

LUFKIN DISTRICT

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Lloyd Street Signal to Remain Pending Study

Tim Monzingo, Public Information Officer

The Texas Department of Transportation is suspending plans to remove the traffic signal at the intersection of BUS 59/North Street and Lloyd Street in Nacogdoches for the time being pending additional study.

TxDOT will work with a consultant in the near future to perform an in-depth study of traffic patterns along the entire BUS 59 corridor in Nacogdoches to develop a comprehensive solution to update aging infrastructure items like the Lloyd Street signal and reduce congestion along the roadway.

The decision to leave the signal in place pending the study's results was made based on input from Nacogdoches citizens, city officials and stakeholders. Capital improvement projects both in progress and planned at Stephen F. Austin State University were also taken into consideration.

"We wanted to hear from Nacogdoches residents about this proposal," said Tim Monzingo, Public Information Officer for the Lufkin District. "This is us listening."

From June 17 through July 3, 2025, TxDOT received 20 comments from the public expressing both support and opposition for removing the signal. Several common themes were apparent in the comments from both sides, including traffic safety, the impact on schools and surrounding businesses, pedestrian safety and traffic flow.

"Re-evaluating the entire corridor will help us better address these issues at Lloyd Street and elsewhere on North Street," Monzingo said.

A timeline for the study is being developed, and additional information about it will be released later.

"We appreciate everyone who took time to work with us and weigh in on this project," Monzingo said.

Time to ACT to Prevent PVH

Tim Monzingo, Public Information Officer

Pediatric Vehicular Heatstroke has claimed the lives of five Texas children since June 27, 2025, more than any other state this year. The deaths have occurred in Brownsville, Galena Park near Houston, San Antonio, and Poteet, which is approximately 30 miles south of San Antonio. "We haven't had any of these tragedies in our immediate area this year," said Tim Monzingo, public information officer for the Lufkin District. "But just because it hasn't happened doesn't mean it can't happen, and it can happen to anyone."

Frequently, the reason for Pediatric Vehicular Heatstroke is something as simple as a memory lapse, where a caregiver, operating on autopilot through their daily tasks, forgets about a child in the vehicle. This accounts for approximately 53 percent of deaths. Children getting into unattended vehicles without a caregiver knowing accounts for about 24 percent of cases, while a caregiver intentionally leaving a child in a car is behind 22 percent of the fatalities. "We all know accidents happen, but they are preventable," said Melissa McKnight, Traffic Safety Specialist for the Lufkin District. "If you make it a habit of reminding yourself to check the back seat if you travel with children, it really reduces the chance of a memory lapse."

To encourage safe habits for those who travel or care for kids, follow the **ACT** acronym:



Avoid heatstroke-related injury.

Never leave a child alone in a car, not even during a quick trip into a store. Always lock your doors and trunks—including in your driveway or garage. If a child is missing, check the pool and water sources first, then check vehicles, including trunks.



Create reminders.

Keep a stuffed animal or other memento in your child's seat when it's empty, and move it to the front seat as a visual reminder when your child is in the back seat. Or place and secure your phone, briefcase or purse in the back seat when traveling with your child.



Take action.

If you see a child alone in a car, take action. Call 911.

"Sharing this information with the people in your life who have kids, or travel with them often might be critical to preventing a tragedy," Monzingo said. "That's something all Texans can get behind."

Child Passenger Safety Week

Melissa McKnight, Traffic Safety

Child Passenger Safety Week is recognized each year in September and brings heightened awareness to how parents and caregivers can keep children safe in vehicles. Child Passenger Safety Week 2025 will be held from September 21-27. Use NHTSA's [Car Seat Finder](#) at [nhtsa.gov](https://www.nhtsa.gov) to make sure your child is in The Right Seat or schedule an appointment with a local Child Passenger Safety Technician by visiting [savemewithaseat.org](https://www.savemewithaseat.org)

- Every day in 2023, on average, two children under 14 were killed and 345 were injured in traffic crashes while riding in passenger vehicles.
- In 2023, 43% of children killed in car crashes were unrestrained.



D.E. Corner

Kelly O. Morris, P.E.

I'm proud of all our guys who went to Fort Worth for the TxDOT Equipment Operators Rodeo. This was a volunteer event, and they went above and beyond to show the pride we have in the work we're doing in in the Lufkin District.

It takes guts to compete, and everyone who put themselves out there should be proud of their performance.

But excellence isn't just something shown in friendly competitions. It's something that's part of the day-to-day work that everyone in this District is a part of. And it shows in the quality of our work.

This fiscal year, we met all of our safety goals. That's excellence. That we've had just one injury with no lost time this FY is excellence. Our employees being called up consistently to aid recovery efforts in the Hill County shows excellence. How we work with the community to advance our projects, and how we handle mistakes along the way shows our excellence.

I'm proud of guys who competed, and everyone else here who continues to demonstrate that the Lufkin District has a history of pride and excellence in our work. There's not always a trophy, but you are all winners!

Keep it up!

UPCOMING LOCAL LETTING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Contract Description	Estimated Value
Raised Pavement Markers Letting date: September 2025	\$322,000
Culvert Repairs Letting date: September 2025	\$850,000
Metal Beam Guard Fence Repairs Letting date: September 2025	\$200,000
Tree Trimming and Brush Removal Letting date: September 2025	\$365,000
Metal Beam Guard Fence Repairs Letting date: October 2025	\$200,000
Tree Trimming and Brush Removal Letting Date: October 2025	\$300,000
Seal Coat Letting Date: November 2025	\$50,000

Service Awards

July 2025	
Matthew M. Haney	5 Years
Matthew Quick	5 Years
Charles M. Brazil	15 Years
Justin Harrison	15 Years
August 2025	
Kolby R. White	5 Years
Michael D. Manchack	10 Years
Milton P. Kelly	15 Years
Cory M. Howard	20 Years
September 2025	
James Alvis	5 Years
Kerry Stone	5 Years
Randall T. Kendrick	10 Years



Matt Brazil
Director of TP&D
15 Years

I-69 DEVELOPMENT IN THE LUFKIN DISTRICT

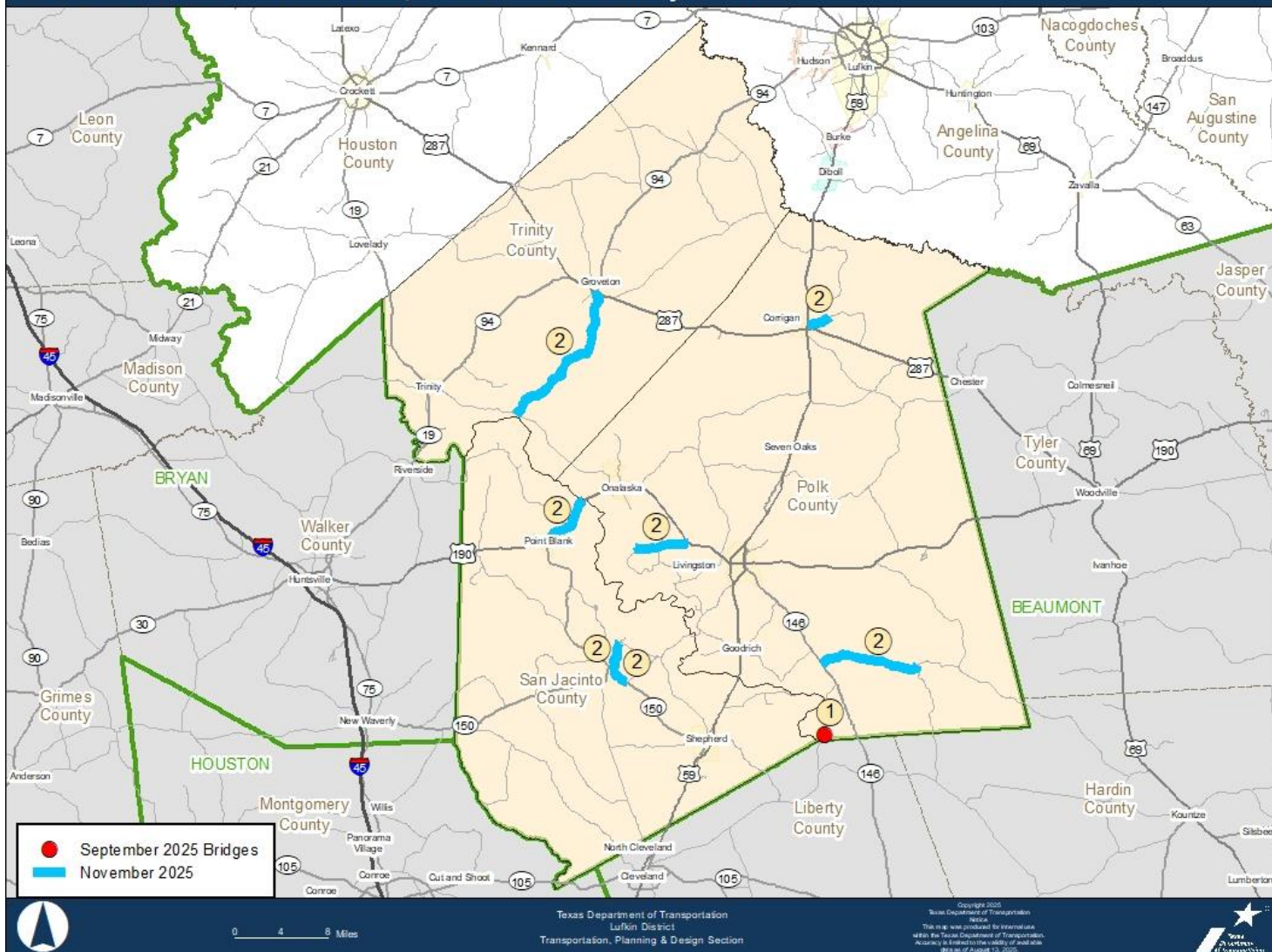
Jennifer Adams, Advance Transportation Planning Director

There are currently ten projects the Lufkin District is actively developing to meet interstate standards. Below is a brief status on each. For more information on I-69 projects development in the district, please visit our webpage at www.txdot.gov and search "[I-69 Projects Overview](#)".

- **US 59/SL 224 South Interchange (Under Construction)** – involves constructing new US 59 direct connectors at SL 224(S) and frontage roads along SL 224 between SH 7 and US 59. Construction began in fall 2019 and is scheduled for completion in early spring 2027, weather permitting.
- **US 59 Diboll Relief Route (Under Construction)** – involves constructing a new location controlled-access roadway east of Diboll. Construction began in spring 2020 and with northbound and southbound mainlanes open to traffic, construction is anticipated to be complete in spring 2026, weather permitting.
- **US 59 Upgrade Redland (Under Construction)** – involves upgrading existing US 59 to a controlled-access roadway by adding frontage roads between SL 287 and FM 2021. Construction began late in 2022 and is scheduled for completion in fall 2026, weather permitting.
- **US 59 Corrigan Relief Route (Under Construction)** – involves a new location controlled-access roadway, west of Corrigan. Construction began in fall 2022 and is scheduled for completion in winter 2028, weather permitting.
- **US 59 Upgrade Shepherd to Cleveland (Under Construction)** – involves upgrading existing US 59 to a controlled-access roadway by adding frontage roads between FM 2914 and SL 573. Construction began in 2023 and is scheduled for completion in fall 2029.
- **US 59/US 259 North Nacogdoches Interchange (Schematic)** – involves upgrading US 59 to a controlled-access roadway by reconstructing the US 59/US 259 interchange and adding new frontage roads from Stallings Drive/SL 224 to 1.3 miles north of US 259. ROW acquisitions are underway. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in spring 2029.
- **US 59 Upgrade to Shepherd to Trinity River (Schematic)** – involves upgrading existing US 59 to a controlled-access roadway by adding frontage roads between FM 223 to just north of the Trinity River. ROW acquisitions are underway. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2029.
- **US 59 Upgrade North Livingston (Schematic)** – involves updating existing US 59 to controlled access roadway by reconstructing the US 59/US 190 interchange US 59 main lanes and frontage roads from just south of US 190 to SL 116. TxDOT is currently working on the development of the schematic. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2032.
- **US 59 Upgrade South Livingston (Feasibility)** – involves upgrading US 59 to a controlled-access roadway by reconstructing the US 59/FM 1988 interchange, US 59 main lanes and adding frontage roads from just south of US 190 to 0.39 miles south of FM 1988. This project currently does not have construction funding identified.

Livingston Area Office

LIVINGSTON AREA OFFICE - Polk, San Jacinto and Trinity Counties



UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

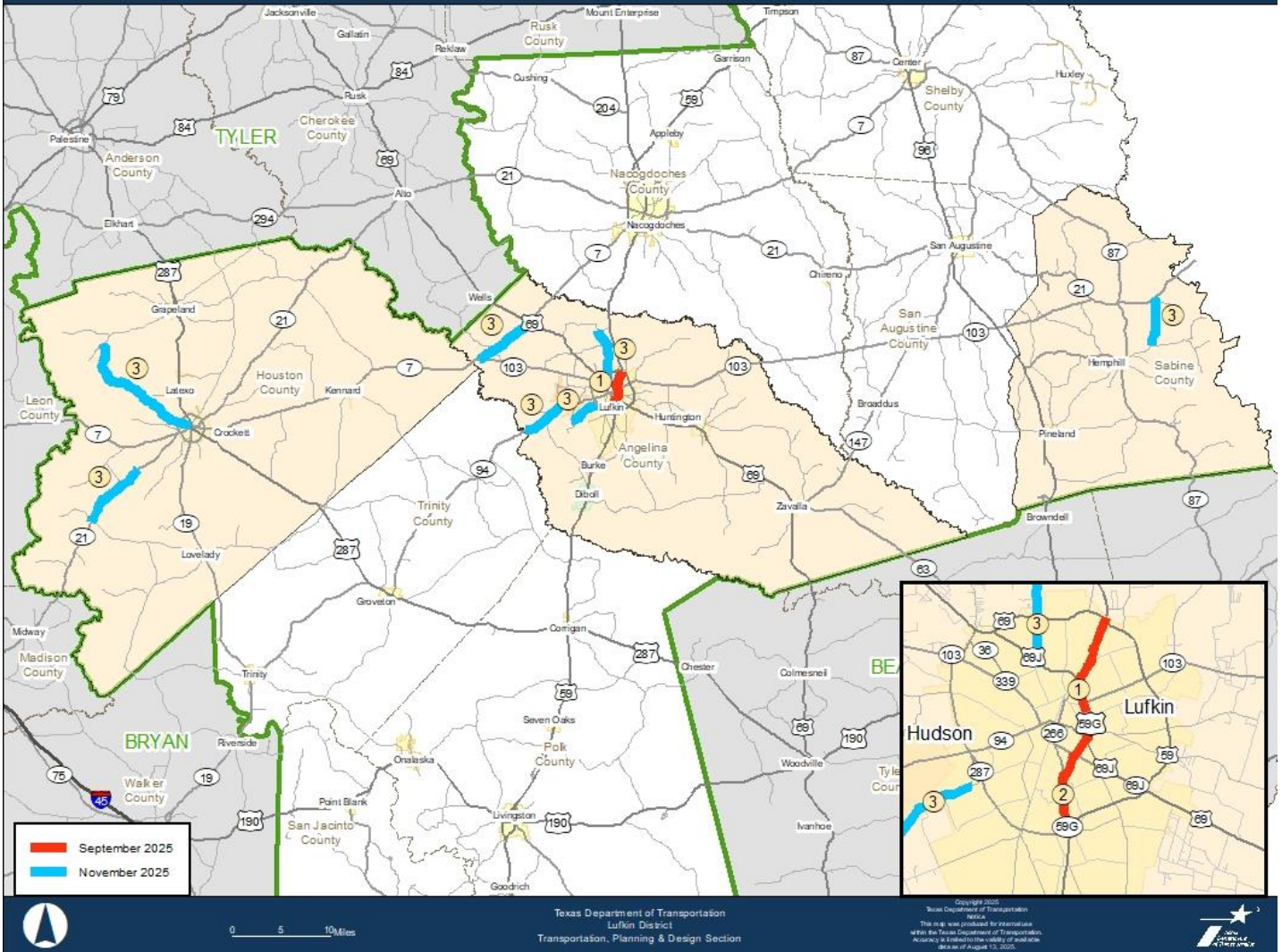
Project Number	County	Highway	Description of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
2591-01-015	Polk	FM 2610	Replace Bridge and Approaches	\$3,420,670.00	1
0059-01-063, etc.	Various	Various	Districtwide Seal Coat **	\$3,844,504.13	2

****TOTAL INCLUDES ONLY PROJECTS IN POLK, SAN JACINTO AND TRINITY COUNTIES**

For more information, please visit the Project Tracker page at:
<https://www.txdot.gov/projects/project-tracker.html>

Lufkin Area Office

LUFKIN AREA OFFICE - Angelina, Houston and Sabine Counties



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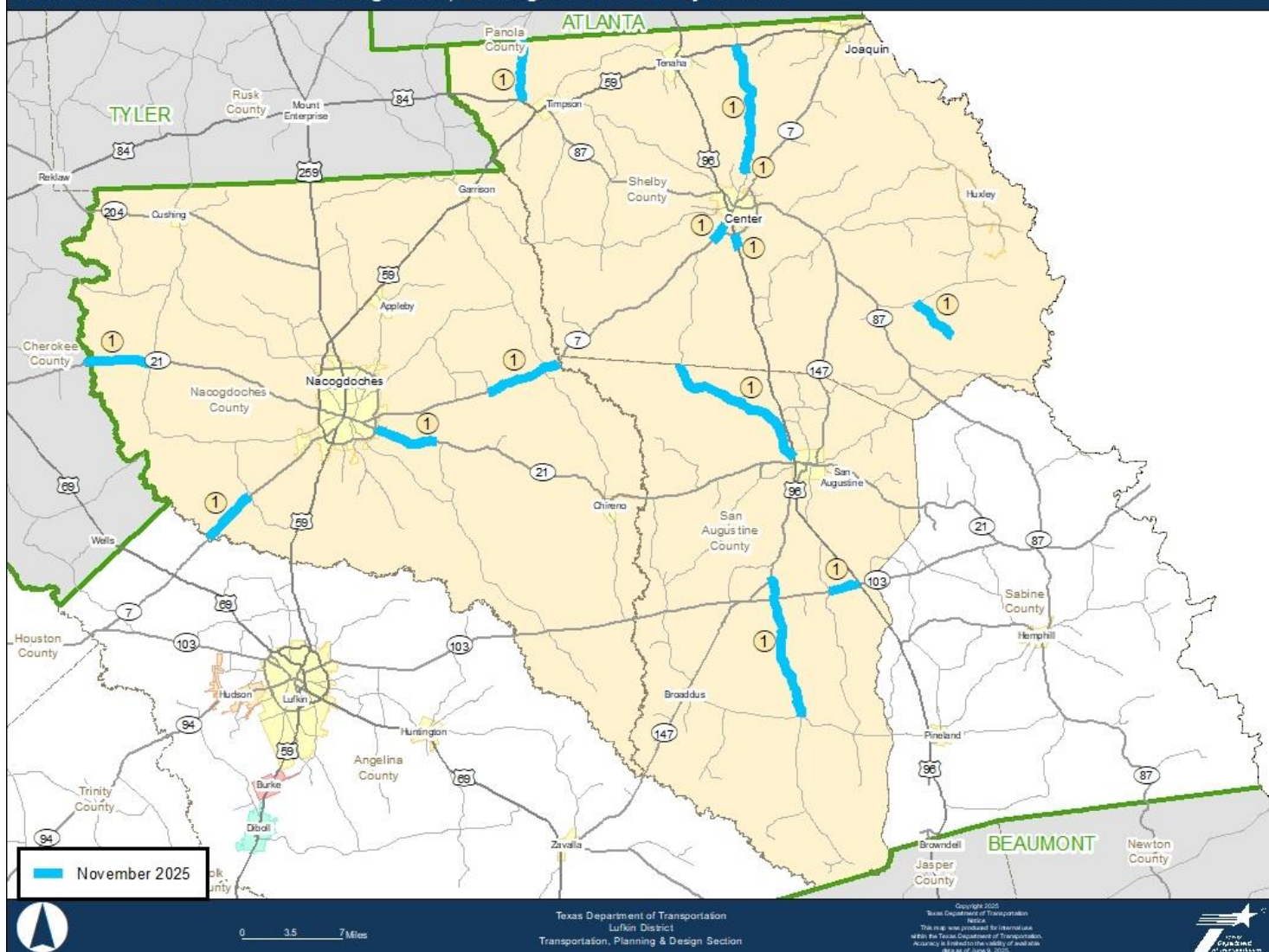
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0176-02-128	Angelina	BU 59G	Mill/Inlay	\$4,014,168.08	1
0176-03-141	Angelina	BU 59G	Mill/Inlay	\$2,156,571.00	2
0059-01-063, etc.	Various	Various	Districtwide Seal Coat **	\$3,838,752.43	3

** TOTAL INCLDUES ONLY PROJECTS IN ANGELINA, HOUSTON AND SABINE COUNTIES

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Nacogdoches Area Office

NACOGDOCHES AREA OFFICE - Nacogdoches, San Augustine and Shelby Counties



UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Project Number	County	Highway	Description of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
0059-01-063, etc.	Various	Various	Districtwide Seal Coat **	\$6,258,356.80	1

**TOTAL INCLUDES ONLY PROJECTS IN NACOGDOCHES, SAN AUGUSTINE AND SHELBY COUNTIES

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