



# Gulf Coast Strategic Highway Coalition

*Connecting U.S. Army Facilities and Texas Strategic Ports*

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## **Modifying and Expanding the Central Texas Corridor**

The Gulf Coast Strategic Highway Coalition requests that Congress revise the Central Texas Corridor description in statute as follows:

- [1] Eliminate the section of US 190 from I-10 in Pecos County to Brady in McCullough County from the Central Texas Corridor.

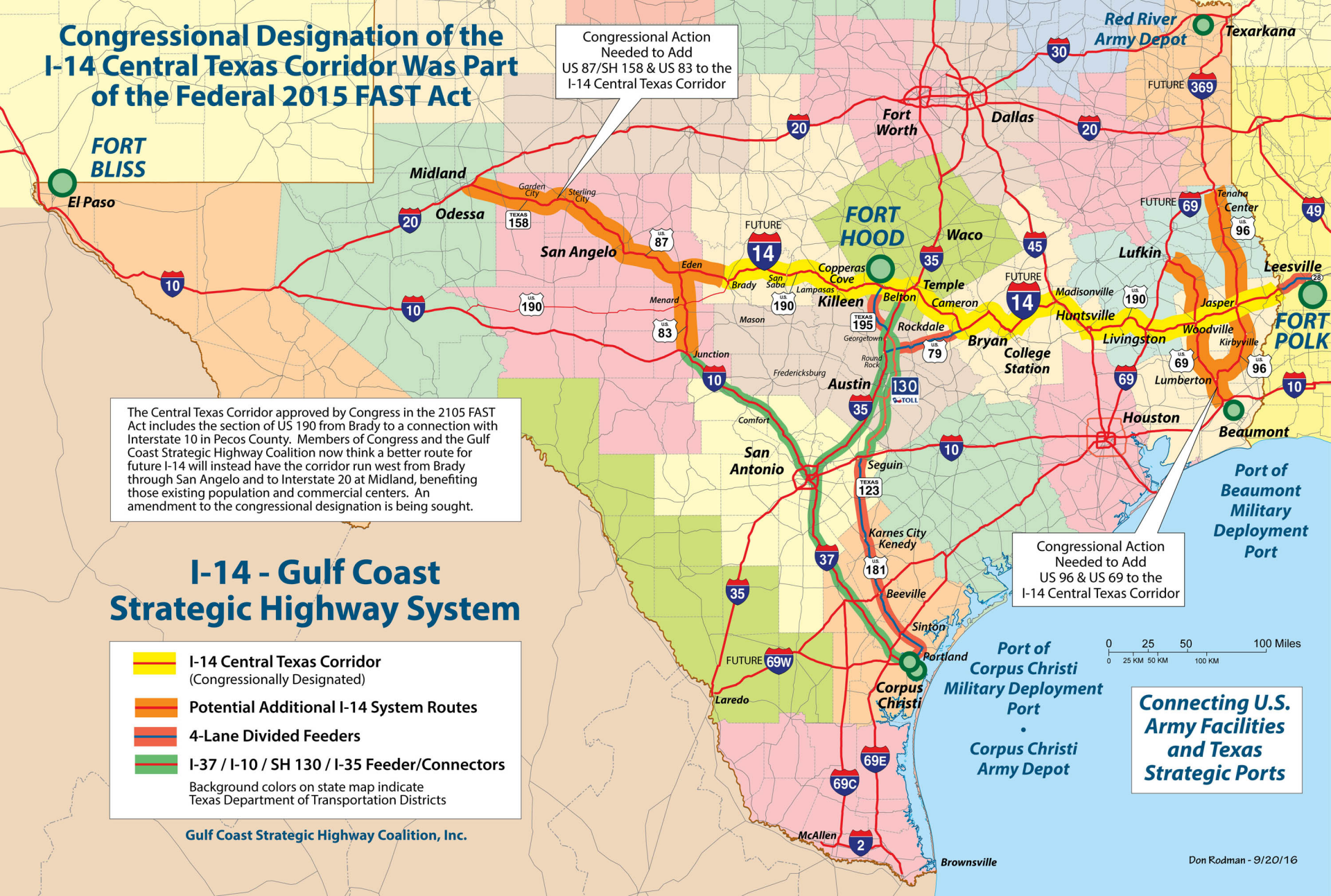
Include the following routes in the Central Texas Corridor and the I-14 system in Texas:

- [2] From a connection to Interstate 20 in the vicinity of Midland, Texas, following SH 158 eastward to US 87 and then following US 87 southeastward, passing in the vicinity of San Angelo, and connecting to US 190 in the vicinity of Brady, Texas
- [3] US 83 southward from the vicinity of Eden, Texas, to a logical connection to Interstate 10 at Junction, Texas
- [4] US 96 from I-10 at Beaumont, Texas, north to US 84 in the vicinity of Tenaha, Texas
- [5] US 69 from I-10 at Beaumont north to US 59 in the vicinity of Lufkin, Texas

### **REASONS FOR AMENDING CORRIDOR**

- The Coalition has had the opportunity since passage of the FAST Act to gather further input from stakeholders in West Texas. A route that includes the population and commercial centers at Midland-Odessa and San Angelo will provide significantly more benefit to the traveling public and freight shippers than a route running west to I-10 through a series of sparsely populated counties. Overall the corridor, including connecting routes, will provide the strategic benefit of better connecting three significant U.S. Army facilities to each other and to the strategic deployment seaports at Beaumont and Corpus Christi. These revised corridor routes will provide greater efficiency in the movement of freight statewide and nationally.
- The addition of a spur route following US 83 from Eden south to I-10 at Junction will create an efficient all-freeway freight route connecting West Texas energy producing regions with manufacturing centers and global shipping connections on the Texas Coast. It will further provide a faster, safer route for motorists between the Permian Basin, San Angelo, San Antonio and Corpus Christi.
- The addition of a spur route on US 96 north from Beaumont to Tenaha and a spur on US 69 north from Beaumont to Lufkin will significantly improve military access to the Port of Beaumont. Both spurs will provide connections to future Interstate 69 and provide an alternative interstate route outside the Houston airshed. These routes will improve the safety of the public travelling across the state and, significantly, will provide greater hurricane evacuation capacity for growing population and industrial centers in the Beaumont-Port Arthur and Greater Houston coastal zone.

# Congressional Designation of the I-14 Central Texas Corridor Was Part of the Federal 2015 FAST Act



Congressional Action Needed to Add US 87/SH 158 & US 83 to the I-14 Central Texas Corridor

Red River Army Depot  
Texarkana

FORT BLISS  
El Paso

Midland

Odessa

San Angelo

FORT HOOD

Dallas

Fort Worth

Waco

Temple

Cameron

Rockdale

Bryan

College Station

Huntsville

Livingston

Lumberton

Houston

Beaumont

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