

Future I-22 Corridor



The proposed I-22 was originally called Corridor X, later designated as **High Priority Corridor 10**, one of 83 federally identified High Priority Corridors which get special funding and more technological focus. (I.E. grants, etc.) [High Priority Corridors](#) fit in with the federal plan to institute connected technology throughout the U.S. highway system to support distribution of International Trade into and around the US.

Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interstate_22

Interstate 22 (I-22), when completed, will follow the [U.S. Highway 78](#) corridor along a 213-mile (343-km) route from [Memphis, Tennessee](#), to [Birmingham, Alabama](#).^[2] Future I-22 will connect [Interstate 55](#) and [Interstate 40](#) in the northwest to [Interstate 65](#) and [Interstate 20](#) in the southeast, passing through or close to the towns of [Holly Springs, Mississippi](#); [New Albany, Mississippi](#); [Tupelo, Mississippi](#); [Hamilton, Alabama](#); [Winfield, Alabama](#); and [Jasper, Alabama](#).

The part of I-22 east of [Fulton, Mississippi](#), was approved in 1978 as **Corridor X**, part of the [Appalachian Development Highway System](#). Parts of the highway have been under construction ever since. Two stretches of the interstate remain to be completed. One stretch is in [Alabama](#) and totals approximately 6 miles (9.7 km) in length from Cherry Avenue in [Forestdale](#) to [U.S. Highway 31](#) in [Birmingham](#). This section includes the interchange with [Interstate 65](#). The other stretch is from the Mississippi/Tennessee state line to its terminus in Memphis. The exact location of the western terminus has not been decided as of yet, but [Interstate 269](#) (when completed) and [Interstate 240](#) have been discussed as possible termini. Funding for the remaining sections has been a priority for U.S. Sen. [Richard C. Shelby](#) (R-Ala.), who served as [Chairman](#) of [Senate](#) Transportation Subcommittee. In 2004 Corridor X was designated as Future Interstate 22 by Public Law No: 108-199, and the designation was made official on [April 18, 2005](#). In [Alabama](#), blue signs reading "FUTURE/I-22/CORRIDOR" at left and an I-22 shield with "FUTURE" instead of "INTERSTATE" at right were unveiled [April 18, 2005](#).

Approximately 91 miles (146 km) of Interstate 22 is open to traffic in Alabama. The section of the route between the [Mississippi](#) state line and [Jasper](#) was completed in 2005. A 13-mile (21 km) section of I-22 between [Dora](#) and [Forestdale](#) was opened to local traffic only (no thru trucks) in June 2007. Another 12-mile (19 km) segment between Jasper and Dora was opened on November 14, [2007](#). Interstate 22 now travels the full length between suburban Birmingham and suburban Memphis, stopping short of the proposed major interstate connections: I-240 and I-65. Exits on the Jasper Bypass portion of I-22 were originally numbered using a kilometer-based sequence in anticipation of U.S. [metrification](#), but have since been renumbered to a mileage-based sequence.

Current plans call for Interstate 22 to be completed to I-65 in 2010, with the 14-bridge [stack interchange](#) in Birmingham being completed in 2010. Construction is well underway for the segment between Cherry Avenue in [Forestdale](#) to a spot about .5 mile shy of I-65 near [Fultondale](#). This segment includes an interchange with Coalburg Road. A project to widen I-65 to four lanes in either direction has begun from just south of the upcoming I-22/I-65 interchange southward to the 16th Street interchange. Under the present design, I-22 will terminate at I-65, but the mainline highway will continue east beyond I-65 as a long pair of ramps to US-31. ALDOT announced in May 2008 that contract letting for the construction of the final segment including the massive interchange with I-65 and US 31 will be let in November 2008 with construction to begin shortly afterwards. Speculation persists as to the future of US 78 west of Birmingham after the completion of I-22. The section between Birmingham and Jasper may simply remain signed as AL-5 while the sections west of Jasper might remain signed as AL-118. In Mississippi, the original US-78 is signed as MS-178 and there are no plans by MSDOT to re-sign it as US-78 once I-22 is signed. Therefore, I-22 either would have to be co-signed with US-78, which would "water down" the impact of having a signed interstate, or decommissioning US 78 through the state altogether. ALDOT stated upon the opening of the Forestdale to Jasper segment of corridor X (future I-22/US 78) that the old US 78 would be recognized as ALT US-78 between Graysville and Jasper, yet no signage to support this claim exists.

At the western end of the route, the connection between Interstate 22 and the other interstates in the vicinity of Memphis is most likely to make use of the [Interstate 269](#) Outer Memphis Beltway, which is

currently in various stages of planning and construction. One possible routing takes I-22 westward along I-269 to the existing I-55/I-69 interchange near Hernando, Mississippi.

Corridor X was also designated as **High Priority Corridor 10** in the [National Highway System Designation Act](#) of 1995 and **High Priority Corridor 45** in subsequent legislation.^[1]

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- 1) [High Priority Corridors](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/nhs/hipricorridors/index.html): <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/nhs/hipricorridors/index.html>
- 2) [U.S. Highway 78](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._Highway_78): [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S. Highway 78](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._Highway_78)
- 3) [Memphis, Tennessee](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memphis,_Tennessee): [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memphis, Tennessee](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memphis,_Tennessee)
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- 5) [Interstate 55](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interstate_55): [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interstate 55](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interstate_55)
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- 14) [Jasper, Alabama](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jasper,_Alabama): [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jasper, Alabama](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jasper,_Alabama)
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- 19) [U.S. Highway 31](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._Highway_31): [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S. Highway 31](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._Highway_31)
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