

FM 149 Montgomery County Fact Sheet

In November 2014, the FM 149 construction project was selected as part of the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). Improved safety is the primary benefit of this project. In the last three years alone, there have been 68 crashes within the project area. Adding shoulders is expected to add more vehicle room given the curvature of the roadway as well as provide additional safety for cyclists and pedestrians.

Planned Improvements

The FM 149 construction project spans from FM 1791 to FM 1097 West in Montgomery County and includes:

- Repairs
- Resurfacing
- Adding five-foot shoulders

This project does not require additional right of way (ROW) or displacements. All work is within the existing 80-foot ROW. Tree removal is expected within the existing ROW.

The 13-month-long construction contract was awarded to Smith & Company at a cost of \$10.2 million and is estimated to begin early 2016; however, timing is subject to change.

Construction Process

Construction will likely start in the National Forest due to the Red-cockaded Woodpeckers nesting and breeding season:

Phase 1 and 2

Within the Sam Houston National Forest: One-foot of shoulder will be cut back and five feet of base will be added to the edge of roadway (one side completed first, then the other) for a total of five-foot shoulders on each side of the roadway.

Phase 3 and 4

Outside of the Sam Houston National Forest: One-foot of shoulder will be cut back and three feet of base will be added to the edge of roadway (one side completed first, then the other) for a total of five-foot shoulders on each side of the roadway.

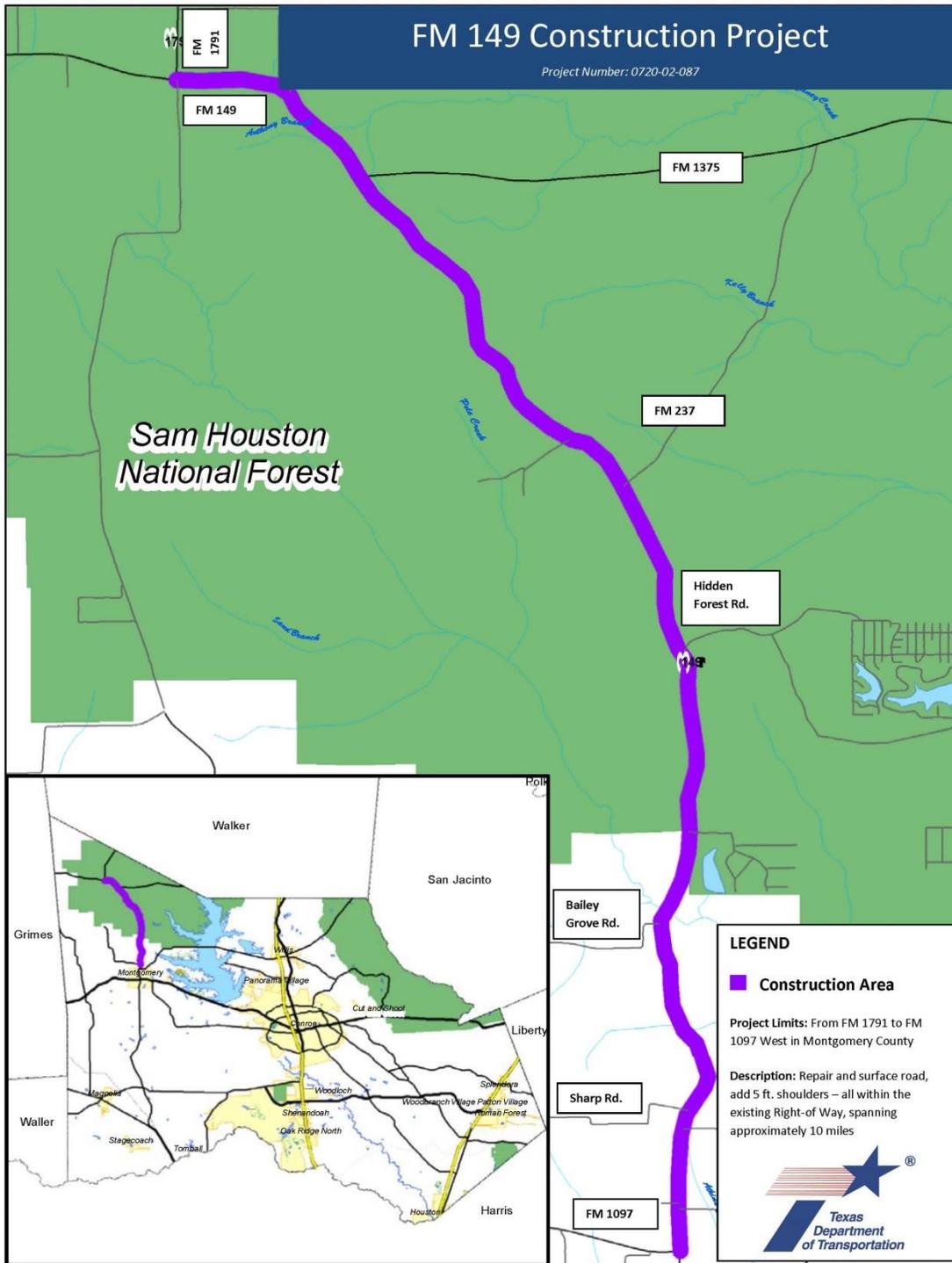
Phase 5

The completed full widening will be finished, hot mix asphalt will be added to the surface of the roadway section and the surface will be restriped.

Access Considerations

- There will be short duration lane closures
- Monday through Friday, Standard Workweek with the option to work nights and weekends, as approved by the Area Engineer
- Construction is estimated to begin early 2016 (timing is subject to change)
- There are no anticipated detours
- Residential and business access will remain during construction

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More Information

- Contact Matt Hensarling at (936) 538-3300 (matt.hensarling@txdot.gov)
- Sign up for project email updates by visiting www.txdot.gov and enter: **FM 149** in the search area, or scan the Quick Response (QR) code using your smart phone or tablet:

