

LUFKIN DISTRICT

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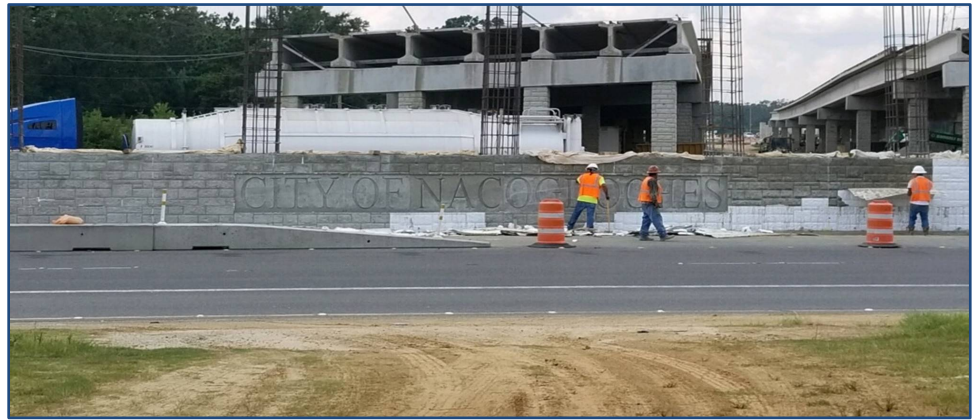
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A Look Back And A Look Ahead

We invite you to look back at 2021 at major construction projects that are ongoing in the Lufkin District and two that are expected to begin in 2022.

US 59/SL 224 SOUTH NACOGDOCHES



The \$86 million US 59/SL 224 South Interchange project includes constructing new main lanes of US 59 meeting interstate standards with controlled access from south of Spradley Street to the intersection of SH 7 West and SL 224. The project includes new US 59 direct connectors at SL 224 South and frontage roads along SL 224 between SH 7 and US 59. Longview Bridge and Road Ltd., Longview TX, is serving as contractor for the project. Phase I began in 2017 and included the construction of a raised median with a two-way, left-turn lane on US 59, U-turns at Spradley Street, pedestrian sidewalks and reconfiguring the US 59/SL 224 intersection. Phase II began in September 2019. The project is 51.6 percent complete and is on track for completion in Summer 2023.

US 59 DIBOLL RELIEF ROUTE



The \$140 million, 8.2 mile long controlled access Diboll Relief Route is currently being constructed east of Diboll and Burke. Sacyr Construction USA, LLC, Miami FL, is serving as contractor for the project that is being constructed to meet interstate standards. Work is ongoing on the northbound and southbound bridges that will connect US 59 on the south end and crews are working to complete header banks at FM 1818, Lumberjack Drive and Conner Road. Construction began in Spring 2020 and is 32.9 percent complete. The project is scheduled for completion in 2025.

US 69 UPGRADES



Phase I of this project began in 2018 on US 69 South from FM 844 south of Huntington to FM 1270 in Zavalla. Johnson Brothers Corp., Roanoke TX, is serving as contractor for the \$71.6 million project which continues for 11-miles. Work includes widening the existing 2-lane roadway to a 4-lane divided highway. Crews continue to work to complete new bridges and an overpass at SH 63. This project is 80-percent complete and is scheduled for completion in early 2022.



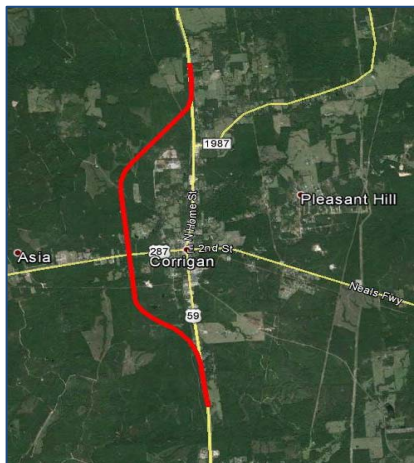
Drewery Construction, Nacogdoches TX, is serving as contractor for a 7.3-mile section on US 69, from FM 1270, south of Zavalla, southward to the Jasper County line. The \$37.8 million project includes continuing to widen the 2-lane roadway to a 4-lane divided highway. Crews continue to prepare right-of-way, construct small structures, and install culverts. Hot mix paving has begun on the new northbound lanes between FM 1270 and Clay Plant Road. This project is at 40-percent complete and is scheduled to be completed in mid-2023.

US 59 UPGRADE MOFFETT ROAD to SH 103

This \$19.3 million construction project began in 2021 and is currently being constructed to meet interstate standards. The project will upgrade existing US 59/SL 287 in Lufkin to a six-lane controlled access freeway with frontage roads from Moffett Road to SH 103 East/Atkinson Drive. Longview Bridge and Road Ltd., Longview TX, is serving as contractor for the project that is expected to be completed in spring 2023.



A LOOK AHEAD TO 2022:

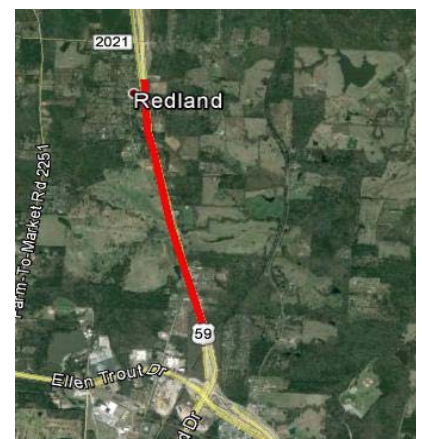


US 59 CORRIGAN RELIEF ROUTE

The US 59 Corrigan Relief Route is on schedule to begin in summer 2022. The \$163 million, 7 mile long project will include the construction of new US 59 northbound and southbound main lanes with controlled access west of Corrigan; overpasses at UPRR, US 287 and Union Springs Road; entrance and exit ramps at US 59 tie-ins and US 287 overpass. TxDOT began studies in the late 1990's; however, it was put on hold due to budgetary constraints. In 2008, the project was identified as one of the top five priorities for future development by the I-69 Segment Two Committee. After funding was allocated in 2012, the Lufkin District updated the previous studies and held an Open House and Public Hearing in 2014 and in 2017. The Relief Route was designed and will be built to meet interstate standards, promote public safety, improve emergency evacuations, and support freight transport.

US 59 UPGRADE REDLAND

The US 59 Upgrade in Redland is expected to begin in summer 2022. The \$48 million, 2.5 mile long construction project will reconstruct the US 59 main lanes along with adding new northbound and southbound frontage roads from FM 2021 to 0.34 miles north of SL 287. It was designed and will be built to meet interstate standards. An Open House was held in 2017 and a public hearing in 2018. US 59 serves as a hurricane evacuation route and this upgrade will enhance safety and mobility through the area. ■





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

With the holidays upon us, the Lufkin District continues to be busy with ongoing construction projects and project planning. Hopefully, winter will be kind and work won't be delayed due to inclement weather.

This newsletter is a perfect time to look back on the year and recap the major projects in the district. The landscape in Nacogdoches, Diboll and Zavalla has changed and I know you will want to read about the ongoing work and what you can expect in coming months on these projects.

Of course, you will want to stay informed about the I69 projects and our project pages from our area offices. With new projects beginning in the district, safety is our number one goal. Pedestrian safety is a big part of that. Read about the ADA updates and sidewalk construction projects in the Lufkin District and the efforts underway to enhance pedestrian safety.

There will likely not be a day when you don't see our maintenance crews somewhere on the roads. They stay busy repairing and maintaining roadways for all of us. The work they do enhances safe driving and extends the life of a roadway. Check out the maintenance section projects that are ongoing or planned in the future.

If your plans include traveling during the holidays, remember to stay alert, watch out for that winter weather, and always drive accordingly. Help us End The Streak. I hope you have a happy, safe holiday with friends and loved ones.

UPCOMING LOCAL LETTING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS	
Contract Description	Estimated Value
Mowing and Litter Removal in Trinity County Letting date: December 2021	\$129,045
Mowing and Litter Removal in Sabine County Letting date: December 2021	\$229,493
Mowing and Litter Removal in Shelby County Letting date: January 2022	\$197, 983
Raised Pavement Markings (Districtwide) Letting date: January 2022	\$250,000
Seal Coat at Mission Delores Parking Lot Letting date: February 2022	\$30,000
Concrete Repair (Districtwide) Letting date: March 2022	\$200,000
Traffic Signal Maintenance (Districtwide) Letting Date: April 2022	\$275,000

Lufkin District ADA Accessibility Program

Since 2018 the Lufkin District has completed construction or design of approximately 30 miles of Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliant sidewalk along TxDOT roadways, not including pedestrian infrastructure incorporated in highway projects. The total projected cost of these projects is approximately \$19,210,000 and has come through various funding opportunities, including but not limited to: Transportation Alternative Set Aside (TASA) funding, TxDOT Design Division funding set aside for ADA projects, and Road To Zero (RTZ) funding.

ADA projects have been completed or are under development in Lufkin, Grapeland, Garrison, San Augustine, Nacogdoches, Hemphill, Broadus, Lovelady, Onalaska, Pineland, Crockett, Livingston, and Groveton. These projects are the result of specific needs presented by and discussed with public and elected officials, School Districts, and internal review of locations throughout the District. The Lufkin District is continuing to identify ADA projects within the District that will ultimately provide safe alternative routes for pedestrian traffic. If you see a need for ADA compliant sidewalks in your community, let us know. One of the major goals of the Lufkin District is to ensure everyone gets home safely.

How can you contact the District and what is the process?

- Contact Jimmy Thompson, P.E. – Lufkin District ADA Coordinator at (936) 633-4397 or Jimmy.Thompson@txdot.gov for more information or to be added to the email list.
- Provide a specific location for an ADA project and the need you see.
- TxDOT will review the project to determine projected cost, eligibility, functional ranking, available/potential funding.

TxDOT will contact you back and let you know the findings and potential for the proposed project. ■

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 by constructing new US 59 direct connectors at SL 224(S) and frontage roads along SL 224 between SH 7 and US 59. Utility relocations are currently underway. Construction began in September 2019 and is anticipated to be complete Summer 2023.
- **US 59 Diboll Relief Route** – project involves constructing a new location controlled access roadway east of Diboll. Utility relocations are currently underway. Construction began in Spring 2020 and is anticipated to be complete early 2025.
- **US 59 Upgrade in Lufkin between Moffett Rd and SH 103** – project involves upgrading existing US 59 to a controlled access roadway by adding frontage roads. Utility relocations are underway. Construction began in 2021 and scheduled for completion in Spring 2023.
- **US 59 Upgrade in Redland between SL 287 and FM 2021** – project involves upgrading existing US 59 to a controlled access roadway by adding frontage roads. TxDOT received environmental clearance and completed ROW mapping. ROW acquisitions and demolition are complete. Utility relocations will begin in December. Construction is anticipated to begin in summer 2022.
- **US 59 Corrigan Relief Route** – project involves the construction of a new location controlled access roadway west of Corrigan. TxDOT received approval of the schematic and environmental studies in March 2018. ROW acquisitions and demolition are complete. Utility relocations are underway. Construction is anticipated to begin in summer 2022.
- **US 59 Upgrade in San Jacinto and Liberty Counties between FM 2914 and North Cleveland** – project involves upgrading existing US 59 to a controlled access roadway by adding frontage roads. TxDOT received approval of schematic and environmental studies in August 2019. ROW acquisitions and demolition has 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 to eliminate the current cloverleaf configuration and adding new 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.



LIVINGSTON AREA OFFICE - Polk and San Jacinto Counties



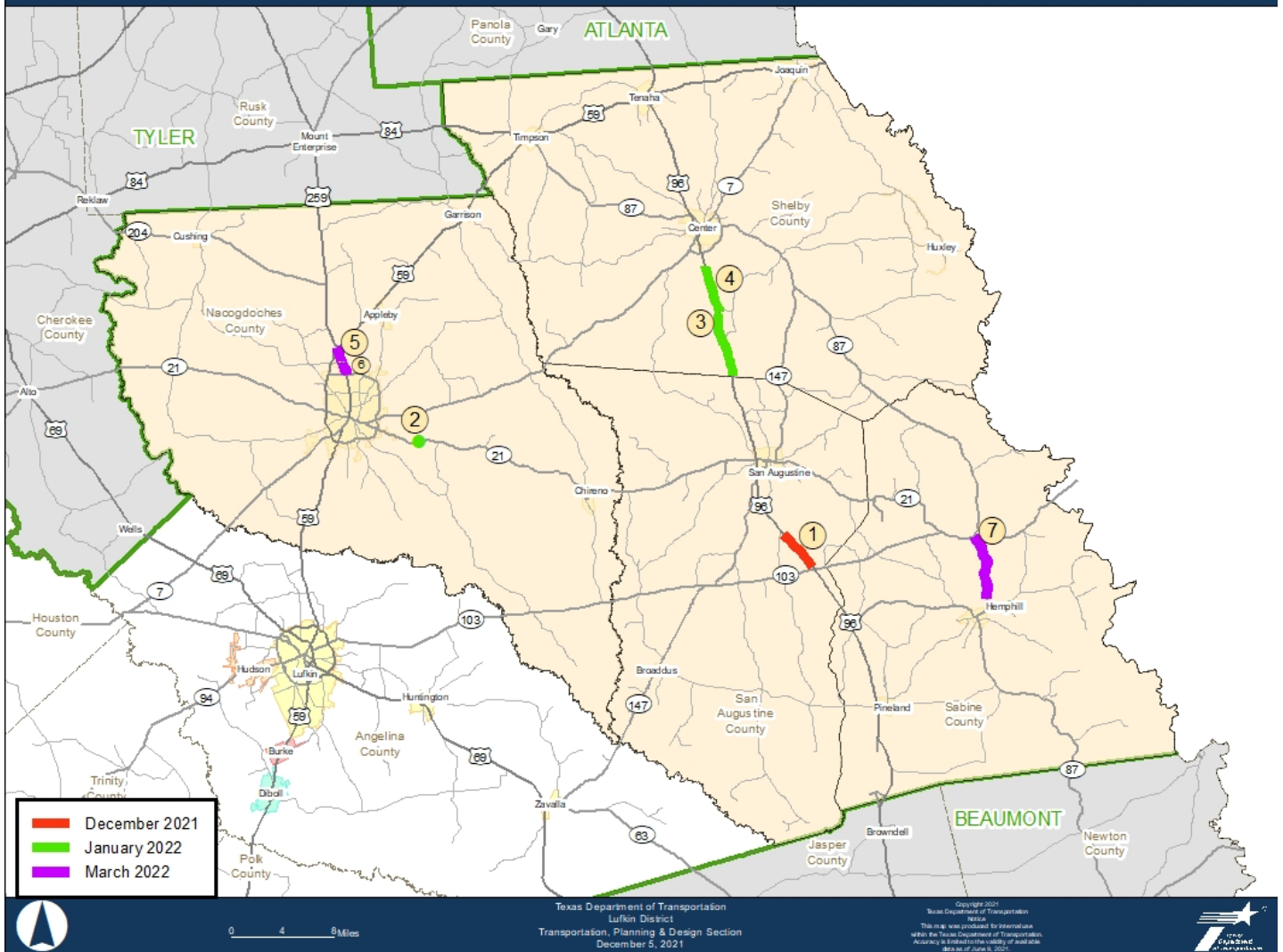
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Project Number	County	Highway	Description Of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
0911-00-119	Various	Various	Bridge Maintenance - Steel Piling Encasements at Various Bridges in Angelina, Houston and Trinity Counties	\$586,520.00	*

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

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
0809-04-057	San Augustine	US 96	Rehabilitation of Existing Roadway	\$3,768,563	1
0118-08-075	Nacogdoches	SH 21	Replace Bridge and Approaches	\$2,248,501	2
0809-02-069	Shelby	US 96	Add Passing Lanes and Overlay Existing Pavement	\$14,898,517.00	3
0809-02-070	Shelby	US 96	Add Passing Lanes and Overlay Existing Pavement	\$8,238,848.00	4
0175-07-061	Nacogdoches	BU 59-F	Resurface Roadway with Thin Overlay Mixture	\$95,744.00	5
0175-08-046	Nacogdoches	BU 59-F	Resurface Roadway with Thin Overlay Mixture	\$91,432.00	6
0304-03-028	Sabine	SH 87	Resurface Roadway with Thin Overlay Mixture	\$496,907	7

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