

LUFKIN DISTRICT

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US 59 Livingston Upgrade Public Meeting Draws Hundreds

[**Tim Monzingo, Public Information Officer**](#)

A virtual public meeting with an in-person option drew hundreds of people to learn about proposed upgrades to US 59 and US 190 in Livingston in July.

More than 100 people attended the in-person meeting at the Polk County Commerce Center while the virtual meeting drew 765 visitors for the Livingston Upgrade North project. More than 55 questions and comments were received regarding the project.

Updated project schematics, pre-recorded videos and presentations were set up, and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) staff members were on hand to discuss the project and answer questions.

The project is intended to improve safety, mobility and congestion, and provide a more efficient hurricane evacuation route and system connectivity to I-69. The main lanes of US 59 would be rebuilt to interstate standards, and ramps and frontage roads would be added. Proposed improvements would also include revising the configuration of the US 190 and BUS 59 interchanges, in addition to new frontage road connections just north of BU 59 North. The main lanes would be widened to 12 feet with 6-foot wide inside and 12-foot-wide outside shoulders.

The US 59 frontage roads would consist of two 12-foot-wide travel lanes with a 4-foot inside shoulder and an 8-foot outside shoulder. A sidewalk would also be constructed along the proposed US 59 frontage roads.

More information about the project is available by searching "Livingston North Upgrade" at [**TxDOT.gov**](#).



Figure 1 – Property owners and TxDOT discussion

Lufkin District Highways Available for Adoption

Tim Monzingo, Public Information Officer

There seem to be an awful lot of folks who have forgotten not to mess with Texas. Plastic bags, foam cups and food wrappers, old beer cans; You name it and odds are it has been found on the side of the highway, cluttering up roads.

It's a problem, but you can help. Adopt a Highway.

Across the Lufkin District, there are 129 road segments available in need of loving hometown care: 26 in Angelina County; 10 in Houston County; 16 in Nacogdoches County; 16 in Polk County; 10 in Sabine County; 14 in San Augustine County; 16 in San Jacinto County; eight in Shelby County; and 12 in Trinity County.

Adopting a highway doesn't mean you have to be out there patrolling every day, angrily wagging a finger at litterbugs, or saving up to send your highway to college. It simply means agreeing to go out four times a year and bag up litter.

The program is available to anyone: individuals, families, youth organizations, businesses- large and small, civic and non-profit organizations, religious groups, fraternities, sororities, and schools. Everyone should take pride in our beautiful state and Adopt-a-Highway. All it costs is time. TxDOT provides safety vests, litterbags and safety signs. TxDOT also offers an option to sponsor a highway, in which a sponsor pays monthly fees to support litter pickup in a one-mile section. Please visit the [Adopt-a-highway webpage](#) for more information about this program.

Volunteers can apply [online](#) or contact Kala Black, the Lufkin District's local Adopt-A-Highway coordinator, at aah-lfk@txdot.gov or 936-634-4433.

Help TxDOT remind people what Don't Mess with Texas means.

Child Passenger Safety Lunch and Learn for Education and Collaboration

Melissa McKnight, Traffic Safety Specialist

On August 13, Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPSTs) from across the district gathered at the TxDOT's Lufkin District Office for a successful CPST Lunch & Learn. The event provided an opportunity for technicians to strengthen their knowledge, network with fellow CPSTs, and discuss ways to enhance child passenger safety efforts within their communities. In addition to the educational content, participants received a variety of helpful tools and materials.

One of the most valuable aspects of the Lunch & Learn was the opportunity for technicians to connect with peers, share experiences, and exchange best practices. Collaboration among CPSTs helps strengthen local child passenger safety initiatives and ensures families receive consistent, accurate information about proper child restraint use.



Figure 2 – Lunch & Learn for Child Safety



D.E. Corner
Kelly O. Morris, P.E.

It has been a busy, hot summer in the Lufkin District and I think it's safe to say we're all looking forward to the more comfortable fall weather that's headed our way in the next few months.

Over the past three months, we've made significant progress on several big projects in deep East Texas. Hundreds of miles of roads were seal coated; work on US 59 projects throughout the district has moved forward steadily, with both the Redland and Nacogdoches jobs nearing completion; bridge and signal repair and replacement projects wrapped up, improving safety and mobility in all nine counties in the district.

I'd like to thank everyone who provided feedback on the proposed Livingston North Upgrade project meetings. Public input on these jobs is vital to helping us better serve the public.

We're saying goodbye to three longtime district leaders who are retiring at the end of August: Lufkin Area Engineer Jesse Sisco, and San Jacinto County Maintenance Supervisor Chester Dixon and soon followed by Traffic Systems Administrator Cathy Loerch at the end of September. All three have decades of service with TxDOT and have played pivotal roles in developing the infrastructure in the region. We wish them well and they will be missed.

We also made steps to recruit the next generation of engineers and maintenance employees this summer. A group of about 20 educators from throughout the region - including outside our district - visited us to learn about careers at TxDOT. We hope they will encourage their students to consider the department as a place where they can find a career, whether as an equipment operator, engineer or anything in between.

From all of us at the Lufkin District, we hope you have a great and safe fall season.

Table 1 - Upcoming Local Letting Maintenance Projects

Contract Description	Estimated Value
Metal Beam Guard Fence (MBGF) Houston Letting Date: September 2026	\$176,050
(Area) Tree Trimming Nacogdoches Letting Date: September 2026	\$539,000
Ditch Cleaning Polk Letting Date: September 2026	\$332,092
Ditch Cleaning Shelby Letting Date: September 2026	\$214,725
Mill & Inlay Nacogdoches Letting Date: September 2026	\$900,000
Traffic Signal Maintenance Letting Date: October 2026	\$350,000
BMP Districtwide Angelina Letting Date: October 2026	\$800,000
Ditch Cleaning Trinity Letting Date: October 2026	\$300,000
Traffic Spot Paint & Bead Striping Letting Date: October 2026	\$700,000
Large Debris Polk Letting Date: October 2026	\$750,000
Raised Pavement Markers Traffic Letting Date: October 2026	\$350,000
MBGF Trinity Letting Date: October 2026	\$169,015

Service Awards

July 2026	Years of Service
Regina Loerch	5 Years

August 2026	Years of Service
Christopher Rhame	5 Years
Jereme D. Martin	5 Years
Joe H. Davis Jr.	5 Years
John R. Mathews	15 Years

September 2026	Years of Service
Jim S. Morris	15 Years
Joseph C. Hagler	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 **[Lufkin District 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 2027, 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 early 2027, 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 Interchange \(Prelim & Design Acquisition\)](#)** - involves upgrading US 59 to a controlled-access roadway from Stallings Drive/SL 224 to 1.3 miles north of reconstructing the US 59/US 259 interchange and adding new frontage roads. ROW acquisitions are underway. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2029.
- **[US 59 Upgrade Shepherd to Trinity River \(Prelim Design & Schematic\)](#)** - 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 2030.
- **[US 59 Upgrade North Livingston \(Schematic\)](#)** - involves reconstructing the US 59/US 190 interchange and US 59 main lanes and frontage roads from 1.25 miles south of US 190 to 1.9 miles south of SL 116. TxDOT is currently working on the development of the schematic. A public meeting was held on July 21, 2026. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2032.

Livingston Area Office

LIVINGSTON AREA OFFICE - Polk, San Jacinto and Trinity Counties

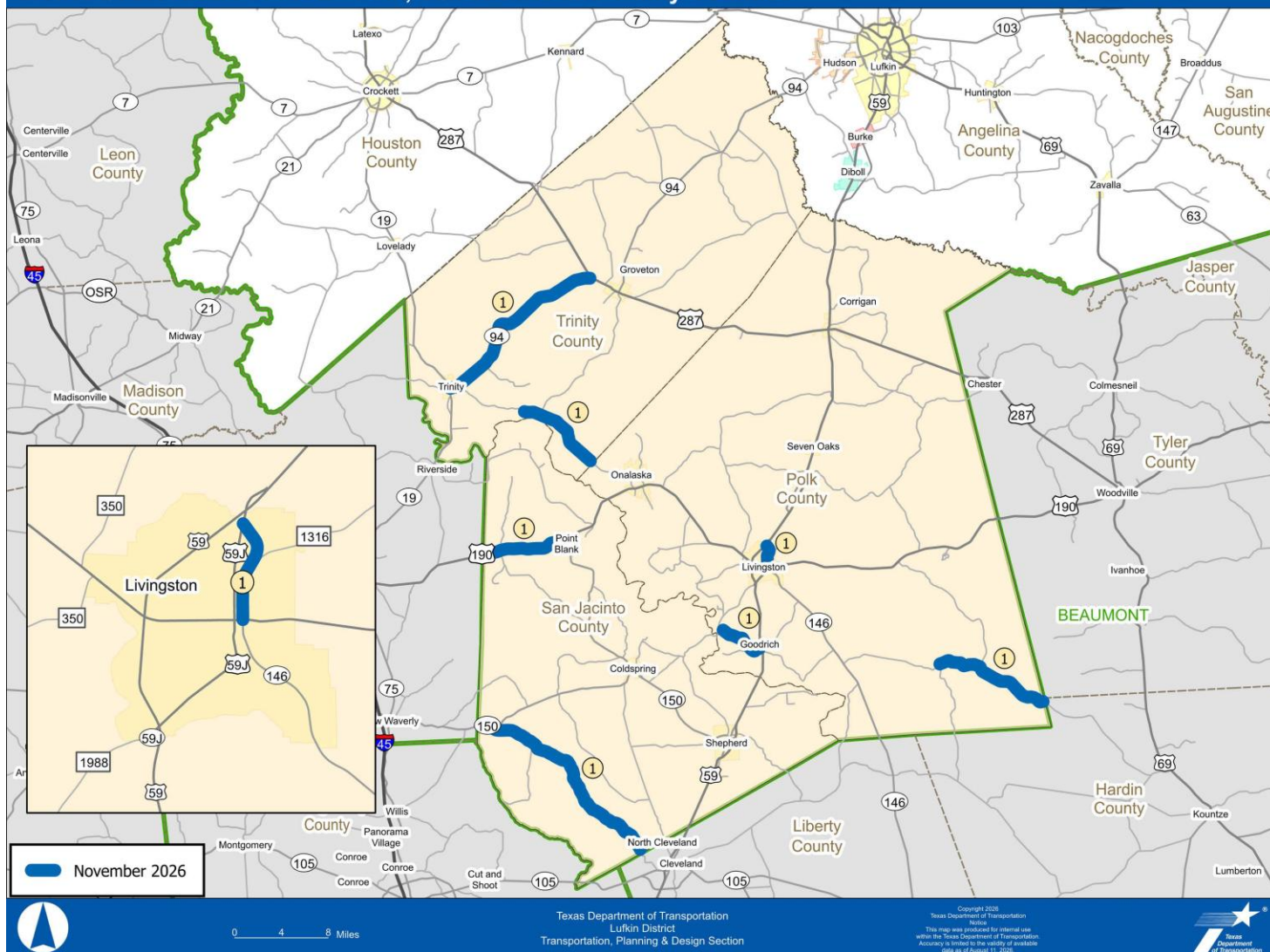


Table 2 – Livingston Upcoming Construction Projects

Project Number	County	Highway	Description of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
0059-05-048, etc.	Various	Various	District seal coat (Total includes only projects in Polk, San Jacinto, and Trinity counties)	\$4,364,594.32	1

For more information, please visit our [Project Tracker webpage](#).

Lufkin Area Office

LUFKIN AREA OFFICE - Angelina, Houston and Sabine Counties

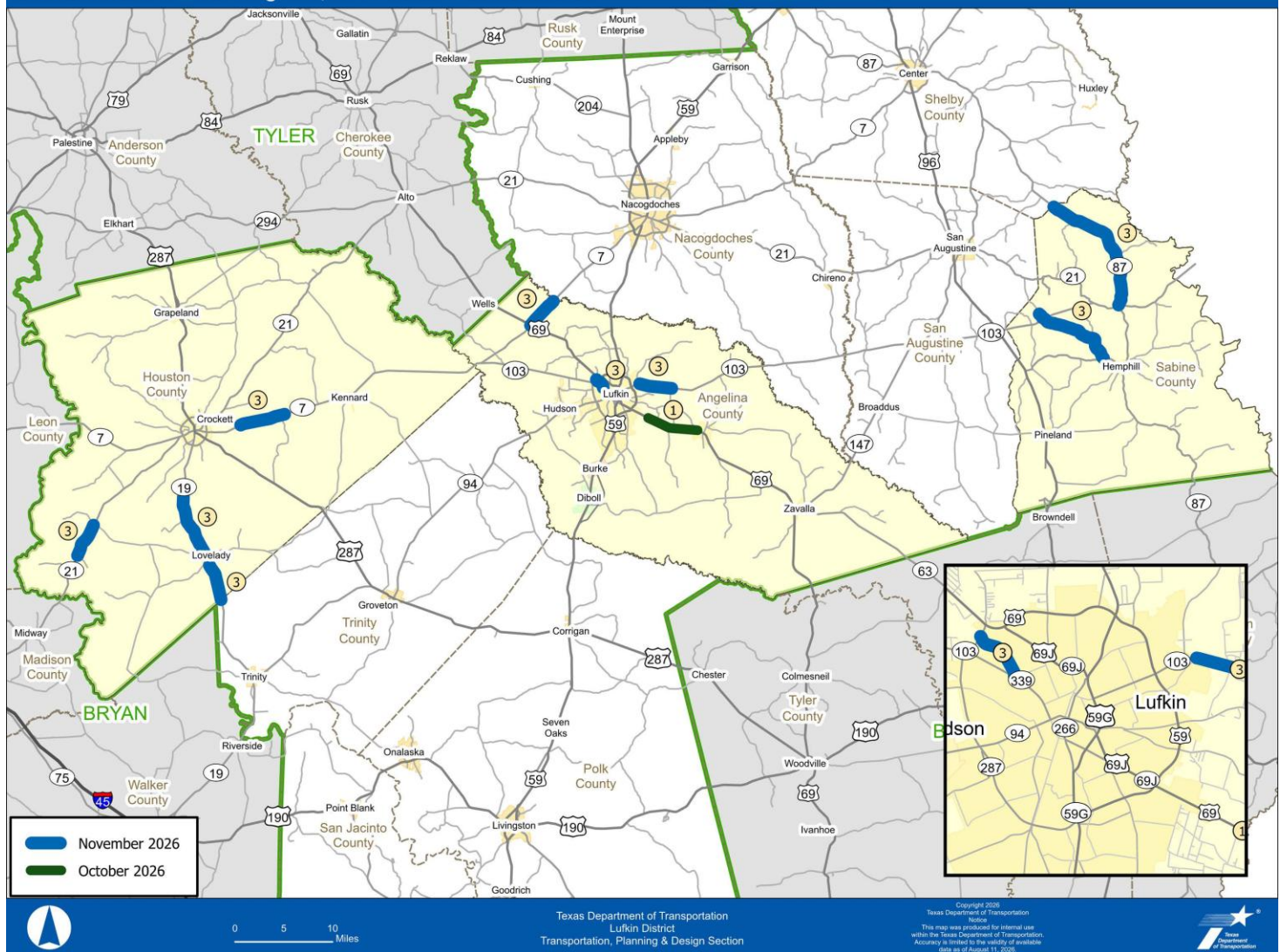


Table 3 – Lufkin Upcoming Construction Projects

Project Number	County	Highway	Description of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
0200-01-093	Angelina	US 69	Widen 4 lane roadway, divided, add continuous two-way left turn lane	\$36,934,615.38	1
0911-00-188	Angelina	Various	Bridge repair maintenance (Project not mapped)	\$500,000.00	2
0059-05-048, etc.	Various	Various	District seal coat (Total includes only projects in Angelina, Houston and Sabine counties)	\$5,004,391.14	3

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Nacogdoches Area Office

NACOGDOCHES AREA OFFICE - Nacogdoches, San Augustine and Shelby Counties

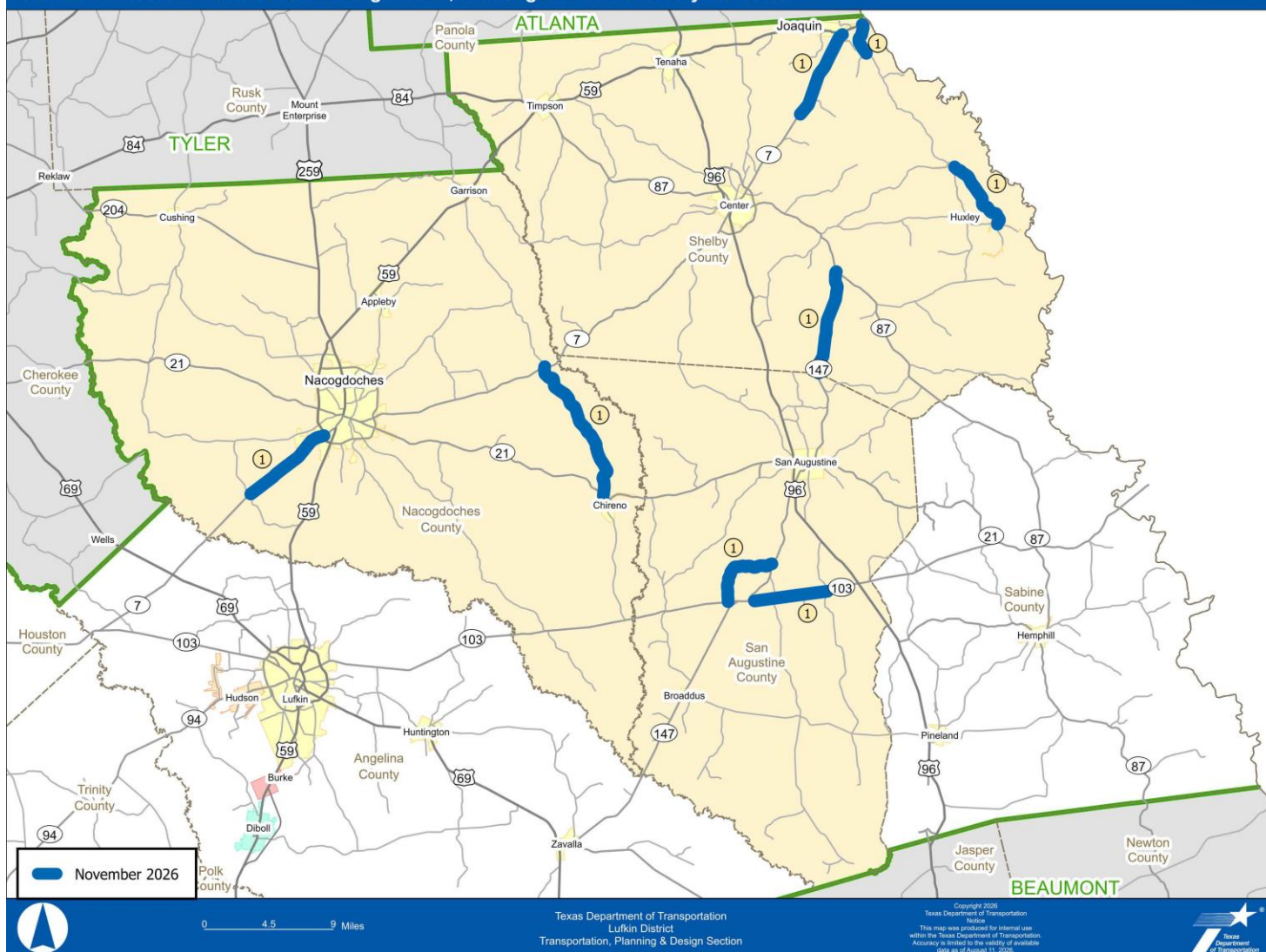


Table 4 – Nacogdoches Upcoming Construction Projects

Project Number	County	Highway	Description of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
0059-05-048, etc.	Various	Various	District seal coat (Total includes only projects in Nacogdoches, San Augustine and Shelby counties)	\$3,913,767.15	1

For more information, please visit our [Project Tracker webpage](#).

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