
LUFKIN DISTRICT

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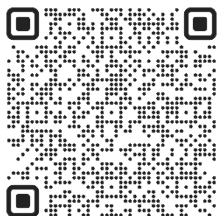
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Feb. 3 Ribbon Cutting marks completion of Diboll Relief Route

Tim Monzingo, Public Information Officer

DIBOLL, Texas – Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) employees, contractors, local and state officials gathered at the Angelina County Airport on a chilly, wet Tuesday morning to mark the final milestone of the \$141 million Diboll Relief Route.

“This project was the biggest of its time in our district when it was opened for bidding back in 2019,” said Lufkin Area Engineer Jesse Sisco. “That was amazing to us, to a lot of folks. That was huge to us.”

For many of the current and former TxDOT employees at the ceremony, the relief route has been a significant part of their careers. “You know, we started our careers on this project, and here we are at the tail end of our careers,” said Lufkin District Engineer Kelly Morris. “We're finally getting to see it open.” Sacyr Construction USA Chief Operating Officer Rosa Robles Gonzalez said the challenges of the project were overcome through teamwork.

“Facilitation and professionalism has made this achievement possible,” she said. “We are truly grateful for the warm welcome, and for the teamwork that has made all this possible.”

Polk County Judge Sydney Murphy, who is the State Chair for the I-69 Alliance, praised the support from the Texas legislature and Sen. Robert Nichols, who have worked to fund and prioritize the I-69 corridor, which the route will be part of in the future.

“TxDOT, Texas and the I-69 Alliance, we're a persistent bunch, so we will keep going hard,” she said. State Rep. Trent Ashby said the route is an example of tax dollars being reinvested to benefit Texans.

“What better example do we have now than to showcase what we’re celebrating here today?” he said.

Diboll Mayor Trey Wilkerson said much like the trees East Texas is famous for, his city will grow around the new addition, and he’s already seeing that.

“This is going to be a good thing. It’s already a good thing,” he said. “There’s businesses calling at least weekly, if not more often than that, that are interested in coming to Diboll; interested in being part of this. It’s opening up doors that we didn’t have before.”



TxDOT Battles Dangerous Conditions During Winter Weather

Tim Monzingo, Public Information Officer

Terms like “dangerously cold wind chill,” “arctic air,” and “bitterly cold” were what the National Weather Service used to describe a round of winter weather that swept through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Lufkin District and Texas in the final week of January.

On January 23, the Lufkin District’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) sprang to life to manage the response to dangerous ice, sleet and freezing rain accumulations that knocked out power and made roads hazardous. The National Weather Service reported accumulations of up to 3 inches of sleet and ice in parts of the district.

District maintenance crews worked doggedly in 12-hour shifts through January 27 to keep vital roads accessible, despite battling frozen water lines and equipment. With assistance from the Beaumont District, which sent crews to assist the southern part of the Lufkin District, resources could be shifted to aid northern counties.

Thanks to the diligent work of TxDOT maintenance crews and contractors, linemen and other first responders were able to access critical areas to repair damaged infrastructure and aid the public. Emergency supplies were able to safely move from less-affected areas along the coast to the harder-impacted northern areas of the state.

With accolades from statewide leadership for their response to the storm, the Lufkin District EOC stood down at 5 p.m. on Jan. 27. In the fading winter months, the Lufkin District now looks towards the warm-weather work ahead. Maintenance crews are now preparing for the possibility of flooding and severe storms that come with the onset of spring.



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

I can't commend our people enough for their work during the winter storm in January. They faced long, difficult days in dangerous, challenging conditions. They slept in offices and breakrooms, sacrificing their comfort and missing their loved ones to ensure our roads were safe.

It isn't always apparent to people what it takes to respond to situations like that storm, and it was encouraging to see the public offering thanks and appreciation for the hard work these men and women put in. I'm proud of how our people once again rose to the challenge.

We're moving into a busy time of year, with big maintenance projects gearing up, and important construction projects underway in all nine of our counties. Our traffic safety folks have a calendar full of events to move us towards ending the streak of deaths on Texas' roads, and there are several upcoming initiatives to be excited about, like the bicycle plan public meeting that kicked off in February.

Of course, all these things will present challenges, some of which will be complicated by the heavy rains and storms that come with spring. But just like they did over this wet, cold winter, our people here will rise to the occasion for their fellow Texans.

Day in and day out at TxDOT, we face challenges; and day in and day out, we find solutions. This agency is full of great people who work continuously in the public interest, and I don't think there's a better crew out there than the people in the Lufkin District. I'm proud of the day to day work we do to serve the Texans in this district and across the state.

Upcoming Local Letting Maintenance Projects

Contract Description	Estimated Value
Tree Trimming and Brush Removal Letting Date: March 2026	\$184,500
Mowing Letting Date: March 2026	\$365,000
Mowing Letting Date: March 2026	\$219,605
Mowing Letting Date: March 2026	\$256,175
Thermoplastic Striping Letting Date: March 2026	\$585,700
Tree & Brush Removal Letting Date: April 2026	\$200,000
On-Call Traffic Letting Date: April 2026	\$875,000
Mowing Letting Date: April 2026	\$182,000
Mowing Letting Date: April 2026	\$145,000
Tree & Brush Removal Letting Date: April 2026	\$300,650
Metal Beam Guard Fence (MBGF) Letting Date: May 2026	\$155,000

Service Awards

January 2026

Johnathon C. Moore: 5 Years

Joseph K. Warner: 5 Years

February 2026

Andrew J. Badeaux: 10 Years

Brian A. Badeaux: 10 Years

Darrell D. Nealy: 25 Years

March 2026

Jett K. Brown: 15 Years

I-69 Development in the Lufkin District

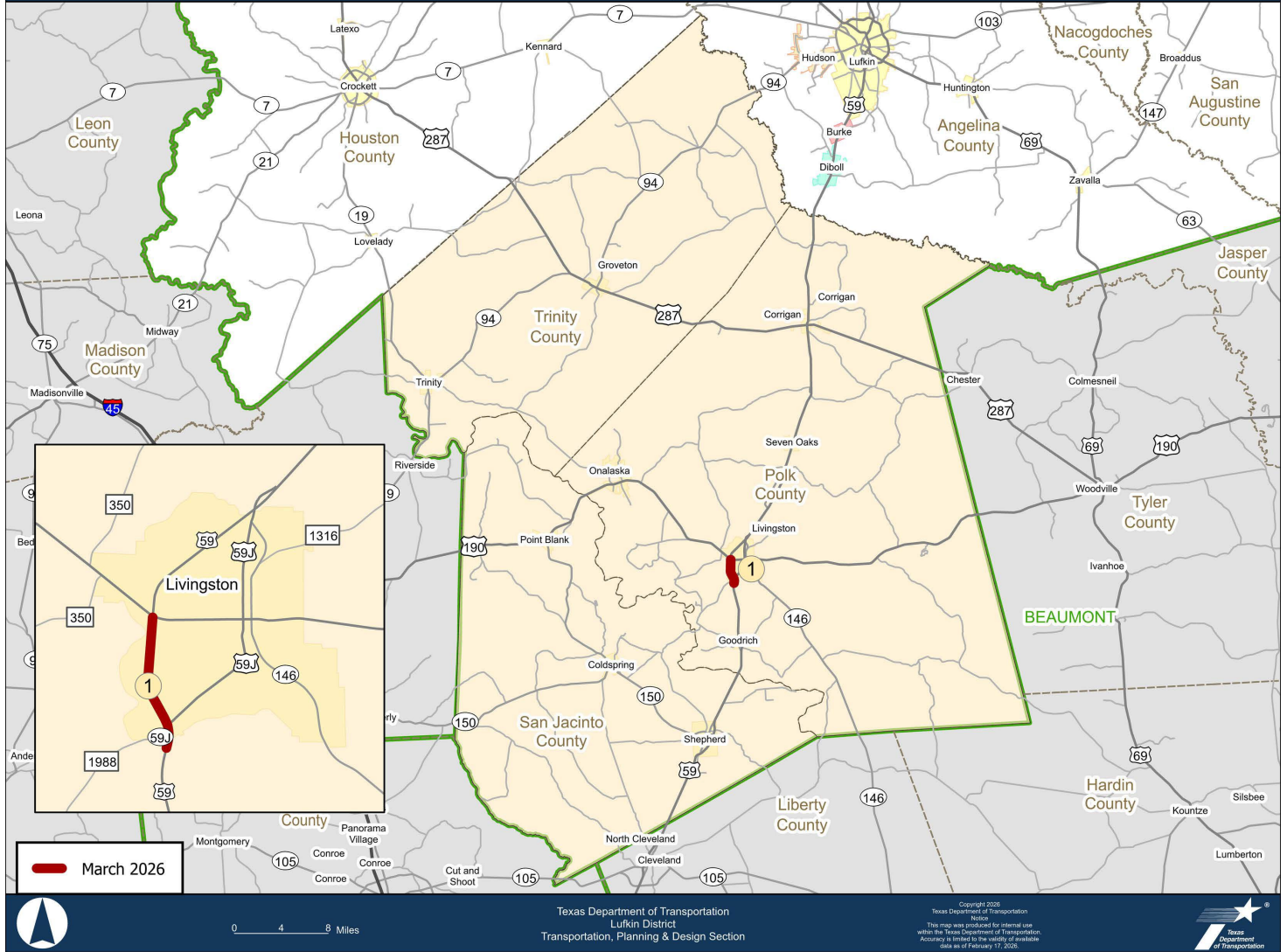
Jennifer Adams, Advance Transportation Planning Director

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 spring 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 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 Sheperd 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 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 winter 2029.
- **[US 59 Upgrade 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 2030.
- **[US 59 Upgrade North Livingston \(Schematic\)](#)** - involves reconstructing the US 59/US 190 interchange and reconstructing 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, reconstructing 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



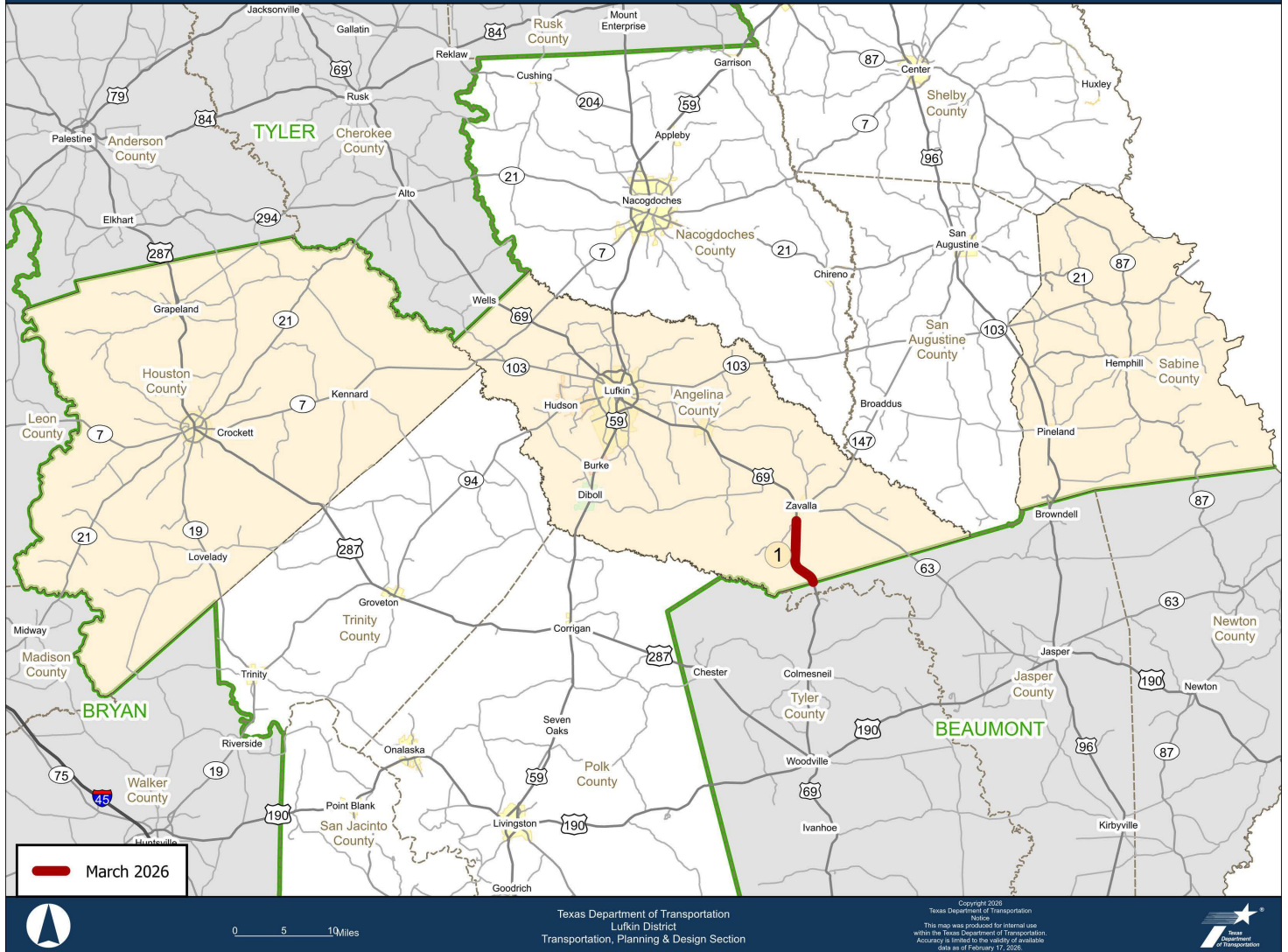
Upcoming Construction Projects

Project Number	County	Highway	Description of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
0177-01-122	Polk	US 59	Install Cable Median Barrier	\$452,556.40	1

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Lufkin Area Office

LUFKIN AREA OFFICE - Angelina, Houston and Sabine Counties



Upcoming Construction Projects

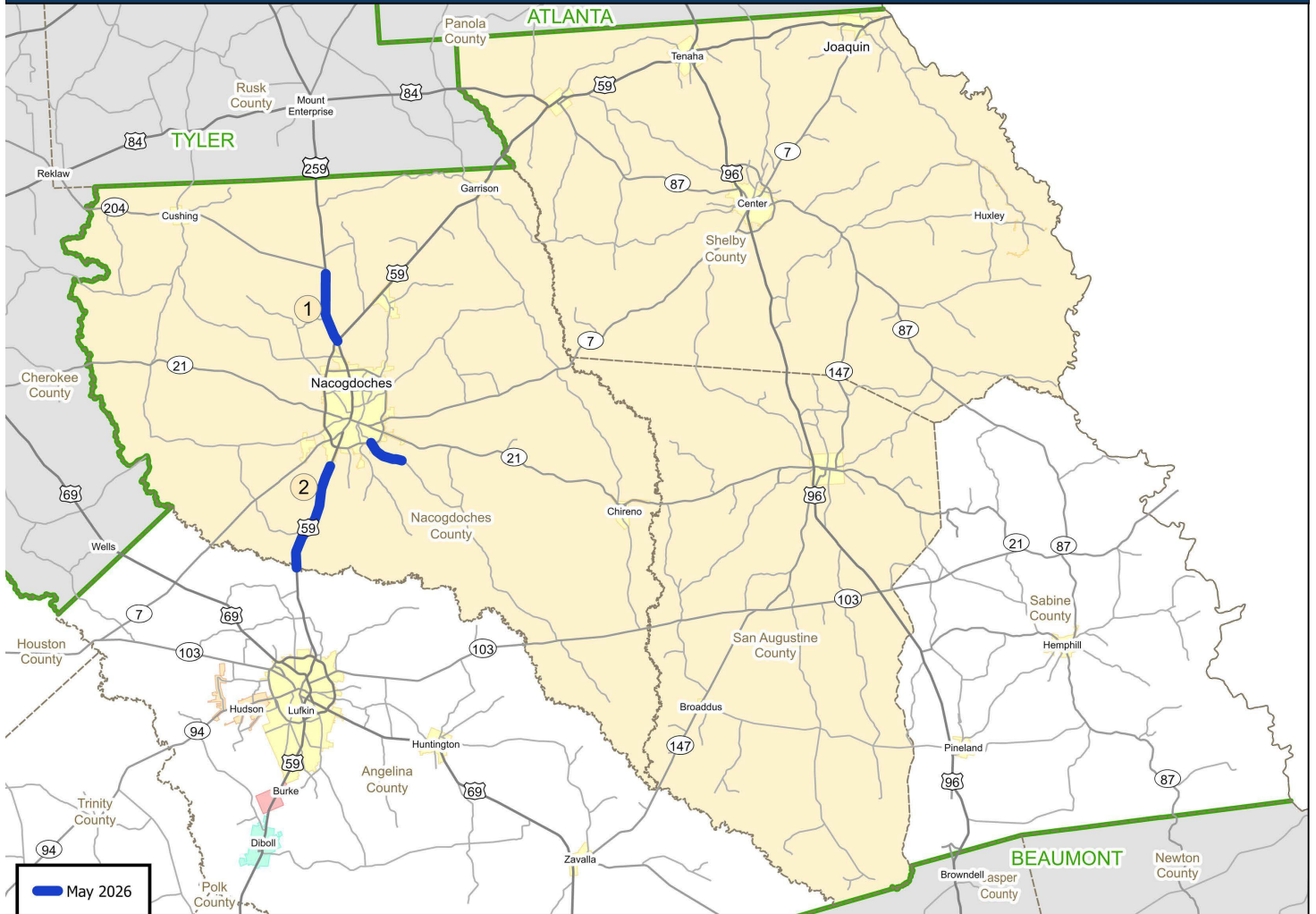
Project Number	County	Highway	Description of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
0200-03-034	Angelina	US 69	Install Cable Median Barrier	\$1,241,324.90	1
0911-00-127	Angelina	Various*	Bridge Repair Maintenance	\$408,670.00	2
0911-00-162	Angelina	Various*	Culvert & Storm Drainage Work	\$623,503.50	2

*project not mapped

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Nacogdoches Area Office

NACOGDOCHES AREA OFFICE - Nacogdoches, San Augustine and Shelby Counties




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0138-06-049	Nacogdoches	US 259	Mill and Inlay; Thin Overlay Mix	\$3,927,907.00	1
0176-01-116	Nacogdoches	US 59	Extend Turn Lanes	\$8,022,456.43	2
2116-01-024	Nacogdoches	FM 2259	Provide Additional Paved Surface Width to 28', Profile Edgeline Markings, Profile Centerline Markings	\$5,328,684.11	3

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