
LUFKIN DISTRICT

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2025 in Review

[Tim Monzingo, Public Information Officer](#)

There's no way to fully capture the accomplishments, setbacks, challenges and solutions that faced the Lufkin District over the past year in words. They are too many and too diverse, but if a picture is worth a thousand words, then seeing that progress in person is priceless.

In the past year, the employees in this district made huge strides toward accomplishing TxDOT's mission of Connecting Texas, and it's worth looking back at a few of them to see where we've been, and where we're headed.

Diboll Relief Route

The road for this...road, began more 35 years ago with initial studies made in 1990, but in 2025, the final pieces of the Diboll are falling into place.

Five years of construction built 8.2-miles of interstate-grade highway. At a cost of more than \$140 million, this keystone project is a critical part of the I-69 corridor's development, and a long-term investment in the future of East Texans.

FM 1277

Between Sept. 2023 and Aug. 2025, TxDOT and Pinto Construction improved 7.5 miles of FM 1277, widening the road to 28 feet, safety treating structures and milling edge-line and center-line markings. This was completed under budget and ahead of schedule despite numerous expected and unexpected challenges.

Moffett

Another critical aspect of the U.S. 59/I-69 project was making critical safety, mobility and connectivity improvements to the corridor between Moffett Road and SH 103. This \$19.3 million project touched on several important corridors in the district, including U.S. 59, U.S. 69/SL 287, railroads, and a busy section of BU 59 passing through Lufkin. A four-lane freeway was converted into two-lane north and southbound frontage roads in Angelina County.

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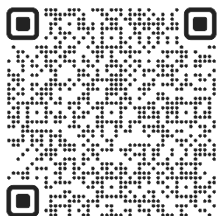
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Maintenance

The district's maintenance division opened a new chapter with the addition of a lay down crew and machine and achieved a safety score among the highest in the state.

Traffic

83 traffic signals throughout the district received upgraded heads and reflective backplates. 28 of 31 detection systems were upgraded, and 2 out of 3 signals were upgraded and replaced as of Nov. 20.

Looking Ahead

The Lufkin District is and will be bustling with activity for the rest of the year and through 2026. The projects above, and the accomplishments they show are examples of how the men and women of TxDOT in these nine counties are connecting you with Texas.

Crockett Resource Fair helps spread End the Streak

Tim Monzingo, Public Information Officer

Between 3 and 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 10, the parking lot in front of the Porth Arena at the Crockett Civic Center was awash in safety shirts and charcoal smoke as Lufkin District employees put together a first-of-its-kind event for the district.

The Traffic Safety Section partnered with the Department of Public Safety, Crockett Fire Department and Crockett Police Department, to host the event, which offered free food, games, information, and car-seat fittings to Houston County residents.

DPS and first responders in Houston County had reached out to TxDOT for ideas on how to help reduce the number of vehicle crashes in which passengers were killed or injured because they weren't wearing seatbelts. The event was planned to coincide with the 2025 End the Streak statewide campaign.

"We wanted this to be something that drew the public in and put them face to face with TxDOT and first responders," said Traffic Safety Specialist Melissa McKnight. "We wanted people to be involved more than just a guest speaker or media spot could do."

Thanks to generous donations from the participating agencies, and HEB, free food was available to anyone who visited the event.

The fair was also a trial run for future, similar events to be hosted in the district with the same mission educating and making the public safer on the roads.

"If we got just one car seat properly fitted, or just one person to buckle up and slow down, I'd call it successful," McKnight said. "That we had the turn out we did was fantastic and now we can figure out how to keep growing future events."



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

2025 is all but in the books, and it's been quite a year for this district.

We saw some long term projects wrap up or enter their final phases; we celebrated one of the best safety scores in the state; we started the ball rolling on new and exciting jobs, and we took on challenges with ingenuity and resourcefulness; we saw familiar faces move into retirement or new positions and welcomed new faces into the office.

There's a lot we should be proud about in the past year. And I appreciate the work we've all put in to make these things happen.

And now we get some time to take a breath, spend some extra time with our families and loved ones, and look forward to the possibilities the next year brings.

One of those things is the Survey of Employee Engagement coming out in the next month. It's an important tool for everyone to anonymously provide feedback, and to improve TxDOT. Please be sure to complete it.

I want to wish all y'all merry Christmas, happy holidays and a happy New Year. And if you're topping off Cousin Eddie's eggnog at the family get together, remember to get him a sober ride home. Don't just drop him off in the middle of nowhere.

Upcoming Local Letting Maintenance Projects

Contract Description	Estimated Value
Tree Trimming and Brush Removal Letting Date: January 2026	\$250,000
Metal Beam Guard Fence (MBGF) Letting Date: January 2026	\$200,000
Metal Beam Guard Fence (MBGF) Letting Date: February 2026	\$200,000
Metal Beam Guard Fence (MBGF) Letting Date: February 2026	\$300,000
Mowing Letting Date: February 2026	\$250,000

Service Awards

October 2025

Ernest E. Rowe Jr.: 10 Years

Terry K. Nichols: 10 Years

Kelly G. Collins: 15 Years

November 2025

Arther B. Wolf: 5 Years

Joel Lovell: 5 Years

Thomas E. Omundson: 5 Years

December 2025

Martin R. Aguilar Jr.: 5 Years

Walter C. Marburger: 5 Years

Homar G. Munoz: 10 Years

Timothy S. Martin: 15 Years



Arther Wolf,
General Trans.
Tech, 5 Years



Martin Aguilar Jr.,
Transport Engineer
Spec, 5 Years

I-69 Development in the Lufkin District

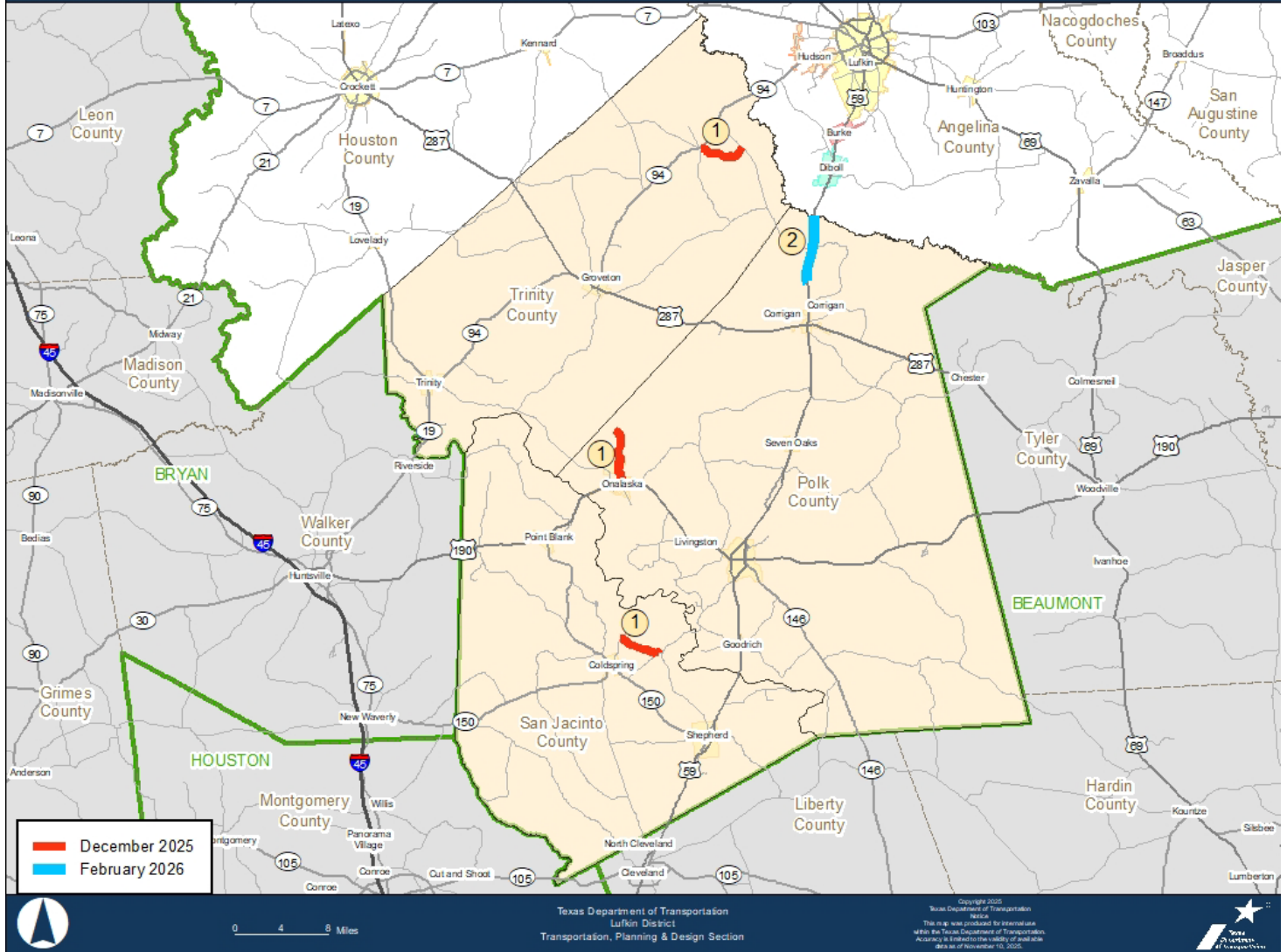
Jennifer Adams, Advance Transportation Planning Director

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 Diboll Relief Route \(Under Construction\)](#) - involves constructing a new location controlled-access roadway east of Diboll. Construction began in spring 2020 and is scheduled for completion 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 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

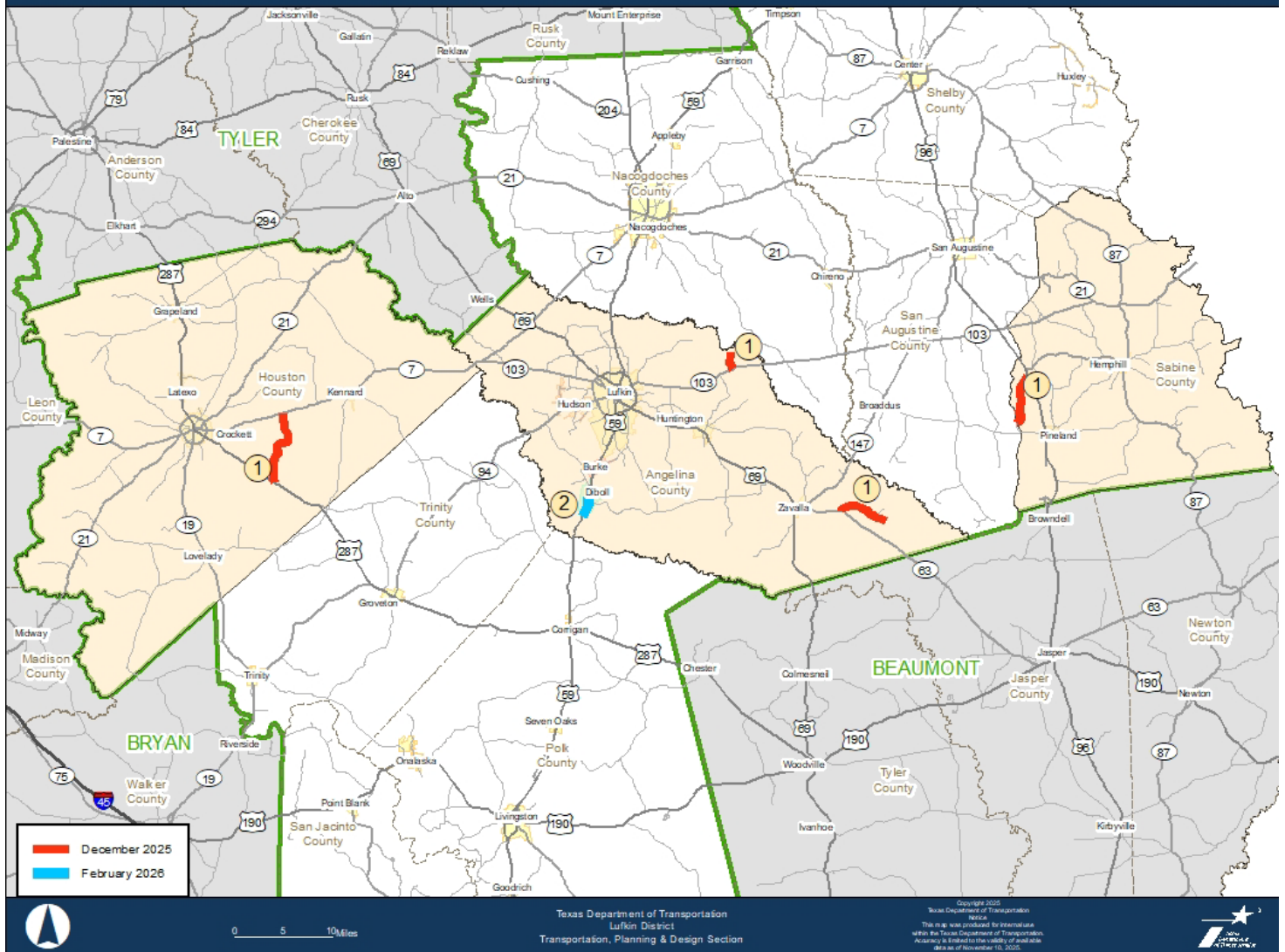
Project Number	County	Highway	Description of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
0911-00-126	Various	Various	FY 2026 profile pavement markings	\$3,992,243.80	1
2387-01-018	Trinity	FM 2501	Centerline and edgeline rumble strips	\$102,330.00	1
3196-01-012	Polk	FM 3128	Centerline and edgeline rumble strips	\$118,443.50	1
3198-01-014	San Jacinto	FM 3128	Centerline and edgeline rumble strips	\$87,802.00	1
0176-04-088	Polk	US 59	Overlay; 2" SP-C & Milling (NB and SB Lanes)	\$7,801,366.05	2

*Project not mapped

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

Lufkin Area Office

LUFKIN AREA OFFICE - Angelina, Houston and Sabine Counties



Upcoming Construction Projects

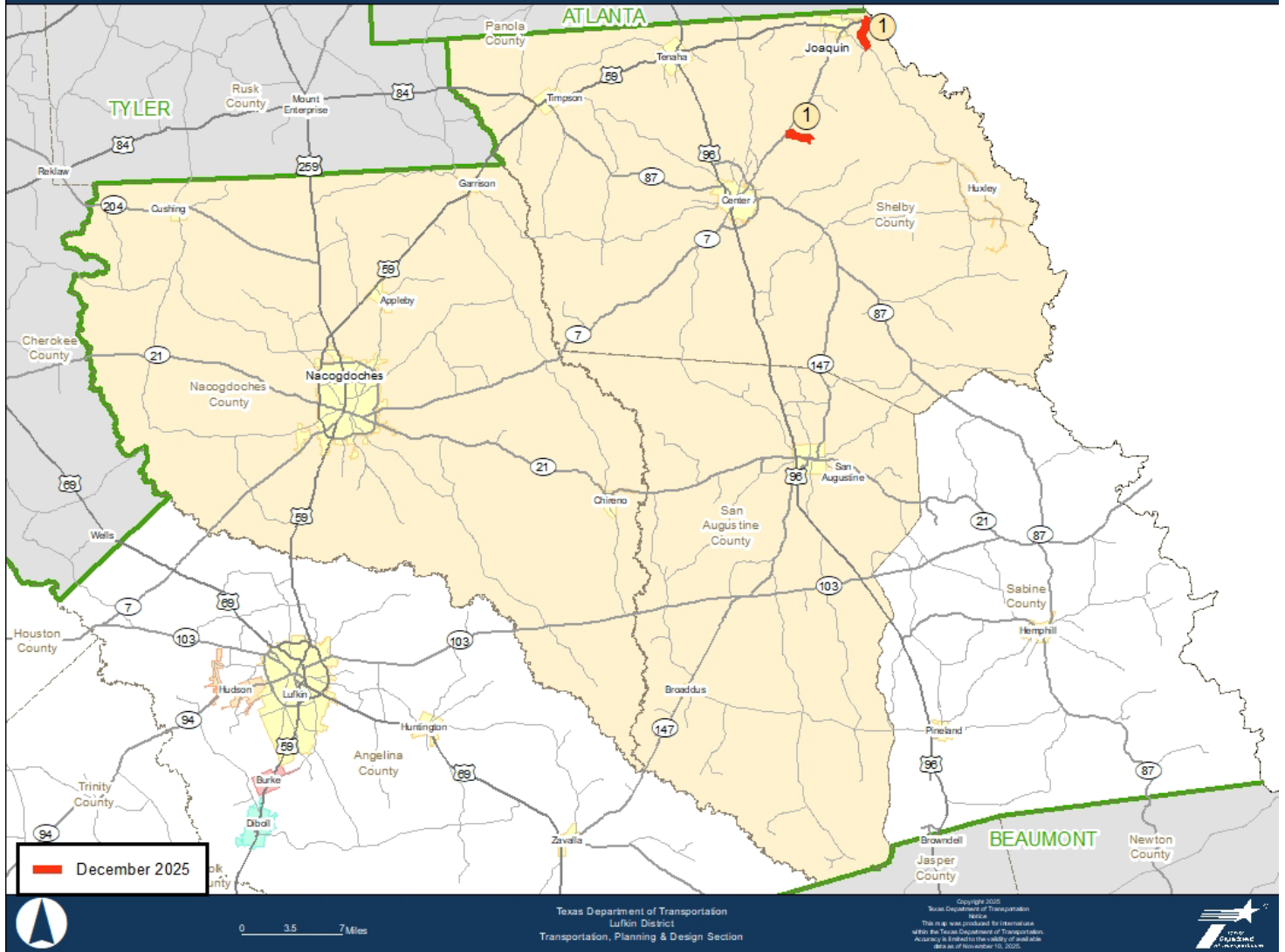
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0244-10-006	Angelina	FM 2743	Centerline and edgeline rumble strips	\$168,863.00	1
0336-09-007	Angelina	FM 1699	Centerline and edgeline rumble strips	\$44,648.50	1
0911-00-126	Various	Various*	FY 2026 profile pavement markings	\$3,992,243.80	1
0939-01-010	Houston	FM 232	Centerline and edgeline rumble strips	\$85,011.50	1
2892-01-008	Sabine	FM 2866	Centerline and edgeline rumble strips	\$128,383.50	1
0176-03-148	Angelina	US 59	Overlay; 2" SP-C & Milling (NB and SB Lanes)	\$2,335,670.50	2

*Project not mapped

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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
0911-00-126	Various	Various*	FY 2026 profile pavement markings	\$3,992,243.80	1
2595-01-004	Shelby	FM 2608	Centerline and edgeline rumble strips	\$21,267.50	1
2758-02-016	Shelby	FM 2787	Centerline and edgeline rumble strips	\$53,113.50	1

*Project not mapped

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