

## **I-14 Gulf Coast Strategic Highway Coalition Membership**

Tom Green County Commissioner's Court  
June 28, 2016  
Roland Peña, Economic Development Director



## **I-14 Gulf Coast Strategic Highway Coalition**

- April 5th, John Thompson, met with Economic Development Partners
- Representatives of:
  - Chamber of Commerce
  - Tom Green County
  - COSADC
  - City of San Angelo

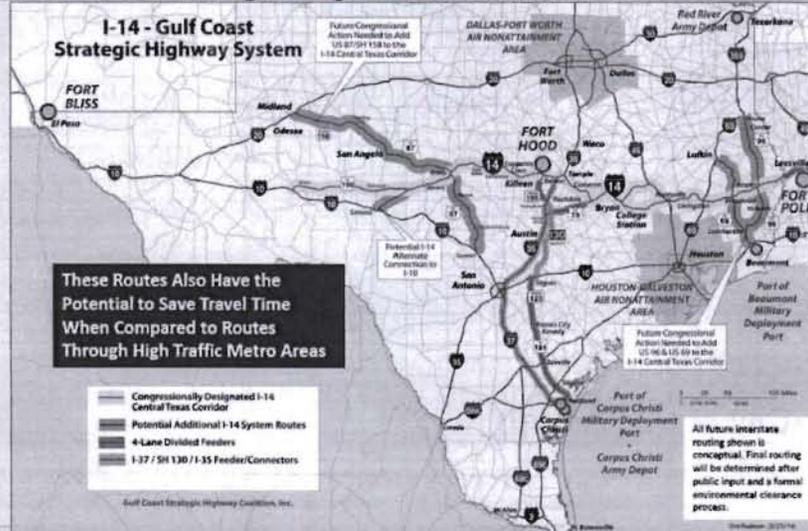


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- Meeting requested by Mr. Thompson
- Interest in joining the I-14 GSCH Coalition
- Local representatives were receptive to the idea
- Seek approval from their respective organizations
- Met with Midland and Odessa representatives
- Create segments along the I-14



### Would Provide Routes Across Texas Outside Federal Air Quality Non-Attainment Areas



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- John Thompson, Former County Judge, Polk County, Chairman
- Duane Peters, County Judge, Brazos County, Vice Chairman
- Mark Allen, Jasper County Judge
- Nancy Berry, Mayor, City of College Station
- Jason Bienski, Mayor, City of Bryan
- Jacques Blanchette, Tyler County Judge
- Scott Cospers, Mayor, City of Killeen
- Major General Kendal Cox, USA (ret.) President, Heart of Texas Defense Alliance



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- John Crutchfield, President and CEO, Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce
- Chris Fisher, Port of Beaumont Director & CEO
- John LaRue, Executive Director, Port of Corpus Christi Authority
- Nelda Martinez, Mayor, City of Corpus Christi
- Malcolm Morris, Vernon Parish Police Jury
- Chairman, Vernon Parish Chamber Transportation Committee
- Danny Pierce, Walker County Judge
- Mike Reese, President, Fort Polk Progress
- Terry Simpson, San Patricio County Judge



## **I-14 Gulf Coast Strategic Highway Coalition**

- Texas Transportation Commission authorized application
- American Association of State Highway and Transportation
- US 190 as part of the National Interstate Highway System as I-14
- Bell County officials asking for a study of proposed routes on US 190 from I-35



## **I-14 Gulf Coast Strategic Highway Coalition**

- On May 25, 2016 at the COSADC Board meeting
- Approved the allocation of up to \$15,000 to join
- Allow up to three (3) voting memberships on the coalition
  - Two members - COSADC
  - One member to be designated by City Council



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Central Texas Transportation

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# Central Texas officials call for study of eastern Interstate 14 routes

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BELTON — Bell County transportation officials unanimously voted Wednesday to ask the Texas Department of Transportation to study proposed routes for a portion of the planned Interstate 14.

A feasibility study is needed to assess the eastern Bell County routes and develop a recommendation, members of the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization's transportation board said.

"Though the building of this portion of future IH-14 is likely many years out, it is best to have a proposed route in place so that all affected parties may plan accordingly," the organization said in a staff report.

The planning organization participated in a joint meeting with stakeholders May 3 regarding the eastern alignment of the future interstate. Participants looked at several potential routes to connect current U.S. Highway 190 where it meets Interstate 35 to the other portions of 190 in eastern Bell County.

Highway 190 from I-35 west to the Copperas Cove bypass is under review to confirm that it is constructed to interstate highway design standards, Director Cheryl Maxwell said.

"We anticipate official designation of this section as I-14 later this year," she said. "U.S. 190 from I-35 eastward takes a more circuitous route."

The proposed I-14 route merges with I-35 in Belton and heads north and merges with Loop 363 in Temple before heading east and then south through eastern Bell County.

A more direct route east may be more efficient, secure and desirable, Maxwell said.

The study area proposed has a general boundary of I-35 on the west, existing U.S. 190 (Loop 363) on the north, existing U.S. 190 portions near Rogers on the east and FM 436 on the south.

Two possible options are currently identified in the planning organization's Mobility 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

One option follows FM 93 and the other generally follows FM 436.

In the proposal, Maxwell asks TxDOT officials to consider those two options along with the current route and any other options that may be feasible.

She said the outcome of the study should identify possible routes, an analysis of the feasibility of each route and a recommendation.

After the planning organization receives the information, it would present possible options to the public for its input.

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- ✓ Request for a representative of the Tom Green County Commissioners Court
- ✓ Additional regional representatives



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