

# US 59 Montgomery and Liberty Counties Fact Sheet

The US 59 Montgomery and Liberty Counties project initiated in 2013 to improve US 59, meet interstate standards and designate to I-69 in the future. Since the last open house on May 13, 2013, additional changes have been made to the project design. The Houston-Galveston Area Council has voted to fund this project, although the specific funding category and amount is not known at this time.

## Proposed Improvements

The purpose of the proposed improvements that cover 4.281 miles of the existing US 59 is to enhance mobility in the area and upgrade US 59 to meet interstate standards and later serve as I-69. The preliminary study indicates that additional right-of-way and displacements would be needed, but will not be known until construction plans have been finalized.

Proposed improvements:

- Modify US 59 main lanes curve at State Loop 573
- Revise the intersection at US 59 and State Loop 573: The northbound frontage road will follow the US 59 main lanes, instead of the northbound frontage road becoming State Loop 573
- Reverse the entrance and exit ramps between SH 105 and State Loop 573
- Add a right-turn lane to the southbound frontage road at the SH 105 connector
- Possibly add a detention pond on new right-of-way at the south end of the project

## Improvement Benefits

Improvements to US 59 are expected to relieve traffic congestion and meet future traffic demands. The improvements will also upgrade US 59 to interstate standards, with the eventual goal of designating the highway as part of the I-69 system. I-69 currently ends at Fostoria Road, and this project would extend the interstate further north into Cleveland. The benefits of I-69 include relieving congestion caused by a growing population and increasing truck traffic, providing safer travel through the state and supporting economic development.

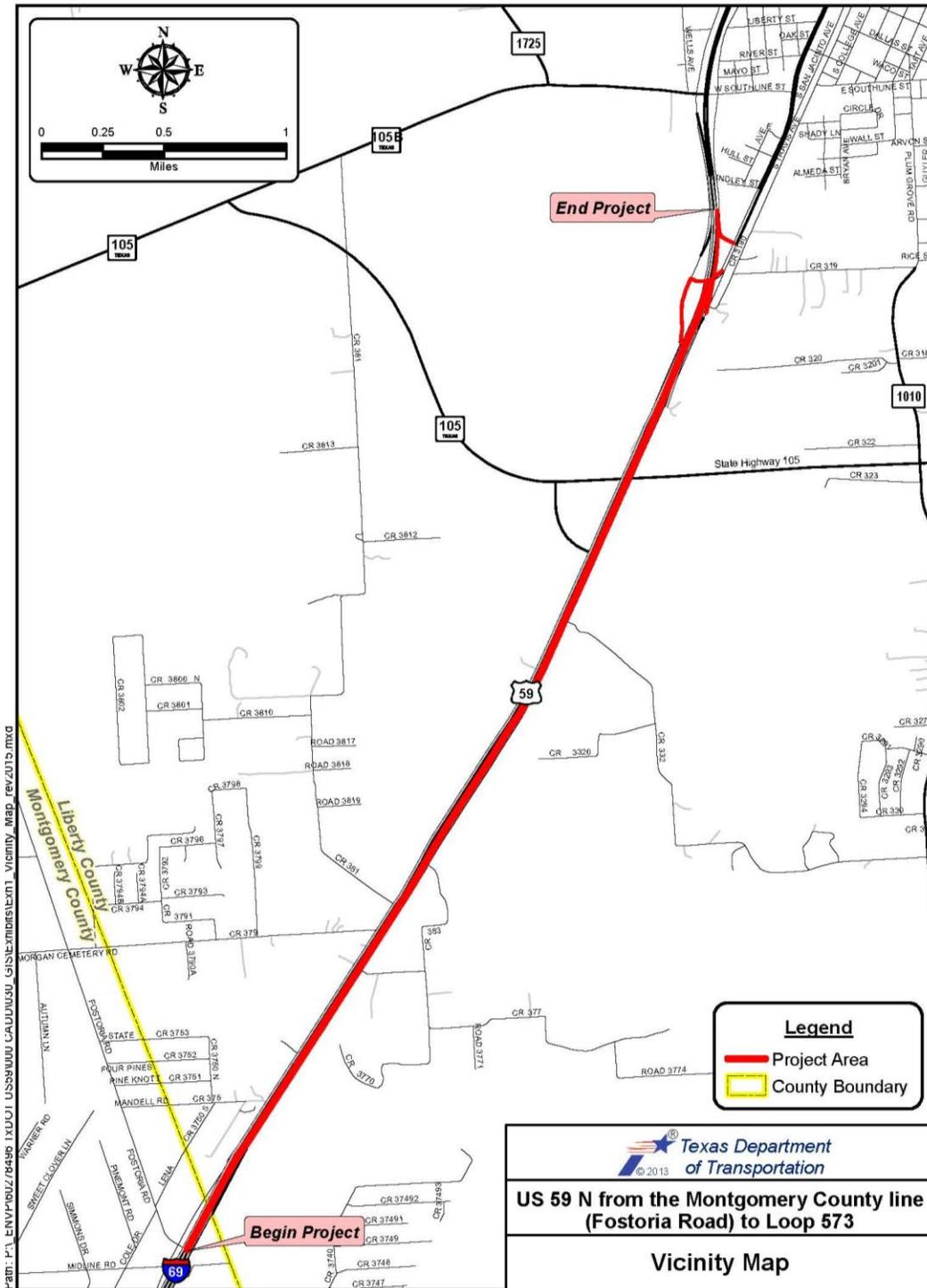
## Next Steps

- **Fall 2015 – End of 2015:** Review public feedback and finalize schematic
- **Beginning of 2016 – End of 2017:** Obtain environmental clearance for project; prepare engineering plans and specs
- **Beyond 2018:** Begin acquiring right-of-way, start utility adjustments and determine construction timing

*The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated Dec. 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.*

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# Project Location Map



## More Information

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