



Growing the Advantage: Planning “Something Big”

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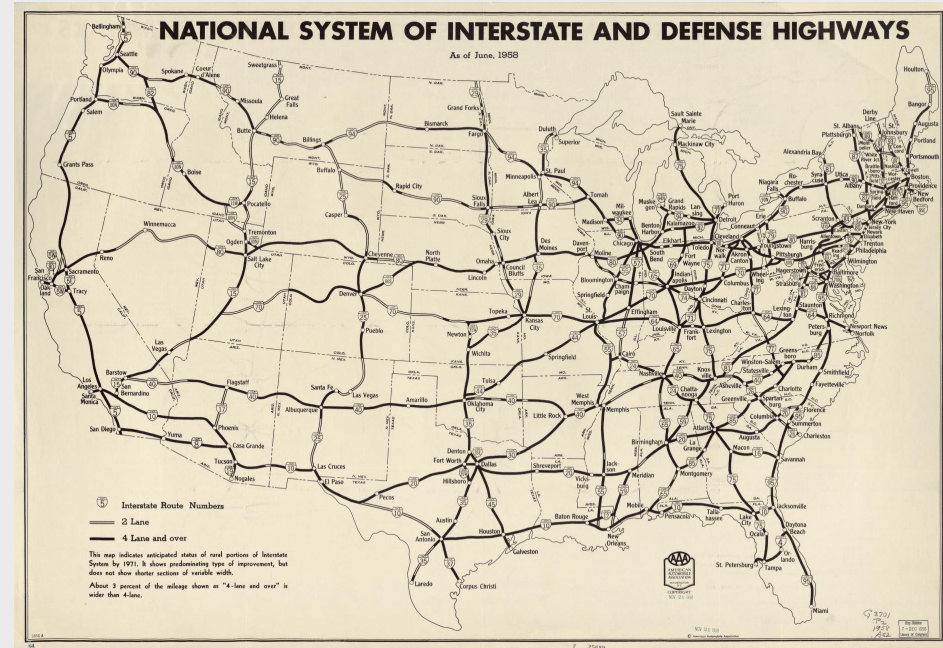
The Good Neighbor Road on Nov. 27, 1942. This was a news article on the completion of the Pan American Highway.

"It will ease the strain of shipping lanes, make strategic raw materials from South America more available for our war industries, and in the post-war years open up vast opportunities for tourists."



Interstate Highway System

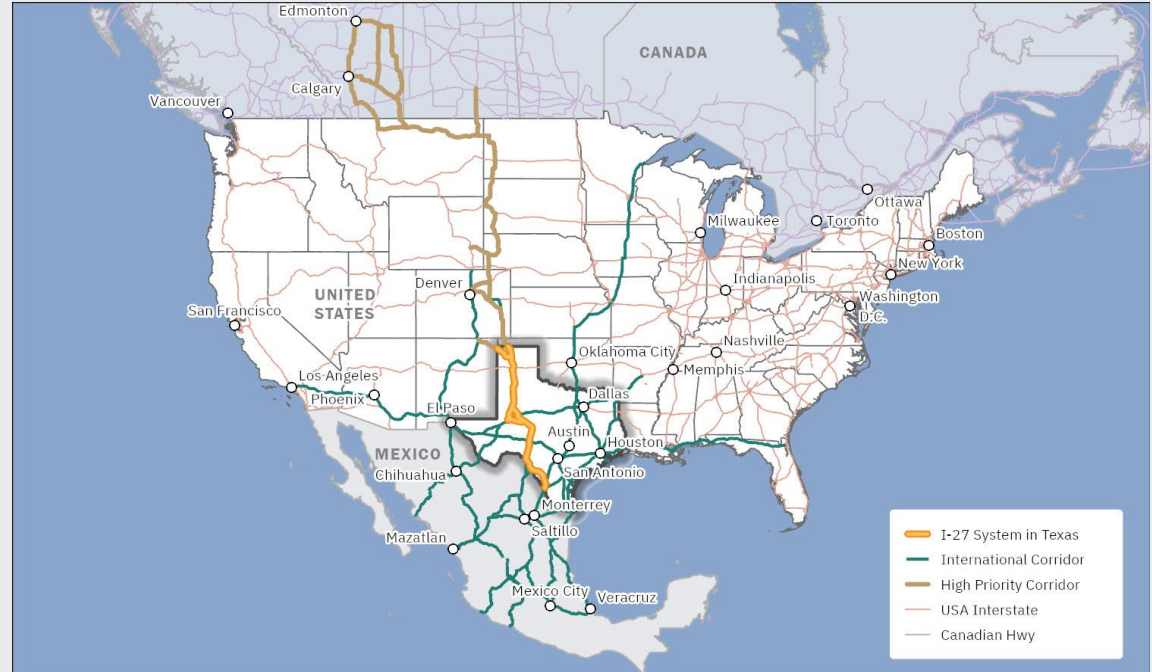
- In 1956, Congress passed the Federal-Aid Highway Act, creating federal funds for interstate highway construction.
- The Interstate Highway System remains critical roadway infrastructure:
 - Connecting principal metropolitan areas, cities, and industrial centers
 - Serving the national defense
 - Providing important linkages to Canada and Mexico



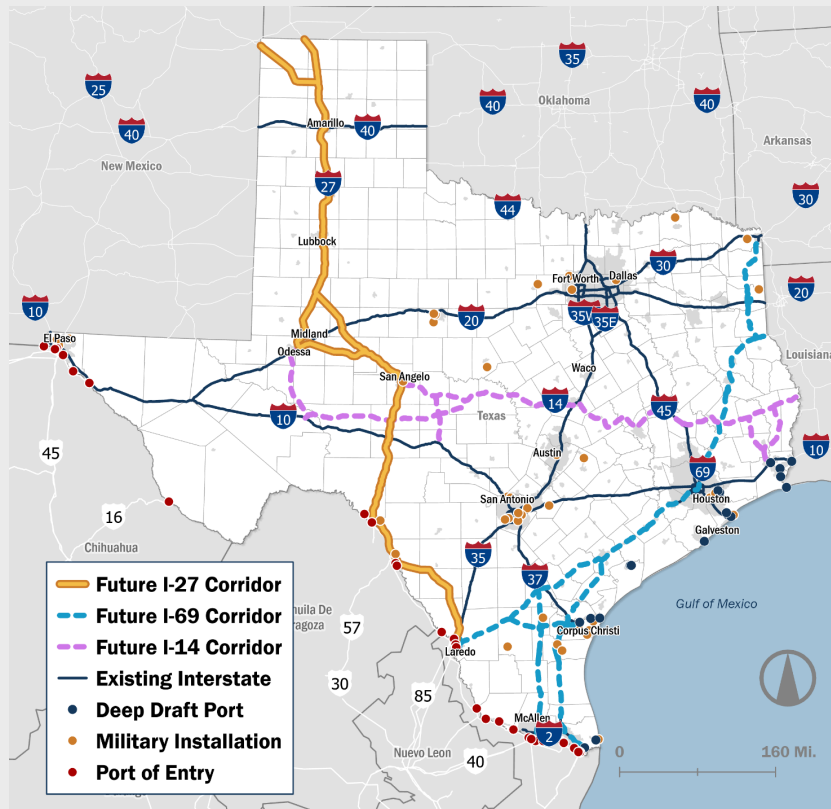
Interstate Highway Map, 1958 (Sources: AAA; Library of Congress)

Ports-to-Plains System

- The Fiscal Year 2022 Omnibus Appropriations Bill designated the Ports-to-Plains Corridor from the Texas-Mexico border to Raton, New Mexico as a future interstate.
- Once constructed to interstate standards, the estimated mileage of the I-27 system in Texas and New Mexico is **1,050**.



Interstate 27 System in Texas





THE MULTI-STATE FUTURE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY PROGRAM

BACK TO A NATIONAL VISION

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP FUTURE
INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS

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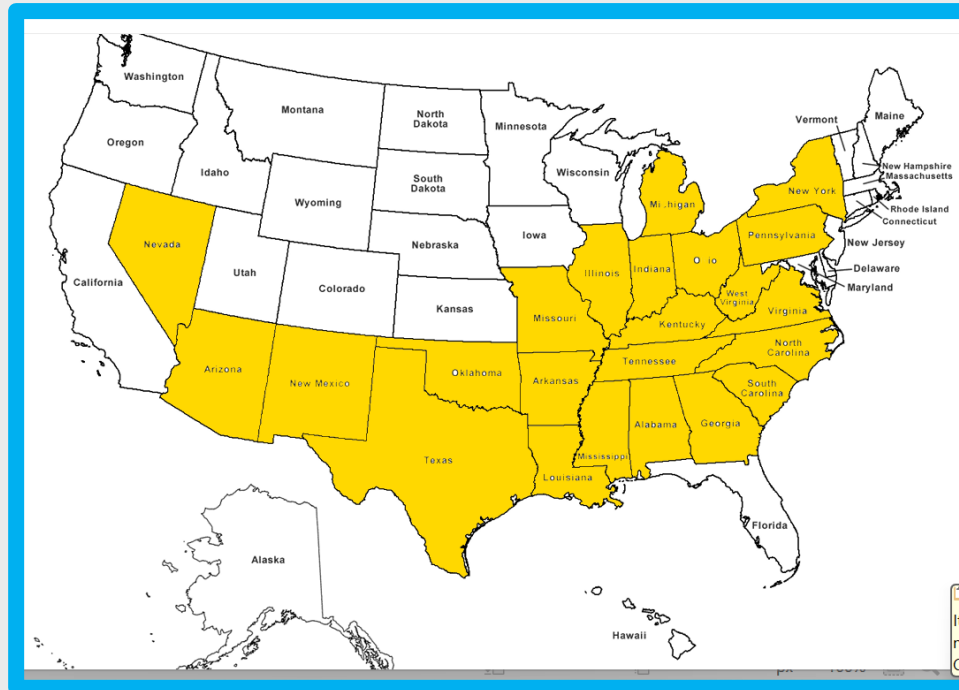
- There are more than 3,400 existing mainlane centerline Interstate Highway miles in Texas
- Future Interstate Highway Systems
 - Interstate 69 (522 miles)(172 miles signed)
 - Interstate 14 (1025 miles)(25 miles signed)
 - Interstate 27 (963 miles)(128 miles signed)



Multi-State Future Interstate Highways Background

- There is **currently no dedicated federal funding** to plan and construct Future Interstate Highways.
- There is a **need for a renewed federal commitment** to expanding and modernizing the Interstate System to meet 21st-century transportation, economic, and security challenges.
- **This is not a first effort:** Renewing the National Commitment to the Interstate Highway System: A Foundation for the Future (2019) identified the need for an expanded interstate system.

Multi-State Future Interstate Highways



**Multi-State
Future
Interstate
Highways in
GOLD**

Future Interstate Opportunities on the Ports-to-Plains Corridors

- Currently we have **three High Priority Corridors** connecting the Mid-Western United States from Mexico to Canada
- **Only** the Texas and New Mexico segments are **designated** as a future interstate corridor.
- Our objective is to get the rest of our corridor **designated and funded** as future interstate



Future Interstate Opportunities on the Ports-to-Plains Corridors

- **Three Steps** to get the remainder of our corridor designated and funded
 - 1 **Interstate Feasibility Study** on the remainder of our corridor
 - 2 **Congressional interstate designation** for the remainder of our corridor
 - 3 **Interstate funding program** in the next Federal Surface Transportation bill



Multi-State Future Interstate Highways

Communities, chambers, counties, MPOs, cities, and transportation coalitions across the country are uniting to call for a dedicated funding mechanism to complete these vital corridors. Let's build "**Something Big**" – with the same boldness that built the Interstate System 70 years ago.

Thank You

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