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# Texas is growing

- I-69 Texas offers an opportunity to meet transportation demands from increased population and traffic.
- Citizen participation and input will help develop recommendations for I-69 Texas
- “Driven by Texans” emphasizes importance of citizen-led planning for I-69 Texas

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# About I-69

- In Texas, it follows existing routes: US 59, US 77, US 84, US 281 and SH 44
- I-69 is a national interstate from Michigan to Texas and partially completed in some states
- Completing I-69 Texas is a very long-term project
- **All planning is conceptual right now**

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# I-69 is Driven by Texans

- Five citizen-led segments committees along I-69 Texas system; one advisory committee to oversee recommendations of entire I-69 Texas system
- Regular planning meetings to study and develop recommendations
- Each segment has its own transportation needs and challenges as well as common principles for I-69 development

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# Benefits of I-69 Texas

- Serves population and traffic growth
- Provides safer travel (bridges and overpasses, exit, entrance ramps)
- Improves emergency evacuation routes
- Maintains and improves economic development



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# Citizen's Principles for I-69 Texas

- Existing highway footprints should be used for I-69 Texas
- Public input is vital
- Communities will benefit from I-69 Texas



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## I-69 Segment Four

- Counties: Brooks, Cameron, Hidalgo, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, San Patricio, and Willacy.
- Encompasses portions of US 59, US 77, US 281 and SH 44
- Segment Committee members are citizens from cities, counties, chambers of commerce, ports, economic development corps., Texas Farm Bureau
- Committee members are listed at <http://www.txdot.gov/DrivenbyTexans>

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## I-69 Segment Five

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# Segment Four Priorities

(Conceptual and preliminary ideas)

- US 77 Priorities
  - Improve to interstate quality south of Lyford to Willacy/Kenedy County line
  - Relief Route at Riviera
  - Improve to interstate quality Willacy/Kenedy County line to south of Riviera
  - Improve to interstate quality north of Riviera to south of Driscoll
- US 281 Priorities
  - Relief Route to serve US 59 and US 281 at George West
  - Improve to interstate quality north of McAllen to south of Falfurrias
  - Relief Route at Premont
  - Improve to interstate quality Brooks/Jim Wells County line to south of Premont
- Designate as I-69 existing freeway sections that meet interstate standards

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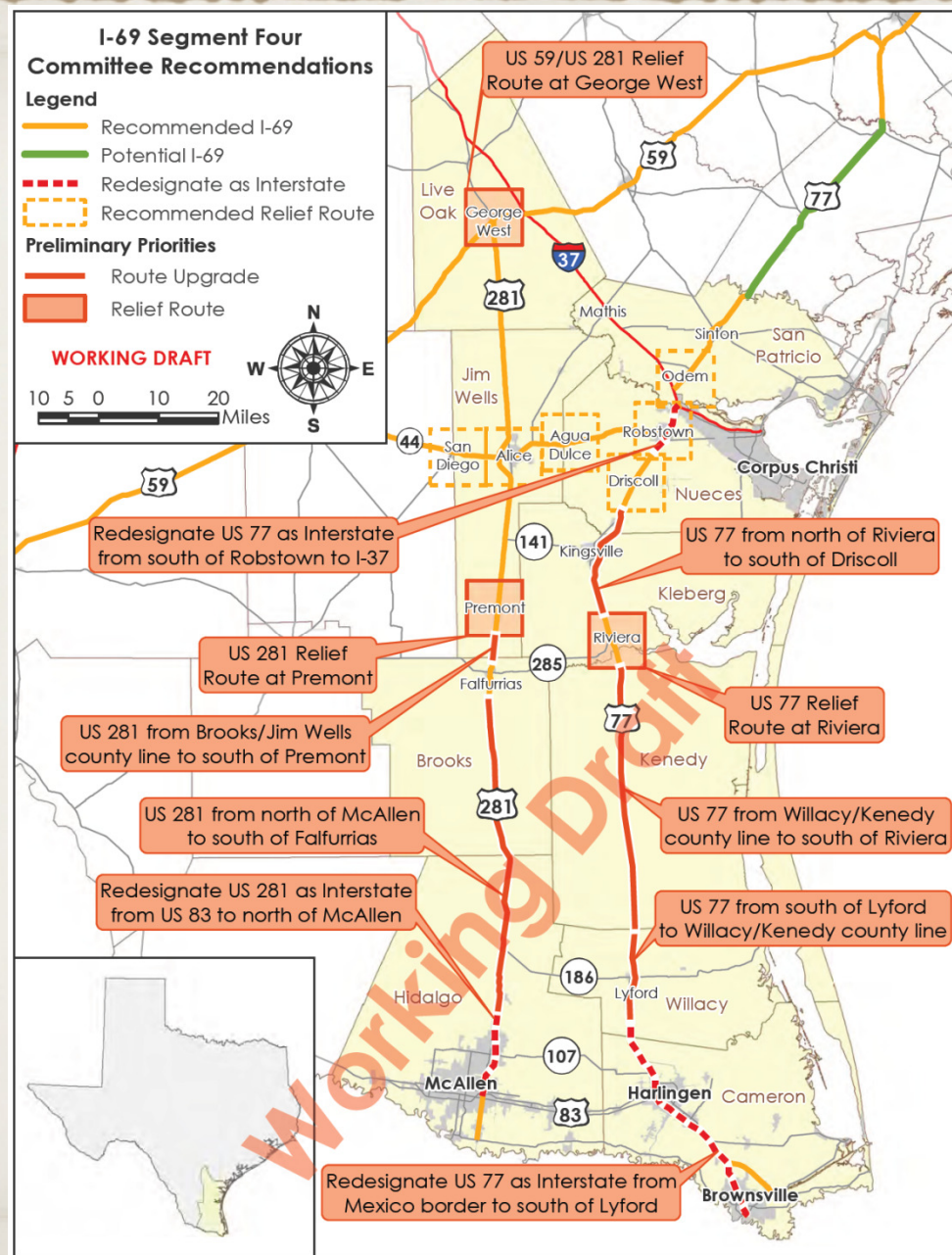
- US 59/SH 44 Relief Route at Freer
- SH 44 Relief Route at Alice
- US 59 upgrade and connector from the border to east of Laredo
- SH 44 Relief Route at San Diego
- US 77 Relief Route at Odem

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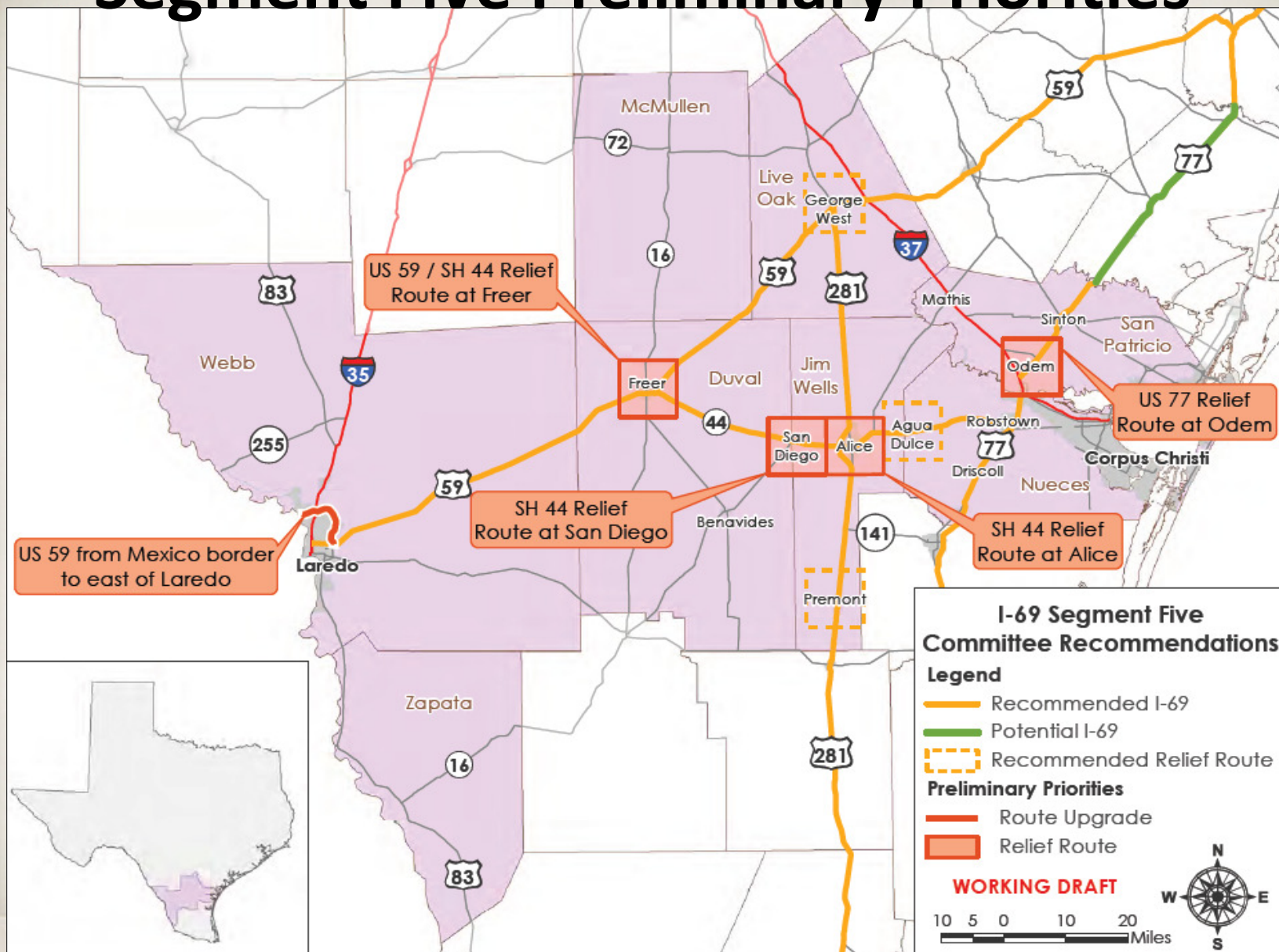
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# Segment Four Preliminary Priorities





# Segment Five Preliminary Priorities





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# Why these priorities?

- Serves High Traffic and Truck Volumes
- Addresses Emergency Evacuation Needs
- Addresses Safety Concerns
- Serves International Border Crossings
- Serves Industrial and Intermodal Service

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# Help Drive I-69 Texas

We want to hear from you, provide feedback to segment committee members by:

- Visiting [www.txdot.gov/DrivenByTexans](http://www.txdot.gov/DrivenByTexans) to offer feedback on your ideas for I-69 Texas
- Inviting a segment committee member to come speak to your local organization through the website or 512-338-3841
- Calling 512-334-3841 to receive a comment card to complete and return by mail

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