

LUFKIN DISTRICT

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When It Rains, It Pours

It seemed like East Texas just recovered from a brutal winter storm when spring rains began causing extensive flooding in the Lufkin District.

On almost a daily basis, maintenance crews were monitoring high water, barricading roadways and repairing washouts and damage caused by extensive flooding before it started raining again.



No matter how well a roadway is built, when it is covered with rushing water, it could be damaged. In Houston County, crews repaired a washout that had traffic stopped and detoured. In Angelina County, problematic and low-lying areas were a constant concern through the month of May and into June. Trinity and San Jacinto counties also experienced many road closures. Farm Roads throughout the nine-county district were closed as water rose and even homes and businesses began to flood. Rivers were overflowing and area lake levels were such that reservoir dams had to be opened to allow flood waters to move downstream. This resulted in additional flooding near the floodgates.

Crews remained vigilant several nights and through weekends inspecting for washouts and damage to the roadways. In some areas, construction on major projects was all but at a standstill until water receded. Winter and spring of 2021 have been challenging for TxDOT construction and maintenance crews, but with the hope of warmer temperatures and the coming summer, the busiest season of the year will be in full swing.



The public is reminded to never drive through water over the roadway or around TxDOT barricades or cones set at flooded areas. You don't know the pavement conditions until it is too late. Wait until it is safe and barricades and cones are removed. You can always check for closures and road conditions

statewide at drivetexas.org, on Facebook at Texas Department of Transportation (Lufkin) and on Twitter at TxDOT Lufkin. ■



D.E. Corner

Kelly O. Morris, P.E.

Summer is a busy season in the Lufkin District and I am excited about all that is happening in and out of our offices. Construction and maintenance projects are in full swing with warmer weather, and we plan to make the best of the sunny days. With kiddos out of school, many of you are planning a vacation or a weekend getaway.

This Summer 2021 Lufkin District Newsletter is full of information you can use all summer as you plan your travels. Take a look at our ongoing and upcoming construction projects, read about the Interstate 69 updates and other news in our district.

TxDOT wants to welcome our new CEO Marc Williams. He will be visiting the Lufkin District June 22, 2021, and we could not be more thrilled. Take time to read about Marc and his service to TxDOT. We are proud to have him.

We face challenges every day at TxDOT, but none like the flooding and extensive rainfall we have experienced in the last few months. Our crews have stepped up to keep the roadways clear and alert you to flooded roadways so you can choose a safer route. I hope you read about some of the flooding issues we dealt with and how they were handled with safety in mind.

Also, the I-69 updates always include current information regarding major projects being built to interstate standards through the Lufkin District. If you have questions or comments, please reach out to me or our I-69 director, Jennifer Adams.

Wherever your summer takes you, don't forget to plan for safety first. Reduce your speed through our work zones and give our crews room to work. Be patient and relax as you travel. That's what summer break is all about. Drive safely.

Public Outreach for ADA Self-Evaluation Summary of Findings

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has a long history of being committed to providing for the safety, reliability, and accessibility of the public the agency serves. The people of Texas have come to expect the best highway system in the United States from this agency and should be able to now expect the best transportation system for everyone.

Therefore, following the passage of the American Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, TxDOT created an ADA Task Force in 1992 and completed a self-evaluation and guide in January 1993, which addressed all aspects of the ADA. The American Disabilities Act of 1990 is a civil rights statute that prohibits discrimination against people who have disabilities. Under the ADA, designing and constructing facilities for public use that are not usable by people who have disabilities constitutes discrimination. As TxDOT has gained an understanding of the requirements under the ADA, we make every effort to achieve compliance. This initiative still continues as TxDOT seeks to be proactive and accommodating in every aspect.

TxDOT is proud to be a part of changes and progress that can unite, serve and further the safe and efficient movement of goods, services and people that ensure everyone is included. With this in mind, TxDOT is finalizing a draft of a self-evaluation of ADA compliance Statewide for all facilities within the TxDOT umbrella, including physical access and program access. Physical access addresses barriers or obstacles in facility's, right of way, or TxDOT amenities. Program access can include physical access but primarily addresses policies, practices, communications, and procedures. TxDOT will be soliciting feedback through public outreach events that will be held virtually in the near future. These public outreach events, along with the draft "Summary of Findings Report" will be then posted on the TxDOT website for access after these events.

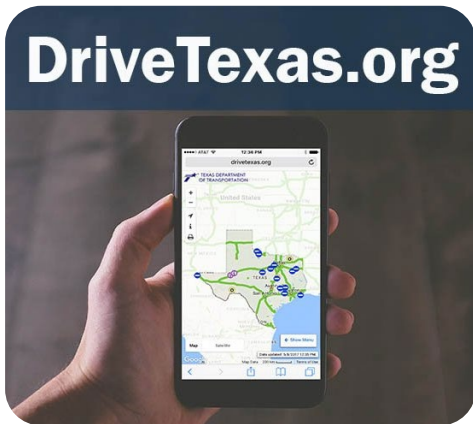
For more information contact Jimmy Thompson, P.E. – Lufkin District ADA Coordinator at (936) 633-4397 or Jimmy.Thompson@txdot.gov.

ADA 31



Americans with Disabilities Act
Celebrate the ADA! July 26, 2021

Credit: ADA National Network (adata.org)



UPCOMING LOCAL LETTING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS	
Contract Description	Estimated Value
Installation of spot paint and bead striping district wide Letting date: July 2021	\$275,000
Crack seal in Shelby, Angelina, Nacogdoches, San Augustine and Sabine Counties Letting date: July 2021	\$219,320
Crack seal in Houston, Polk, San Jacinto and Trinity Counties Letting date: July 2021	\$210,550
Tree removal in Nacogdoches County Letting date: August 2021	\$200,000
Installing illumination district wide Letting date: August 2021	\$250,000
Bridge maintenance in Shelby, Angelina, Nacogdoches, San Augustine and Sabine Counties Letting date: September 2021	\$200,000
Bridge maintenance in Houston, Polk, San Jacinto and Trinity Counties Letting date: September 2021	\$200,000
Concrete curb repair in Angelina County Letting date: September 2021	\$100,000
Ditch and culvert cleaning in San Jacinto County Letting date: October 2021	\$250,000
Road rehabilitation in Angelina County Letting date: October 2021	\$200,000



TxDOT Names New CEO

TxDOT Commissioners on May 26, 2021, named Marc Williams to lead TxDOT as the new executive director following the retirement of James Bass.

Marc took on his new role on June 1, 2021, after serving as deputy executive director. He began his service with TxDOT in 2012 as director of planning. In 2015, he was appointed as interim deputy director. Prior to joining TxDOT, Marc held leadership roles in public and private sector organizations involved in the planning and development of transportation infrastructure across the United States.

“I’m extremely excited to be chosen to lead TxDOT. As someone who’s seen – firsthand – the dedication, devotion and tenacity that our Family brings every day to serving Texans, it’s an honor to work alongside our talented group of folks. I’m looking forward to working with you to continue the mission of connecting Texans with the things that matter most to them,” Williams said. ■

I-69 DEVELOPMENT IN THE LUFKIN DISTRICT

Jennifer Adams, I-69 Project Manager (936) 633-4469

There are currently eight projects that the Lufkin District is actively developing. These projects are in varying stages of development. Below is a brief update on the status of these projects. For more information on these I-69 projects and others under development across the state, please visit our webpage at www.txdot.gov and search "I-69 Projects Overview."



Driven by Texans

- **US 59/SL 224 South Interchange** – project involves upgrading existing US 59 four-lane controlled access freeway from south of Spradley Street to the intersection of SH 7 west and State Loop 224. The project also involves the construction of new US 59 direct connectors at SL 224(S) and frontage roads along SL 224 between SH 7 and US 59. The \$86 million construction project was awarded to Longview Bridge and Road Ltd who began work in September 2019. The project is anticipated to be open to traffic in Summer 2023.
- **US 59 Diboll Relief Route** – project involves constructing a new location four-lane controlled access freeway east of Diboll. Sacyr Construction USA LLC was awarded the \$140.1 million project and began construction in April 2020. The project is anticipated to be complete in Fall of 2024.
- **US 59 Upgrade in Lufkin between Moffett Rd and SH 103** – project involves upgrading existing US 59 to a six-lane controlled access freeway with frontage roads. The \$19.3 million project was awarded to Longview Bridge and Road Ltd who began construction in February 2021. The project is anticipated to be complete in Spring 2023.
- **US 59 Upgrade in Redland between SL 287 and FM 2021** – project involves upgrading existing US 59 to a four-lane controlled access freeway with frontage roads. TxDOT received environmental clearance and completed right-of-way (ROW) mapping. ROW acquisitions and demolition are underway. Upon completion of ROW acquisition and demolition, utility relocations will begin. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2022.
- **US 59 Corrigan Relief Route** – project involves the construction of a new location four-lane controlled access freeway west of Corrigan. TxDOT received approval of the schematic and environmental studies in March 2018. ROW acquisitions have begun. Upon completion of ROW acquisition and demolition, utility relocations will begin. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2022.
- **US 59 Upgrade in San Jacinto and Liberty Counties between FM 2914 and North Cleveland** – project involves upgrading existing US 59 to a four-lane controlled access freeway with frontage roads. TxDOT received approval of schematic and environmental studies in August 2019. ROW acquisitions have begun. Upon completion of ROW acquisition and demolition, utility relocations will begin. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2023.
- **COMING SOON – US 59/US 259 NORTH NACOGDOCHES INTERCHANGE** – this project involves converting existing US 59 to a four-lane controlled access freeway from FM 343 to just north of the US 59/US 259 interchange. The proposed project would include reconstructing the US 59/US 259 interchange and constructing frontage roads. TxDOT has hired a consultant who began field surveying in late 2020. This survey data will be used to begin schematic and environmental studies. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2029.



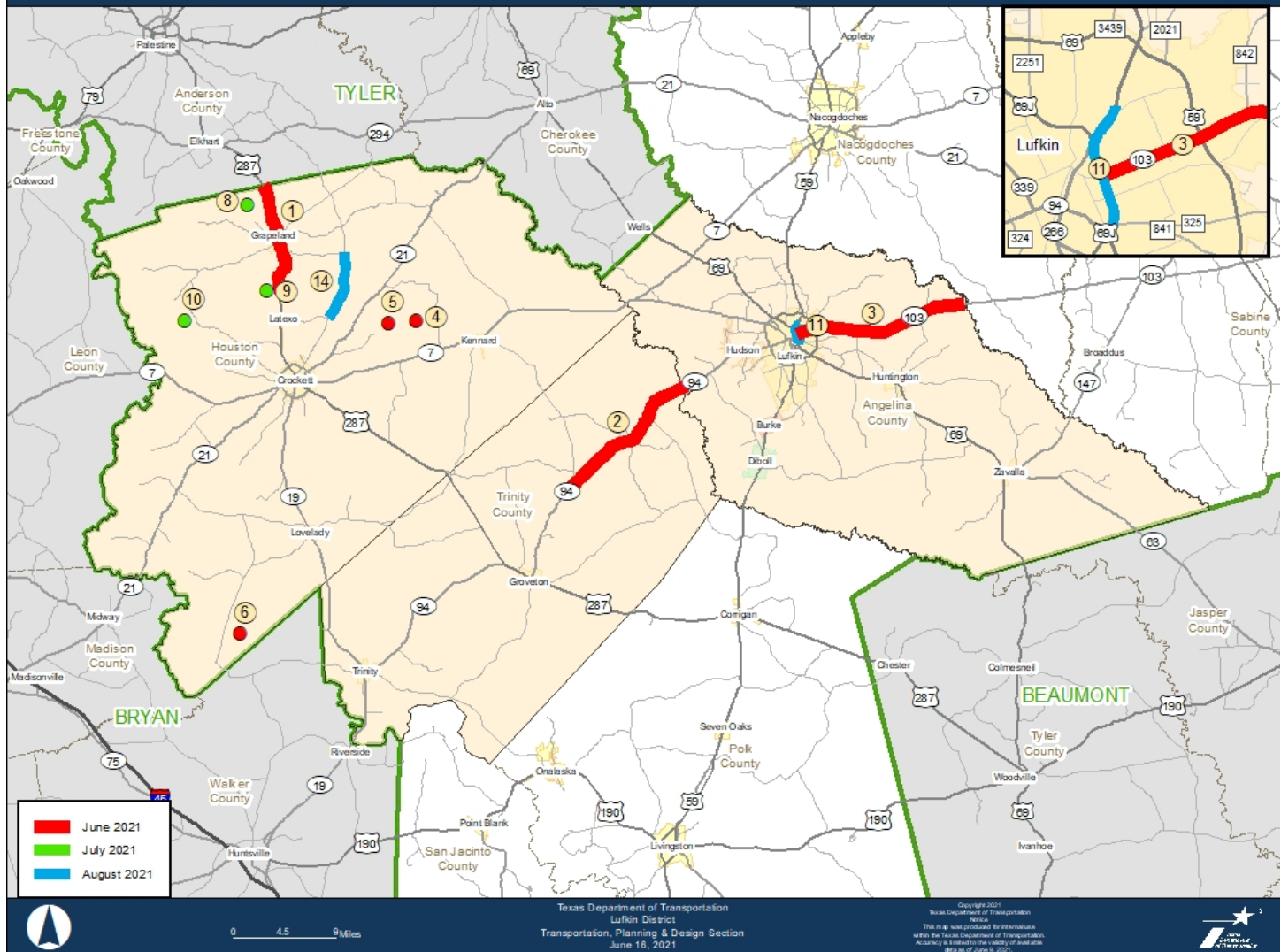
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LIVINGSTON AREA OFFICE - Polk and San Jacinto Counties

txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/project-tracker.html

Lufkin Area Office

LUFKIN AREA OFFICE - Angelina, Houston and Trinity Counties



UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Project Number	County	Highway	Description Of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
0109-03-036	Houston	US 287	Replace Guardrail	\$1,382,533.00	1
0319-03-055	Trinity	SH 94	Replace Guardrail	\$171,089.70	2
0336-05-064	Angelina	SH 103	Replace Guardrail	\$331,028.55	3
0911-28-049	Houston	CR 1060	Bridge Replacement at Hickory Creek	\$509,773.25	4
0911-28-054	Houston	CR 1050	Bridge Replacement at Hickory Creek	\$675,077.50	5
0911-28-060	Houston	CR 3585	Bridge Replacement at Wright Creek	\$574,101.30	6
0911-00-109	Angelina	VA*	Tree Trimming and Removal	\$4,952,508.60	7
0911-28-051	Houston	CR 2215	Bridge Replacement at Little Elkhart Creek	\$438,812.50	8
0911-28-052	Houston	CR 2330	Bridge Replacement at Big Elkhart Creek	\$314,798.50	9
0911-28-055	Houston	CR 2120	Bridge Replacement at Little Elkhart Creek	\$333,481.50	10
0176-02-124	Angelina	BU 59-G	Constructing Sidewalks	\$979,564.00	11
0911-00-106	Angelina	VA*	Constructing Sidewalks	\$1,966,524.25	12
0911-00-112	Angelina	VA*	Install Digital Message Signs and Closed-Circuit TV along US 59	\$1,123,870.00	13
1875-02-027	Houston	FM 2022	Widen Roadway - Add Shoulders	\$4,605,790.64	14
0911-00-079	Angelina	VA*	Install Profile Pavement Markings	\$1,500,000.00	15

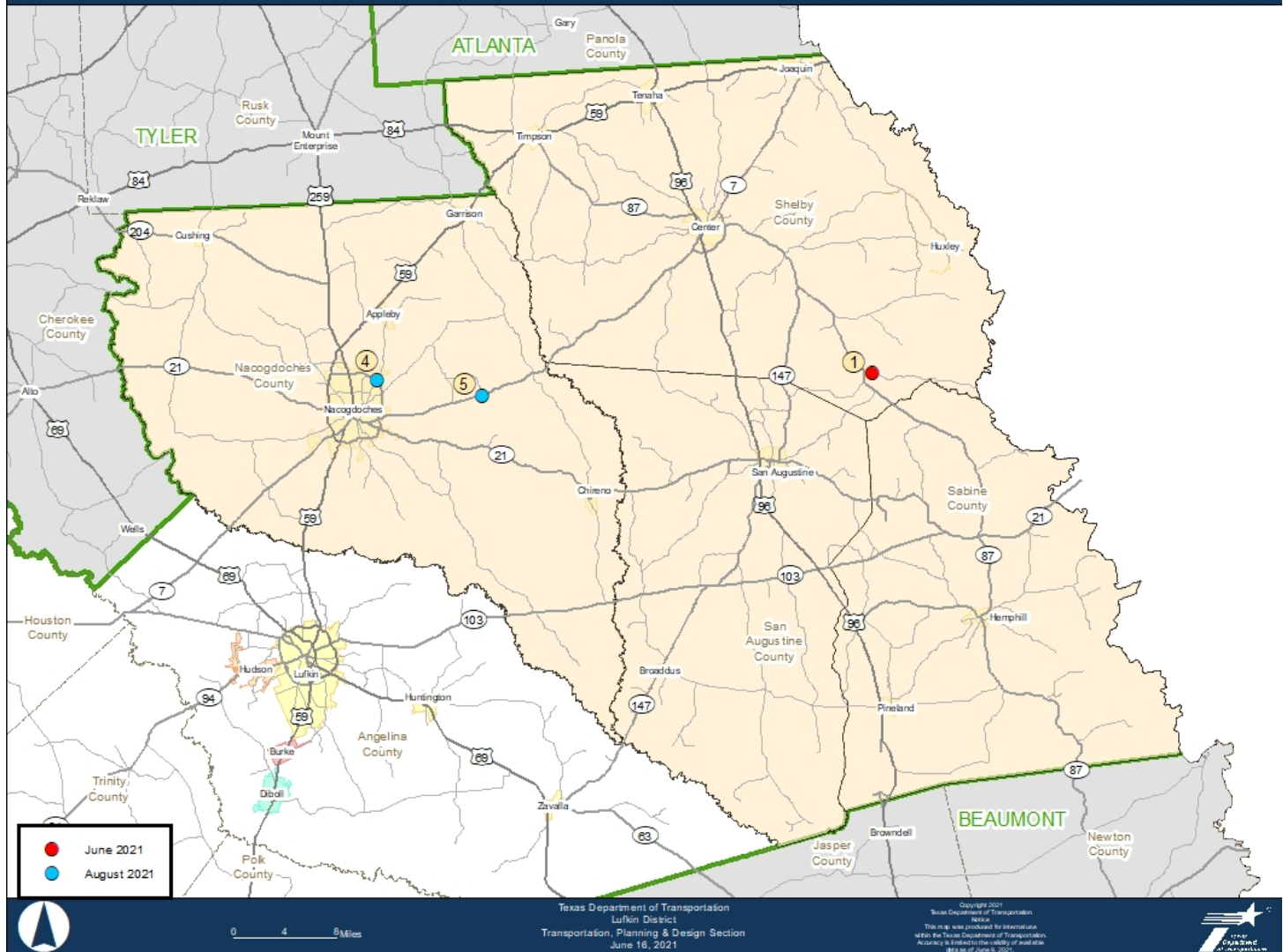
*Project Not Mapped

For more information, please visit the Project Tracker page at:

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Nacogdoches Area Office

NACOGDOCHES AREA OFFICE - Nacogdoches, Sabine, San Augustine and Shelby Counties



UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Project Number	County	Highway	Description Of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
1409-03-020	Shelby	FM 2261	Bridge Replacement at Woodfin Creek	\$1,222,602.65	1
0911-08-051	Nacogdoches	VA*	Construct Sidewalks	\$632,422.00	2
0911-08-055	Nacogdoches	VA*	Construct Sidewalks	\$1,325,999.00	3
2590-01-031	Nacogdoches	FM 2609	Install Flashing Beacon at SL 224	\$10,050.00	4
2747-01-006	Nacogdoches	FM 2713	Install Flashing Beacon at SH 7	\$47,554.00	5

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