, this minute order re-designates I-69/US 77 from I-37 in Corpus Christi southward approximately 6.2 miles to SH 44 in Robstown to I-69 East (I-69E).

## **Background**

The department has made individual requests to designate the above highway segments as part of the Interstate Highway System, based on the procedures and criteria established in Appendix A and Appendix B to 23 CFR Part 470, Subpart A, and the policies of FHWA and AASHTO.

Minute Order 112875, dated October 27, 2011, designated I-69 on the state highway system concurrent with US 77 from I-37 in Corpus Christi southward approximately 6.2 miles to SH 44 in Robstown. FHWA subsequently informed the department and AASHTO that this segment of I-69 should be renumbered as I-69 East (I 69E). During its spring 2013 meeting, AASHTO approved an application to change the Interstate route numbering of this Interstate system segment from I-69 to I-69E.

### Criteria

Before a segment of highway can be added to the Interstate Highway System, AASHTO must take action to approve the application. Furthermore, FHWA must confirm that the highway segment meets the applicable FHWA Interstate designation regulations and criteria, and approve any associated design exception requests. Following such confirmation, the FHWA Administrator must take action to approve the addition of the highway segment to the Interstate Highway System.

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| Problem/Condition |  |  |

# **Other Comments**

None.

None.

## **Alternate Solutions/Actions**

None.

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### **VARIOUS** Districts

The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) previously authorized the Texas Department of Transportation (department) to submit applications to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) requesting that the following highway segments be added to the Interstate Highway System:

- A 3.5 mile segment of US 59, from I-30 to State Loop 151 in Texarkana, to be designated as I-369 (Exhibit A).
- A 53.3 mile segment of US 77, from the junction of Business 77 north of Raymondville to the limits of access control just north of the United States-Mexico International Border Crossing Complex, to be designated as I-69 East (I-69E) (Exhibit B).
- A 46.8 mile segment of US 83, from the junction of Showers Road in Palmview to US 77 in Harlingen, to be designated as I-2 (Exhibit C).
- A 13.5 mile segment of US 281, from the junction of FM 2812 in Edinburg to US 83 in Pharr, to be designated as I-69 Central (I-69C) (Exhibit D)

Before a segment of highway can be added to the Interstate Highway System, AASHTO must take action to approve the application. Furthermore, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) must confirm that the highway segment meets the applicable Interstate designation regulations and criteria, and approve any associated design exception requests. Following such confirmation, the FHWA Administrator must take action to approve the addition of the highway segment to the Interstate Highway System. As of May 24, 2013, AASHTO and the FHWA Administrator have issued the required approvals.

Additionally, Minute Order 112875, dated October 27, 2011, designated I-69 on the state highway system concurrent with US 77 from I-37 in Corpus Christi southward approximately 6.2 miles to SH 44 in Robstown. FHWA subsequently informed the department and AASHTO that this segment of I-69 should be renumbered as I-69 East (I 69E). During its spring 2013 meeting, AASHTO approved an application to change the Interstate route numbering of this Interstate system segment from I-69 to I-69E.

Pursuant to Texas Transportation Code, §§201.103 and 221.001, the executive director of the department has recommended the concurrent designations described above. The commission finds that the concurrent designations described above will facilitate the flow of traffic, promote public safety, and maintain continuity of the state highway system and are necessary for the proper development and operation of the system.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that I-369 (as shown on Exhibit A), I-69E (as shown on Exhibit B), I-2 (as shown on Exhibit C), and I-69C (as shown on Exhibit D) are to be so designated on the state highway system concurrent with the existing route numbers.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the previously-designated portion of I-69/US 77 be designated on the state highway system as I-69E, concurrent with the existing US 77 route number (as shown in Exhibit E).

| Submitted and reviewed by: | Recommended by:              |
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| Director of Planning       | Executive Director           |
|                            | Minute Date<br>Number Passed |







