

AGENDA

I-69 Angelina and Nacogdoches Counties Committee
Tuesday, May 7, 2013
2-5 pm
Nacogdoches County Civic Center
3805 NW Stallings Drive
Nacogdoches, TX 75964

MEETING OBJECTIVE: A working meeting to review, discuss and understand public input including comments and survey results. Understand the unique project development processes associated with the two options under consideration. Identify option refinements and rationale for the refinements. Collaborate on recommendations and prioritize areas of need.

Welcome/Introductions

Tracy Hill, Facilitator

Administrative

- Review of February 26, 2013 meeting notes
- Review of March 19, 2013 conference call notes
- Collection of public outreach activity forms

Review of civic and local government meeting presentations

Summary of Public Input received to-date

- Comments
- Survey
- Open discussion - Committee Member conversations with Public

Project development process for the two options

Break out session by county

- The intent of this exercise is to prioritize areas of need, discuss potential refinements to the two options under consideration, and develop a rationale for advancing them into the environmental process.

Break

Break out session results

Discussion of next meeting's activities

I-69 Angelina and Nacogdoches Counties Committee Charge and Purpose

The I-69 Angelina and Nacogdoches Counties Committee is comprised of ten (10) representatives from Angelina County and ten (10) representatives from Nacogdoches County. The committee will select co-chairs, one from each county, and will include citizen and community outreach as part of their work in finalizing their recommendations.

The representatives from each county will function as one committee reviewing current transportation needs and concerns as they relate to regional mobility and local access. This review will lead to one set of recommendations on I-69 route locations and/or improvements to US 59 to meet Interstate standards. These recommendations will guide TxDOT on future I-69 project development.



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Agenda

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- Summary of Public Input
- Project Development Processes for the Two Options
- Break Out Session by County
- Break
- Break Out Session Results
- Discussion of Next Meeting's Activities

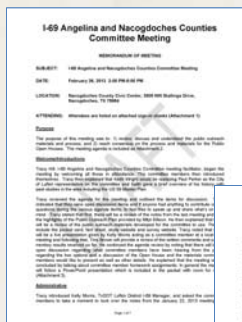
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Administrative

- February 26, 2013 Meeting Notes Review
- March 19, 2013 Conference Call Notes Review
- Collection of Activity Forms



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Civic and Local Government Meeting Presentations

Angelina County	Nacogdoches County
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chamber First Friday • Angelina County Lion's Club • Lufkin-City Council Meeting • Diboll-City Council Meeting • Angelina County Rotary Club • Angelina County Commissioner's Court • Angelina County Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nacogdoches Tuesday Rotary • Kiwanis • Breakfast Lions Club • Evening Lions Club • Leadership Nacogdoches • Nacogdoches Economic Development Corp • Chamber of Commerce • Rotary Club • Republican Women • Nacogdoches Jaycees

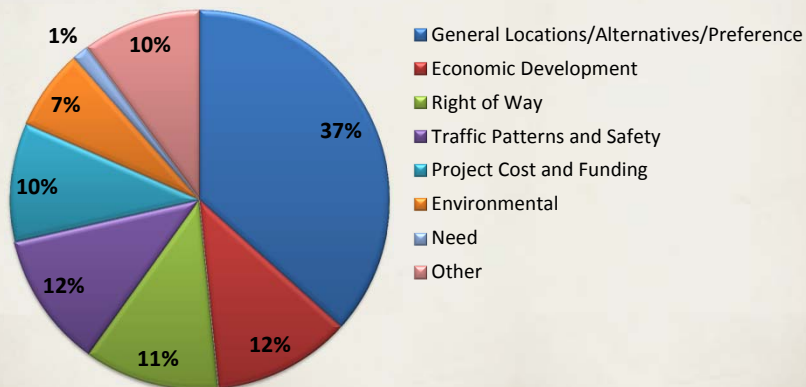
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Summary of Public Input Angelina County Comment Categories



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Summary of Public Input Angelina County Recurring Comment Themes

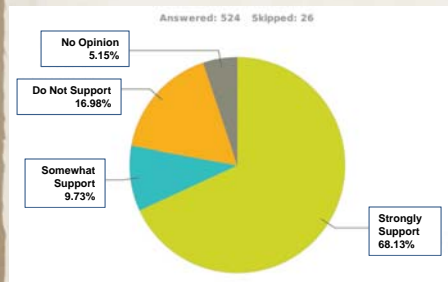
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- Personal property concerns

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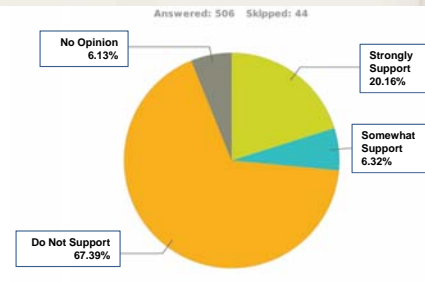


Summary of Public Input Angelina County Survey Results

US 59 Upgrade Option



New Location Option

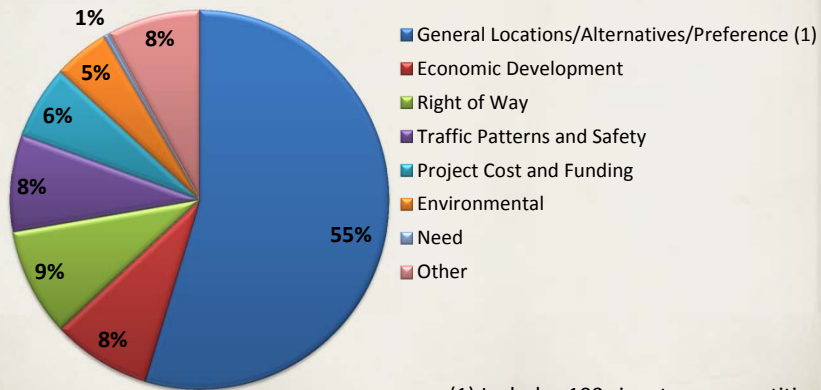


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Summary of Public Input Nacogdoches County Comment Categories



(1) Includes 199 signatures on petition

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Summary of Public Input Nacogdoches County Recurring Comment Themes

- Support the Upgrade of Existing US 59 (esp. with petition)
- Upgrade of 59 is better for businesses
- Personal property concerns

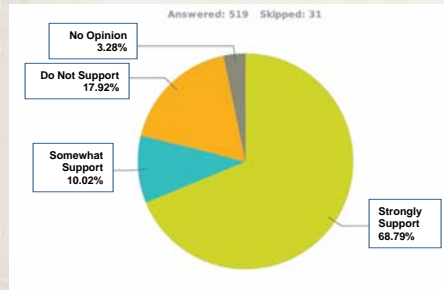
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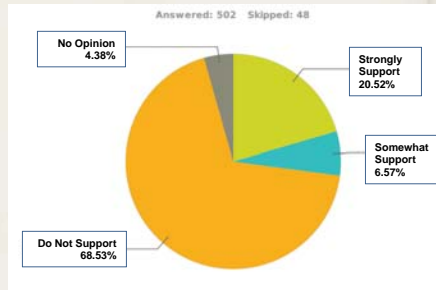
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Summary of Public Input Nacogdoches County Survey Results

US 59 Upgrade Option



New Location Option



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Summary of Public Input Received To-Date

- Open Discussion – Committee Member Conversations with the Public
 - Public goals and objectives?
 - Important issues to consider?
 - Preference between the two options?
 - Other?
- Validation of Committees Issues, Goals and Objectives

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Project Development Process for the Two Options

Option Refinements	
US 59 Upgrade Option	New Location Option
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize existing route to the greatest extent possible Potential shifts in alignment to avoid/minimize impacts Access via frontage roads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on the US 59 Master Plan Potential shifts in alignment to avoid/minimize impacts Access located at major crossing facilities, no continuous frontage roads

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Project Development Process for the Two Options

Project Limits	
US 59 Upgrade Option	New Location Option
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed and constructed as smaller stand-alone projects Would provide immediate safety and mobility benefits to drivers on US 59 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed and constructed as longer projects that connect to existing highways Safety and mobility on US 59 would improve but likely not realize full benefits until entire relief route completed
Costs	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More expensive in present day dollars⁽¹⁾ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less expensive in present day dollars⁽¹⁾

(1) Cost depends on timing of individual projects because of inflation. If a project is constructed sooner, the impact of inflation on the present day dollar cost is less.

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Project Development Process for the Two Options

Environmental Process	
US 59 Upgrade Option	New Location Option
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental documents may be simpler and completed sooner, e.g. 12-18 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Assessment documents required for each relief route (Lufkin and Nacogdoches) 18-36 months Environmental Assessments may be elevated to an Environmental Impact Statement which would extend the process an additional 1-2 years

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Project Development Process for the Two Options

Right-of-Way Acquisition and Utility Relocations	
US 59 Upgrade Option	New Location Option
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would involve more, but smaller, ROW parcels Greater impacts to business/commercial property Requires more utility relocations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would involve fewer, but larger, ROW parcels Greater impacts to residential/agricultural property Requires fewer utility relocations

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Project Development Process for the Two Options

I-69 Designation

US 59 Upgrade Option	New Location Option
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upon completion of an upgraded section it could be signed as I-69⁽¹⁾	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Could not be signed as I-69 until the entire length (US 59 to US 59 on either side of Lufkin and Nacogdoches) is completed⁽¹⁾

(1) Either option must be part of a plan that connects to an existing Interstate by June 30, 2037 as per Federal law before signing as I-69.

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Break Out Session

- Individual County Discussions to brainstorm
 - Discuss potential refinements to the two options under consideration
 - Develop a rationale for potential refinements
 - Collaborate on recommendation
 - Prioritize areas of need for advancement in the environmental process

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Break Out Session Results

- Potential refinements to the two options under consideration
- Rationale for potential refinements
- Prioritized areas of need

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Next Meeting's Activities

- Committee Charge and Purpose
 - Include citizen and community outreach as part of their work
 - Review current transportation needs and concerns
 - Provide recommendations on I-69 route locations and/or improvements
- County Recommendation

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Next Meeting

~ June 2013 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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~ July 2013 ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
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**I-69 Angelina and Nacogdoches Counties Committee
Civic Groups and Local Government Presentations
As of May 1, 2013 - Draft**

Meeting	Location/Address	Date	Time	Committee Member Presenting
ANGELINA COUNTY				
Chamber First Friday	Crown Colony	Friday, February 01, 2013		Judge Suiter
Angelina County Lion's Club		Tuesday, February 12, 2013	12:00 noon	Keith Wright
Lufkin-City Council Meeting	300 E. Shepherd Lufkin, TX 75901	Tuesday, February 19, 2013	5:00 PM	Keith Wright
Diboll-City Council Meeting	400 Kenley St. Diboll TX 75941	Monday, February 25, 2013		Mayor McClain or Manager McDuffie
Angelina County Rotary Club	First United Methodist Church 805 E. Denman, Lufkin	Monday, March 11, 2013	12:00 noon	Greg Shrader
Angelina County Commissioner's Court	Courthouse Annex 606 East Lufkin Ave.	Tuesday, March 12, 2013	10:00 AM	Judge Suiter or Commissioner Timmons
Angelina County Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting	1615 S. Chestnut Lufkin, TX 75901	Wednesday, March 20, 2013	11:45 AM	Dr. Roberts
NACOGDOCHES COUNTY				
Nacogdoches Tuesday Rotary	Fredonia Hotel	Tuesday, March 05, 2013		Jim Jeffers
Kiwanis	Jalapeno Tree	Thursday, March 14, 2013		Jim Jeffers
Breakfast Lions Club	Nacogdoches	Tuesday, March 19, 2013		Jim Jeffers
Evening Lions Club	Clear Springs	Thursday, March 21, 2013	7:00 PM	Jim Jeffers
Leadership Nacogdoches	City Hall	Thursday, March 21, 2013		Jim Jeffers
Nacogdoches Economic Development Corp	NEDCO	Thursday, March 21, 2013	9:00 AM	David Alders
Chamber of Commerce	Nacogdoches	Thursday, March 28, 2013		Jim Jeffers
Rotary Club	Fredonia Hotel	Thursday, April 25, 2013	12:00 PM	David Alders
Republican Women	Fredonia Hotel	Monday, April 08, 2013		Jim Jeffers
Jaycees	The Barn	Friday, March 08, 2013		Jim Jeffers

COMMENT SUMMARIES FOR THE I-69 ANGELINA AND NACOGDOCHES SCOPING STUDY

Input from citizens was gathered from December 2012 through April 2013. The comments regarding the two options under consideration were collected through the following formats:

- comment forms received at the open houses and through the mail;
- email comments;
- meeting forms documented by the committee members; and
- additional information survey participants added while completing the online survey.

This summary paraphrases the comments received and serves to organize the information collected. Separate summaries have been broken out for:

- comments received at the Angelina County open house;
- comments received at the Nacogdoches County open house;
- meetings, mailed forms, and emailed comments; and
- comments from the additional information collected from online survey.

The number of responders is noted in each summary breakout; however, please note that most respondents addressed multiple subjects.

In each summary, the comments are organized to show the county they are addressing. If no county was identified, the comment was marked as general. The county and general breakdowns are further broken down into either the Upgrade of US 59 or the New Location Option.

Due to the subjective nature of comments and the volume received for the study, a sub-categorization of the two options (Upgrade of US 59 and the New Location) was created. The options being studied are further divided into the following eight subcategories:

- Economic Development;
- Environmental;
- Project Cost and Funding;
- Right-of-Way;
- Traffic Patterns and Safety;
- General Locations, Alternative, and Preference; Need; and
- Other.

Angelina County Results

ANGELINA OPEN HOUSE 03/26/2013 (27 forms submitted)

US 59 UPGRADE OPTION

- Economic Development
 - Town and businesses will benefit economically from people traveling through the area. (2 comments)
 - Six lanes and perimeter roads of an interstate will cause and increase in traffic and will cause businesses to have to close and move. (1 comment)
- Environmental
 - Slows urban sprawl. (1 comment)
- General Locations, Alternatives, and Preference
 - Supports option. (14 comments)
 - The roadway is already in place and traffic is established. (1 comment)
- Project Cost and Funding
 - Can be funded in phases. (1 comment)
 - Will ultimately cost as expensive as a bypass. (1 comment)
 - Less expensive. (1 comment)
- Need
- Right-of-Way
 - Requires less land acquisition. (1 comment)
- Traffic Patterns and Safety
 - Will cause an increase in traffic. (1 comment)
 - Causes traffic flows to change. (1 comment)
- Other

NEW LOCATION OPTION

- Economic Development
 - Negative impact on the businesses of Lufkin. (2 comments)
 - Businesses would have to relocate. (1 comment)
- Environmental
 - Negative impact on wildlife. (2 comments)
 - Negative impact on the forest. (2 comments)
 - Noise concerns. (1 comment)
 - Environmental change and inconvenience for country dwellers. Those in the city already have concrete and traffic so change in environmental impact is minimal. (1 comment)
 - Will increase rainwater runoff at Burriss Road. (1 comment)

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- Will cause lights that will interfere with the airport landings on the east-west runway at the airport. (1 comment)
- General Locations, Alternatives, and Preference
 - Supports option. (4 comments)
 - Do not support this option. (1 comment)
- Project Cost and Funding
 - Too expensive. (1 comment)
 - May be cost effective for the state but not for personal impacts. (1 comment)
- Need
- Right-of-Way
 - Personal property concerns noted for this option, such as: peace and quiet ruined; disturb the sense of rural country and peace; value private property; divides property; cuts houses off from Burriss Road; taking of farm and ranch land; will run through business; wildlife Bald Eagles on property; destroy property; impossible to replace the trees and wildlife. (9 comments)
- Traffic Patterns and Safety
 - Loss of optimal access roads. (1 comment)
 - Concern over evacuation route traffic and the ability of getting out of personal property. (1 comment)
 - Allows for faster access to Houston. (1 comment)
 - The Diboll and Lufkin relief route would decrease unnecessary traffic through Beaumont and Houston on evacuation routes. (1 comment)
 - Streamlines traffic points north for safety and shelter during evacuations. (1 comment)
 - Takes a lot of strain off the infrastructure of the Lufkin area. (1 comment)
 - Once the roadblocks of Corrigan, Diboll and Nacogdoches are bypassed, truck traffic will flow better. (1 comment)
 - Cuts off access to Bourrows Drive. (1 comment)
 - The New Location is a safety hazard. (1 comment)
- Other

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Economic Development
- Environmental
- General Locations, Alternatives, and Preference
 - Keep the urban development in urban areas. (1 comment)
 - Opposed to toll roads. (1 comment)
 - Opposed to I-69, believes it is TTC “re-gifted”. (1 comment)
 - Interested in the section involving I-84 to Louisiana. (1 comment)
 - Designate it and be done with it. (1 comment)
 - The right-of-way should be moved to the south as much as possible. (1 comment)

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- Project Cost and Funding
 - Opposed to foreign developers. (2 comments)
 - Opposed to toll roads. (1 comment)
- Need
- Right-of-Way
- Traffic Patterns and Safety
 - The intersection at US 59 and FM 819 is dangerous and bottlenecks, consider an overpass at this location. (1 comment)
 - The loop at Lufkin is already overcrowded. (1 comment)
- Other
 - Consider the impact rather than the cost difference. (1 comment)
 - Desire to work for TxDOT on future projects. (1 comment)
 - These meetings are not helpful. (1 comment)
 - Stop talking and start doing, cannot please everyone. (1 comment)

MAILED, EMAILED AND MEETING COMMENTS (62 total commenters through these sources across counties)

US 59 UPGRADE OPTION ANGELINA COUNTY

- Economic Development
 - Brings business to the community. (1 comment)
 - Going through city will save incomes. (1 comment)
 - Makes economic sense. (1 comment)
 - US 59 in Lufkin has been moved three times and has caused business and residential decay. (1 comment)
- Environmental
 - Wildlife impacts. (1 comment)
- General Locations, Alternatives, and Preference
 - Supports option (28 comments)
 - Do not support option. (2 comments)
 - Keep Lufkin visible. (2 comment)
 - Most of I-69 is on existing US 59 through Houston, there are only bypasses through small towns. (1 comment)
 - Is Lufkin a small town to be bypassed or a bigger city to travel through? (1 comment)
 - Break up the monotony of endless highway to see where America works and lives. (1 comment)
 - Diboll is a speed trap. (1 comment)
 - Go east of Diboll and Burke, north of airport and back to US 59 around Lufkin. (1 comment)
 - Makes geographic sense. (1 comment)

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- Preserves the integrity of Nacogdoches, Lufkin and Diboll. (1 comment)
- US 59 needs to be kept up. (1 comment)
- Why wasn't the south end of US 59 in Lufkin built to interstate standards in 2007-2009? (1 comment)
- Project Cost and Funding
 - The cost of right-of-way is more but there is less total cost. (1 comment)
 - County is in debt, use what we have. (1 comment)
 - Cheaper (1 comment)
 - Right-of-way more expensive. (1 comment)
- Need
- Right-of-Way
 - More advantageous for landowners. (1 comment)
 - Do not take more land. (1 comment)
- Traffic Patterns and Safety
 - The existing upgraded should handle traffic many years to come. (1 comment)
- Other
 - Bypass would ruin town. (2 comments)
 - Protects city's beauty and prosperity. (2 comments)
 - Less impact. (1 comment)
 - More advantageous for state. (1 comment)
 - Better route for the community. (1 comment)
 - Faster. (1 comment)
 - Temporary. (1 comment)
 - Upgrade can happen with sacrifice (alluded to parallel with the railroad first being built). (1 comment)
 - Public meetings were well done. (1 comment)
 - Would like to see the aerial maps with existing roads. (1 comment)
 - Money could be better spent elsewhere. (1 comment)

NEW LOCATION OPTION ANGELINA COUNTY

- Economic Development
 - Negative impact on businesses due to traffic reductions. (3 comments)
 - When business move and close those areas become vacant and deteriorate. (2 comment)
 - Lowered business along US 59 means lowered business rates in town. (2 comments)
 - Moving east of Lufkin and west of Nacogdoches would kill commercial development. (1 comment)
 - Not all business can afford or want to relocate. (1 comment)
 - Adversely effects people and their livelihood. (1 comment)
- Environmental

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Comment Summaries

- Damages wildlife. (1 comment)
 - Noise concerns. (1 comment)
- General Locations, Alternatives, and Preference
 - Do not support option. (9 comments)
 - Supports option. (5 comments)
 - A bypass is a mistake. (1 comment)
 - Potential access issues with the relief route around Diboll (several parcels sold several years ago). (1 comment)
 - Interested in relief route location near end of FM 325 at Williford Lane. (1 comment)
 - I-69 will generate more traffic than four lanes can handle, need a location that can handle expansions. (1 comment)
 - Disagrees with the project as a whole. (1 comment)
- Project Cost and Funding
 - Do not spend money we do not have. (1 comment)
 - Will this be a toll road? (1 comment)
 - Moving to a bypass would cost the city more than the cost of right-of-way. (1 comment)
- Need
 - There is no need for a bypass. (2 comments)
- Right-of-Way
 - Personal property (examples: negative impact to neighborhood; homes in area; business in area; retirement plans now have to change if land is bought; splits property; destroys homes (7 comments)
 - Requires more right-of-way. (1 comment)
 - Potential future annexation of Lufkin shown in a map. (1 comment)
- Traffic Patterns and Safety
 - Rural interstates have a greater safety factor in deaths per mile than urban interstates. (1 comment)
 - Texas should be expanding HWY 69 to four lanes from Beaumont to Tyler for evacuations. (1 comment)
 - US 59 through Houston is not a good truck option evacuation route. (1 comment)
- Other
 - Will this happen in our lifetime? (1 comment)
 - Does TxDOT already have their mind made up? (1 comment)
 - Will rail be included? (1 comment)

SURVEY QUESTIONS

US 59 UPGRADE OPTION ANGELINA COUNTY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (78 Survey Respondents left additional comments)

Upgrade of US 59 Option

- Economic Development
 - Travelers can access existing businesses shops, hotels and restaurants. (13 comments)
 - Business along US 59 will benefit. (2 comments)
 - Better serves the economy in Lufkin and Nacogdoches. (1 comment)
 - Allows trucks to stop and fuel up in Lufkin. (1 comment)
 - New businesses will come in along US 59. (1 comment)
- Environmental
 - Lower quality of life due to increased traffic. (1 comment)
 - Lower quality of life due to construction delays. (1 comment)
 - Poorer air quality. (1 comment)
 - Doesn't destroy animal habitats. (1 comment)
- General Locations, Alternatives, and Preference
 - Supports option. (16 comments)
 - Better utilizes the improvements recently made to US 59 through Lufkin and currently on the north side of Lufkin. (5 comments)
 - May be problematic to use existing right of way but is still the better option. (1 comment)
 - An improved flyover at the intersection of Loop 224 and current US 59 in Nacogdoches not feasible. (1 comment)
 - Do not support. (1 comment)
 - Existing upgrades to US 59 just completed and currently under construction are helping (easier and quicker). (1 comment)
 - Tie in to existing bridges as they are upgraded to interstate standards. (1 comment)
- Project Cost and Funding
 - Would save money. (10 comments)
 - Makes more sense financially. (1 comment)
 - Less mileage so less fuel used. (1 comment)
 - Less mileage so lower maintenance cost. (1 comment)
 - The most expensive and be a burden to the taxpayers. (1 comment)
 - Build in sections as money becomes available. (1 comment)
- Need
- Right-of-Way
 - Less impact on landowners. (2 comments)
 - Less land under concrete. (1 comment)

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- Less right-of-way from citizens required. (1 comment)
- People that bought right-of-way on US 59 knew there was a risk of expansion and may have insurance or contingency plans as opposed to home owners in New Location option. (1 comment)
- Traffic Patterns and Safety
 - Makes traffic heavier and more dangerous. (2 comments)
 - Allows for more emergency services support. (1 comment)
 - Commuters will benefit. (1 comment)
 - Construction would create a bottleneck in the existing hurricane evacuation route. (1 comment)
 - Concern of increase in hazardous materials transport and potential accidents, commenter wants hazardous materials routed around cities and towns. (1 comment)
 - Businesses along US 59 complicate access. (1 comment)
- Other
 - Time savings. (2 comments)
 - Makes more sense politically. (1 comment)
 - Civil litigation avoided. (1 comment)
 - There are too many obstacles. (1 comment)

New Location Option

- Economic Development
 - Would take business away from the local community and hurt the city. (6 comments)
 - Bypassing both cities would have an adverse effect on the income, development, and progression of both counties and surrounding cities. (1 comment)
 - Concern about businesses along US 59 losing income. (1 comment)
 - New businesses will build out to expansion. (1 comment)
- Environmental
 - No wilderness areas should be paved over. (1 comment)
 - Destroys wildlife. (1 comment)
- General Locations, Alternatives, and Preference
 - Supports option. (3 comments)
 - Use as much US 59 right of way as possible. (2 comments)
 - Bypass Diboll and Corrigan. (2 comments)
 - Bypass Nacogdoches. (1 comment)
 - Hybrid route. (1 comment)
 - Go east of Diboll and Burke, North of Airport cut back to current US 59 around Lufkin. (1 comment)
 - Circumvent both Diboll and Burk. (1 comment)
 - Relief Route only around Diboll. (1 comment)

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Comment Summaries

- A bypass at US 59 and Loop 287 would relieve congestion. (1 comment)
- Route US 59 to run in to 69 south of Lufkin and then expand 287 past Fuel City around the east side of town. (1 comment)
- Do not support option. (1 comment)
- Project Cost and Funding
- Need
- Right-of-Way
 - Personal property concerns (examples: house in path; dividing property lines; forced relocation; destroys homes; generationally owned land). (8 comments)
 - Do not support taking additional land. (1 comment)
 - Concern about private land and eminent domain for I-69. (1 comment)
- Traffic Patterns and Safety
 - Currently too much congestion on US 59. (2 comments)
 - Requires connecting roads to Nacogdoches and Lufkin. (1 comment)
 - A bypass at US 59 and Loop 287 would reduce accidents that involve hazardous materials trucks. (1 comment)
- Other
 - Believes money and politics are behind the option. (1 comment)
 - Will kill Lufkin. (1 comment)

General (neither option specified)

- Economic Development
- Environmental
 - Protect wildlife. (2 comments)
- General Locations, Alternatives, and Preference
- Project Cost and Funding
 - Cost analysis is not available. Which option is most cost effective? (1 comment)
- Need
 - The project is not necessary. (1 comment)
 - Not sure why a super highway is needed. (1 comment)
- Right-of-Way
- Traffic Patterns and Safety
 - Pull truck traffic off local roadways to improve safety. (1 comment)
 - US 59 between Diboll and Lufkin is congested. (1 comment)
 - US 59 follows the Lufkin loop to bypass the downtown area and it is circuitous and awkward. (1 comment)
 - Cut down on direct access to the highway to cut down accidents. (1 comment)
 - The most dangerous intersection is FM 2021 and Hwy 59 North of Lufkin. (1 comment)
- Other

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- Focus on improving traffic conditions and avoiding the deterioration of the way of life. (1 comment)
- Support Angelina County. (1 comment)
- US 59 needs to be kept up. (1 comment)
- Feels the survey is just to make the locals feel good. (1 comment)
- Why are we studying after environmental work has already been done? (1 comment)

NEW LOCATION OPTION ANGELINA COUNTY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (64 Survey Respondents left additional comments)

Upgrade of US 59 Option

- Economic Development
 - Business along US 59 will benefit. (2 comments)
 - Travelers can access existing businesses shops, hotels and restaurants. (1 comment)
 - New businesses will come in along US 59. (1 comment)
- Environmental
- General Locations, Alternatives, and Preference
 - Supports option. (10 comments)
 - One road is sufficient (US 59). (1 comment)
 - Why spend money to build when US 59 is already there? (1 comment)
 - Better utilizes the improvements recently made to US 59 through Lufkin and currently on the north side of Lufkin. (1 comment)
- Project Cost and Funding
 - Less expensive. (2 comments)
- Need
- Right-of-Way
 - People that bought right-of-way on US 59 knew there was a risk of expansion and may have insurance or contingency plans as opposed to home owners in New Location option. (1 comment)
- Traffic Patterns and Safety
 - Allows for more emergency services support. (1 comment)
- Other
 - Appear you are using the Houston model – overwhelming traffic patterns with every interstate through town. (1 comment)
 - Faster. (1 comment)
 - Only a temporary solution. (1 comment)
 - Allows continued growth of the cities. (1 comment)

New Location Option

- Economic Development

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- Businesses along the existing highway will lose income/revenue. (9 comments)
- Pulls traffic away from businesses. (5 comments)
- Businesses will have to relocate. (3 comments)
- Would encourage additional businesses to build at exits and improve the quality of life. (2 comments)
- Takes money away from Lufkin. (1 comment)
- Bypass is the economic decline of Lufkin. (1 comment)
- Some businesses cannot afford to relocate. (1 comment)
- Will kill Lufkin business. (1 comment)
- Would not hurt existing businesses. (1 comment)
- More industry would be willing to relocate with this improvement. (1 comment)
- Creates new opportunities for businesses to expand adjacent to the option without disrupting the existing businesses. (1 comment)
- More economic benefits. (1 comment)
- New businesses will build out to expansion. (1 comment)
- Bypassing both cities would have an adverse effect on the income, development, and progression of both counties and surrounding cities. (1 comment)
- Environmental
 - Disrupts wildlife, including eagles and many other species. (3 comments)
 - There is no need to disrupt agricultural and residential communities. (1 comment)
 - Destroys the forest. (1 comment)
 - Destroys pastureland. (1 comment)
 - Causes land fragmentation. (1 comment)
 - The best location, especially where crossing the Neches River. (1 comment)
 - The urban sprawl benefits are obvious. (1 comment)
- General Locations, Alternatives, and Preference
 - Do not support. (5 comments)
 - Supports option. (3 comments)
 - Taxpayer money would be wasted for the recently completed and under construction portions of US 59 to be abandoned and construct a new roadway. (2 comments)
 - Allows room for development at intersections with local roadways. (1 comment)
 - US 59 between Diboll and Lufkin is grossly inadequate to be considered for an upgrade; the New Location Option is needed there. (1 comment)
 - Lufkin High School needs a second in and out route in case something happens to US 59. (1 comment)
- Project Cost and Funding
 - Least expensive. (2 comments)
 - Lower right-of-way costs. (2 comments)
 - Unnecessary expense. (1 comment)
 - Lowers EPA costs. (1 comment)

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- Most expensive. (1 comment)
- Most cost efficient by avoiding delays and avoiding costly relocation of businesses on existing US 59. (1 comment)
- The cost of right-of-way and redesign of roadways is cost prohibitive and destructive. (1 comment)
- Need
- Right-of-Way
 - Personal property concerns (examples: negatively affects neighborhoods; families, landowners, cattle, wildlife, and stores would be displaced; homes in path; the land has been in the family for years; homes will be destroyed; devalue homes; noise, unable to sell property). (12 comments)
 - Concern about private land being lost to eminent domain. (1 comment)
 - Disrupts land use. (1 comment)
- Traffic Patterns and Safety
 - Improves local driving safety by moving traffic out of towns. (1 comment)
 - More consistent with improved traffic flow for the immediate and long term. (1 comment)
 - Close enough to allow traffic to quickly and efficiently bypass the city. (1 comment)
 - Will help alleviate extra traffic created by passers through as well as make it easier to get to the city. (1 comment)
 - The safest option. (1 comment)
 - Relief from truck traffic in Lufkin. (1 comment)
 - Removes hazardous materials routes by the high school. (1 comment)
 - Adds capacity for evacuation routes. (1 comment)
- Other
 - Would improve the quality of life. (1 comment)
 - I-20 is north of Tyler and Tyler has continued to flourish. Lufkin will do the same. (1 comment)
 - Will take the longest to complete. (1 comment)
 - May look attractive but be a bad choice. (1 comment)

General (neither option specified)

- Economic Development
- Environmental
 - Do not destroy any more trees. (1 comment)
- General Locations, Alternatives, and Preference
 - Prefer the original upgrade option from the US 59 Master Plan. (2 comments)
 - Two lanes on US 59 and the Loop are insufficient. (1 comment)
 - Recognize there may be areas that the new route is necessary. (1 comment)
 - Diboll is a speed trap and will impair traffic. (1 comment)
 - A location for I-69 is needed that will allow for expansion. (1 comment)

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- Project Cost and Funding
 - Don't spend money we don't have. (1 comment)
 - Cost analysis is not available. Which option is most cost effective? (1 comment)
- Need
 - This project needs to happen quickly, it is dragging out too long. (1 comment)
 - The project is not necessary. (1 comment)
- Right-of-Way
 - Buy the right-of-way needed early so people can move on with their lives. (1 comment)
- Traffic Patterns and Safety
 - South Lufkin is too congested with Angelina Community College and other businesses close to the highway. (1 comment)
 - Currently there is too much traffic in Lufkin for its size. (1 comment)
 - You cannot safely route traffic through town without excessive congestion. (1 comment)
 - Do not like hazardous materials routed through town. (1 comment)
 - Congestion may cause accidents. (1 comment)
 - Four lanes are not enough. (1 comment)
 - Interstates should avoid potential bottlenecks and unnecessary meandering. (1 comment)
 - High speeds on the interstates are dangerous with the current congestion and the high school and other businesses nearby. (1 comment)
- Other
 - Focus on improving traffic conditions and avoiding the deterioration of the way of life. (1 comment)
 - Why change from what the environmental studies already decided? (1 comment)
 - US 59 and Loop 287 are nowhere close to interstate standards. (1 comment)
 - Improvements to US 59 are badly needed. (1 comment)

Nacogdoches County Results

NACOGDOCHES OPEN HOUSE 03/25/2013 (18 forms submitted)

US 59 UPGRADE OPTION

- Economic Development
 - Negative economic impacts by destroying businesses and lowering sales tax revenue. (1 comment)
 - Benefits the city as a whole and help businesses. (1 comment)
 - Detrimental to everyone at the expense of existing businesses. (1 comment)
- Environmental
- General Locations, Alternatives, and Preference
 - Supports option. (9 comments)
 - Four lane main lane option is best. (1 comment)
 - Need to consider adding an overpass at Loop 224 at US 59/I-69 in Nacogdoches to alleviate congestion. (1 comment)
 - Do not support I-69 but less opposed to the upgrade of US 59. (1 comment)
- Project Cost and Funding
 - Right-of-way costs will increase. (1 comment)
- Need
- Right-of-Way
- Traffic Patterns and Safety
- Other

NEW LOCATION OPTION

- Economic Development
 - Concern for loss of business if the road goes west. (1 comment)
- Environmental
 - Gas wells and pipelines noted on map (see map dot 1N). (1 comment)
- General Locations, Alternatives, and Preference
 - Preference for an access road for personal property. (2 comments)
 - Construction south of the school will bring chaos. (1 comment)
 - The “S” curve of the New Location Option doesn’t make sense. (1 comment)
 - TxDOT will have to maintain two roads with this option. (1 comment)
- Project Cost and Funding
 - The roads should stay east of Nacogdoches to save on mileage and pavement. (1 comment)
- Need
- Right-of-Way
 - Noted residence on map (17N and 19N). (1 comment)

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- Traffic Patterns and Safety
- Other
 - Is detrimental. (1 comment)

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Economic Development
- Environmental
- General Locations, Alternatives, and Preference
 - Bring road closer into towns. (1 comment)
 - Do not support I-69. (1 comment)
- Project Cost and Funding
 - Pay attention to cost. (1 comment)
- Need
 - Project needs to be done. (1 comment)
- Right-of-Way
 - Direct personal landowner impacts, such as: live in the crosshairs and want to be kept informed; homes devalued and destroyed; noise concerns; long term residence will be affected; concerns about future plans to build in potential right-of-way. (4 comments)
- Traffic Patterns and Safety
- Other
 - Make minimal impacts. (1 comment)
 - Would like to be contacted by a committee member regarding CR 2641/US 59 intersection. (1 comment)

MAILED, EMAILED AND MEETING COMMENTS (62 total commenters through these sources across both counties)

US 59 UPGRADE OPTION NACOGDOCHES COUNTY

- Economic Development
 - Businesses adversely effected. (3 comments)
 - Supports existing businesses with traffic already there. (1 comment)
 - Would negatively impact businesses by giving an advantage to the larger companies who are more costly to buy. (1 comment)
 - Brings business to the community. (1 comment)
 - Businesses may lose frontage. (1 comment)
- Environmental
 - Permitting is necessary for utilities. (1 comment)
- General Locations, Alternatives, and Preference
 - Petition requesting the Upgrade of US 59 be used in Nacogdoches County – (199 signatures)

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- Supports option. (16 comments)
- Follow Loop 224/US 59 through the Nacogdoches area. (4 comments)
- Use as much of US 59 as possible. (2 comments)
- Make a shorter route. (1 comment)
- The interchange at US 59 and 259 needs improvements. (1 comment)
- Loop 224 could adequately handle the right-of-way. (1 comment)
- Do not support option. (1 comment)
- Public facilities (baseball complex and civic center noted) adversely impacted. (1 comment)
- Old downtown Nacogdoches would not attract travelers even in the existing loop was followed. (1 comment)
- Plans to upgrade are shortsighted. (1 comment)
- Project Cost and Funding
 - Saves money. (1 comment)
 - Standardization on existing would not be beneficial because of added costs. (1 comment)
 - More right-of-way cost from established businesses. (1 comment)
 - Utility relocation costs are higher. (1 comment)
- Need
- Right-of-Way
 - Negative impact to homes. (2 comments)
 - Property values on existing 59 may increase, stay the same, or decrease. (1 comment)
- Traffic Patterns and Safety
 - Would like on and off ramps at US 59/259. (1 comment)
 - Lengthen the feeder off Loop 224 to US 59. (1 comment)
 - The on ramps at Loop 224 to US 59 are dangerous. (1 comment)
 - Plan shows continuous access roads and 4 to 6 lanes. (1 comment)
 - US 59 causes a bottleneck in evacuation routes. (1 comment)
- Other
 - Saves time. (1 comment)
 - Better route for the community. (1 comment)

NEW LOCATION OPTION NACOGDOCHES COUNTY

- Economic Development
 - Detrimental to existing businesses. (3 comments)
 - Delays the economic benefits. (1 comment)
 - Less interruption of business. (1 comment)
 - Property values would increase. (1 comment)
- Environmental
 - Concern about the impact to the Stephen F. Austin observatory. (2 comments)

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- Damages wildlife. (1 comment)
- House Bill 164 permits a five-mile zone lighting restriction around Stephen F. Austin Observatory (a major astronomical research center for the state). (1 comment)
- There is a link between nighttime light and cancers, particularly breast cancers in women. (1 comment)
- Birds are impacted by night lighting because they attracted and will “fly until they die”. (1 comment)
- Desire for Nacogdoches to have a light ordinance. (1 comment)
- Would impact Old Union Cemetery (graves as old as 1823 and has confederate soldiers buried there). (1 comment)
- Fewer utility impacts. (1 comment)
- General Locations, Alternatives, and Preference
 - Supports option. (5 comments)
 - Do not support option. (4 comments)
 - Nacogdoches bypass needs to extend north of both Central Heights and Appleby because of extensive development north of Nacogdoches. (1 comment)
 - Neither proposal of the present loop nor the loop 4 or 5 miles out is not a good plan; do not support. (1 comment)
 - Development west of Nacogdoches will move out to I-69. (1 comment)
 - Bypass Diboll, Burke, Lufkin and Nacogdoches. (1 comment)
 - Interested in relief route location near FM 2782, just north of Angelina River. (1 comment)
 - Use the west route around Nacogdoches. (1 comment)
- Project Cost and Funding
 - Excess lighting is costly in energy and dollars. (1 comment)
 - Standardized structures result in cost savings (compared new location option to SH 130 in Austin). (1 comment)
 - Undeveloped property would lower right-of-way costs (many on agriculture exemption on the tax rolls at \$90/acre). (1 comment)
- Need
 - I-69 is not needed. (1 comment)
- Right-of-Way
 - Personal property concern (examples: expensive new construction homes currently being built in the proposed area; own acreage in area; own homes in area; landowners impacted; splits land; access to property; splits farms, ranches and homesteads; destroys homes (8 comments)
 - Even with eminent domain may be difficult to move homeowners. (1 comment)
 - Would pass through undeveloped property. (1 comment)
- Traffic Patterns and Safety
 - Need ample off ramps. (1 comment)
 - Need added evacuation route. (1 comment)

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- Badly aimed lighting causes glare which is a hazard. (1 comment)
- Plan shows 4 lanes with non-continuous access roads. (1 comment)
- Concerned that property west of the relief route would not have access from highway for log trucks. (1 comment)
- Fewer existing traffic impacts. (1 comment)
- Other
 - Delays completion. (1 comment)
 - The nighttime is our heritage and our outdoor lighting is destroying that. (1 comment)
 - Shortens drive time. (1 comment)
 - Detrimental to Nacogdoches. (1 comment)
 - Travelers do not veer off interstate. (1 comment)
 - Standardized structures result in rapid construction (compared new location option to SH 130 in Austin). (1 comment)
 - The Lufkin-Nacogdoches Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area will help with planning once it is established. (1 comment)

SURVEY QUESTIONS

US 59 UPGRADE OPTION NACOGDOCHES COUNTY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (73 Survey Respondents left additional comments)

Upgrade of US 59 Option

- Economic Development
 - There is more economic benefit from the interstate being closer to town than from a bypass. (6 comments)
 - Bypassing far from the city hurts small towns, keeping it close helps increase commerce. (5 comments)
 - Increases local retail. (1 comment)
 - Travelers can access existing businesses shops, hotels and restaurants. (1 comment)
 - Brings business to Nacogdoches. (1 comment)
 - Makes Nacogdoches more attractive for new businesses. (1 comment)
 - Provides business growth opportunity in Nacogdoches. (1 comment)
 - Better permit travelers to access existing businesses in Lufkin and Nacogdoches. (1 comment)
 - Hurt businesses right on the exchange. (1 comment)
 - Displace businesses but they can relocate. (1 comment)
 - Takes out too many businesses on the loop of Nacogdoches. (1 comment)
 - Negative effect on property values. (1 comment)
 - Preserves visibility for existing businesses. (1 comment)

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- Need to respect investments made by current businesses on US 59. (1 comment)
- Environmental
 - Minimizes sprawl. (1 comment)
 - Personal property concerns (examples: noise and traffic near home) (1 comment)
 - What type of sound barriers might be utilized? (1 comment)
 - Road noise is already an expected part of doing business in the city. (1 comment)
- General Locations, Alternatives, and Preference
 - Supports option. (22 comments)
 - Use as much of existing US 59 as reasonable. (3 comments)
 - Makes sense because the road and businesses are there. (2 comments)
 - No room to widen on the northwest side of Loop 224 without moving every utility and business. (2 comments)
 - Do not support. (1 comment)
 - The exchange to the loop area of US 59 needs upgrading. (1 comment)
 - Room to upgrade the loop by relocating parking to the side of rear of businesses. (1 comment)
 - The west loop in Nacogdoches is adequate for traffic by moving it left or right in certain areas. (1 comment)
 - Better utilize the improvements recently made to US 59 as it goes through Lufkin and now under construction where US 59 enter the north side of Lufkin. (1 comment)
 - US 59 makes a good feeder road in and around Nacogdoches but is should not be expected to serve as an interstate even if brought up to interstate standards. (1 comment)
 - Stay on US 59 as far north as possible before heading west around the Mangham airport. (1 comment)
 - There are too many obstacles to upgrade existing US 59. (1 comment)
 - Use US 59 and passers through can still pass through. (1 comment)
 - Retain and improve what is already present with the US 59 Upgrade. (1 comment)
 - Better utilizes the improvements recently made to US 59 through Lufkin and currently on the north side of Lufkin. (1 comment)
- Project Cost and Funding
 - Less expensive. (10 comments)
 - Considerable investment in the right-of-way and infrastructure. (1 comment)
 - Would cost the city of Nacogdoches jobs and tax revenue by uprooting the developed side of Loop 224. (1 comment)
 - Lower maintenance costs for TxDOT. (1 comment)
- Need
- Right-of-Way
 - Personal property concerns (examples: land that has been owned for generations; don't want to sacrifice personal property for a few minutes of travel time saved;

business in the path; Spanish Land grants; lose property; lower property values based on proximity; noise; loss of trees; loss of noise barriers; disturbing the peace of country living; and cuts tree farm into pieces almost making part of it impossible to use) (7 comments)

- Less impact on landowners. (2 comment)
- Less land under concrete. (1 comment)
- Less disruptive to the county because the area is already established for commercial property. (1 comment)
- Traffic Patterns and Safety
 - Allows for more emergency services support. (1 comment)
 - US 59 already has large amount of traffic from Diboll to Nacogdoches. (1 comment)
 - Drastically increases the amount of local traffic. (1 comment)
 - Safety consequences. (1 comment)
 - Businesses situated on route are not where they might cause potential congestion. (1 comment)
 - More frontage roads could be built rather than purchasing right-of-way. (1 comment)
 - Close access to downtown area. (1 comment)
 - The existing roadway on the west side of Nacogdoches in in good shape and is safely away from homes and businesses. (1 comment)
 - Too much truck and heavy equipment traffic so close to the city. (1 comment)
 - Would have an extreme impact during evacuations; need additional traffic patterns from the New Location Option. (1 comment)
- Other
 - Disruptive to Nacogdoches. (1 comment)
 - Will more quickly deteriorate US 59. (1 comment)
 - Less negative impact. (1 comment)
 - Path is straight. (1 comment)
 - What would be the proposed speed limit around the city? (1 comment)
 - Where will the entrance and exit ramps be? (1 comment)
 - Benefits business despite inconvenience and disruption during construction. (1 comment)
 - Less mileage. (1 comment)
 - Less fuel burned by vehicles. (1 comment)
 - Least effect Nacogdoches County. (1 comment)
 - There is a history of growth along existing US 59. (1 comment)

New Location Option

- Economic Development
 - New businesses would be locating on the bypass and existing businesses would close. (3 comments)

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- Negatively impact business, commerce and tourism by pulling people away from Nacogdoches. (3 comments)
- Bypassing both cities would have an adverse effect on the income, development, and progression of both counties and surrounding cities. (1 comment)
- Will have a negative economic impact because it will cause people to be diverted away and they will lose income. (1 comment)
- Would cause businesses to suffer during construction and forever. (1 comment)
- Acquisition will be required and this always favors the large businesses due to the expense to procure. (1 comment)
- Destroy property values. (1 comment)
- Adversely impact future profits from farm and ranch businesses. (1 comment)
- Many people do not understand the effects to property values. (1 comment)
- Will be the death for the city, businesses, commerce, tourism, Azalea Trails, Stephen F. Austin University and hopeful industries that would be missed by travelers not seeing Nacogdoches. (1 comment)
- Environmental
 - Adversely impact the watershed. (1 comment)
 - Adversely impact animal and plant habitats. (1 comment)
 - Cause noise pollution in country living. (1 comment)
 - Close to runoff of the Alazan Creek and other creeks that go into the wildlife refuge off FM 2782. (1 comment)
 - Do not destroy the countryside. (1 comment)
- General Locations, Alternatives, and Preference
 - Do not support option. (2 comments)
 - Do not want Nacogdoches bypassed. (1 comment)
 - References parallel to I-49 in Natchitoches, Louisiana and how it has killed the town and caused much frustration. (1 comment)
 - Supports option. (1 comment)
- Project Cost and Funding
- Need
- Right-of-Way
 - Concern about private land being lost to eminent domain. (3 comments)
 - Do not take new land. (1 comment)
 - Ruin the land that is prime for retirees close to the city of Nacogdoches. (1 comment)
 - Cause public outcry because of properties that have been in families for generations. (1 comment)
 - Disrupts schools that have been newly upgraded. (1 comment)
- Traffic Patterns and Safety
 - Where deviations from the existing route are necessary for safety, they should be minimal. (1 comment)

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- Would require new connecting roads to Nacogdoches and Lufkin. (1 comment)
- Other
 - Nacogdoches would become an afterthought. (1 comment)
 - Will ruin the county. (1 comment)
 - Disruptive to rural communities. (1 comment)
 - Notes that they do not stop at towns that are off the interstate designated by signs, need to see what is there to stop. (1 comment)

General (neither option specified)

- Economic Development
 - Stephen F. Austin University will keep Nacogdoches going but not at the rate that is presently occurring with businesses and tourism. (1 comment)
- Environmental
 - No wilderness areas should be paved. (1 comment)
- General Locations, Alternatives, and Preference
 - Encourage a west bypass around the city with ample off ramps. (1 comment)
 - Nacogdoches would benefit from the new overpasses that would connect the Loop on the south end. (1 comment)
 - The division of 59/259 going north to Henderson and to Garrison is lacking and wider lanes are a must. (1 comment)
 - Suggested route: build a bypass about 3-4 miles south of the existing interchange on the south side that trucks could use. (1 comment)
 - Suggested route: use a blend with more of US 59 and make it a straighter route. (1 comment)
 - The existing Loop 225 (Stallings Drive) is enough for the majority of residents and bypasses US 59 while staying close. (1 comment)
 - May need three lanes at the existing loop location. (1 comment)
- Project Cost and Funding
 - Need to see cost figures for an informed decision. (1 comment)
 - The higher price should be enough to use this option. (1 comment)
 - Questions on the funding of the road, will it be toll road? (1 comment)
 - Believes that the funding source could change the opinion of commenters. (1 comment)
 - Cost analysis is not available. Which option is most cost effective? (1 comment)
- Need
 - The project is not necessary. (1 comment)
- Right-of-Way
 - No homeowners should be forced to relocate. (1 comment)
 - It lessens the impact of the landowners in the path. (1 comment)
- Traffic Patterns and Safety

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- Suggest eliminating the cloverleaf on the loop because it is dangerous (many 18-wheelers have turned over at the intersection). (1 comment)
- The north end of the loop connecting to where 59/259 separate is a dangerous intersection with a short merge lane. (1 comment)
- Notation of a dangerous right hand turn into a subdivision and a left turn from the 59 exit. (1 comment)
- Supports relieving the traffic hazard and congestion at the south end of Nacogdoches at the Loop 224 and US 59 interchange. (1 comment)
- Traffic will flow more freely if the sharp turns and tight cloverleaf on/off ramps are eliminated. (1 comment)
- The west portion of the loop is already interstate ready with feeder roads in place. (1 comment)
- There is congestion on existing US 59 entering Nacogdoches. (1 comment)
- Add safer intersections at FM 2782 and Loop 224 north and south. (1 comment)
- Make US 59 more safe. (1 comment)
- Easy access is key to having travelers get into the town. (1 comment)
- Increased traffic congestion and delays into and out of Nacogdoches during construction. (1 comment)
- Other
 - No strong opinion based off little travel to Nacogdoches. (1 comment)
 - Not familiar with traffic issues in Nacogdoches County. (1 comment)
 - Appreciation for the public involvement process. (1 comment)
 - Save Nacogdoches, the oldest city in Texas. (1 comment)
 - Focus on improving traffic conditions and avoiding the deterioration of the way of life. (1 comment)
 - Feels the committee and TxDOT should explain I-69 is not following US 59 footprint and provide a detailed property map and proposed construction zone. (1 comment)

NEW LOCATION OPTION NACOGDOCHES COUNTY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (62 Survey Respondents)

Upgrade of US 59 Option

- Economic Development
 - Ruin and displace existing businesses. (3 comments)
 - More responsible economically. (3 comments)
 - Offers more economic benefit. (1 comment)
 - Cause businesses to lose income and have decreased property values. (1 comment)
 - Negatively effects businesses at 59/259. (1 comment)
 - Personal business will be destroyed. (1 comment)
 - Will negatively impact business along US 59. (1 comment)
- Environmental

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- More responsible environmentally. (2 comments)
- Best to use the existing US 59 right-of-way where it crosses at the Angelina River. (1 comment)
- General Locations, Alternatives, and Preference
 - Supports option. (12 comments)
 - If an alternative has to be selected, do not mess up US 59. (1 comment)
 - One road (US 59) is sufficient. (1 comment)
 - Retain and improve what is already present. (1 comment)
 - May not be feasible in some locations like the intersection of Loop 224 and US 59 in Nacogdoches (but is still the best option). (1 comment)
 - Do not support option. (1 comment)
- Project Cost and Funding
 - Least expensive option. (1 comment)
 - The cost to purchase right-of-way and the increased work to redesign the roadway on existing US 59 is cost prohibitive and destructive. (1 comment)
 - Is cheaper because the environmental studies will have to evaluate, propose, and find mitigation measures for going near the Alazan Bayou. (1 comment)
 - Lower EPA costs. (1 comment)
- Need
- Right-of-Way
 - There are too many homes and businesses with local traffic along present US 59. (2 comments)
 - Existing US 59 has ample adjacent land to upgrade. (1 comment)
 - Fewer relocations of houses, cattle and stores. (1 comment)
- Traffic Patterns and Safety
 - Emergency services are more abundant and accessible. (1 comment)
 - The existing route does not meander nor is it overly congested in Nacogdoches. (1 comment)
 - May be difficult under construction but is the best choice. (1 comment)
 - Would kill traffic flow and access. (1 comment)
- Other
 - To stray would be a bait and switch. (1 comment)
 - Less disruptive. (1 comment)

New Location Option

- Economic Development
 - Negative economic impact because it will cause people to be diverted away and they will lose income. (5 comments)
 - Negatively impact business, commerce and tourism by pulling people away from Nacogdoches. (2 comments)

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- Adverse impact on income, development and progress in both counties and the surrounding cities. (1 comment)
- More economic benefits. (1 comment)
- More time consuming for travelers to detour off I-69 for needs (ex. gas and food) so will hurt the economies of the cities. (1 comment)
- Billboards will have to be used and will clutter the countryside. In addition, billboards help big businesses and small businesses cannot compete. (1 comment)
- Will be the death for the city, businesses, commerce, tourism, Azalea Trails, Stephen F. Austin University and hopeful industries that would be missed by travelers not seeing Nacogdoches. (1 comment)
- Cause the city to lose out on monetary gains. (1 comment)
- A bypass will be a bypass of growth and economic development and people will not go into town and spend money. (1 comment)
- Takes the route away from commerce; it is not the best economic solution. (1 comment)
- Will pass five new hotels on the south side of Nacogdoches and they will have to move to stay in business. (1 comment)
- Environmental
 - Disruption of the forest, including impacts to the ecosystem and the local industry. (2 comments)
 - Do not destroy the countryside. (1 comment)
 - Will divide Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Alazan Wildlife Management area and the Winston property in Nacogdoches County. This is a wild turkey habitat and the option would fragment this habitat. (1 comment)
 - Negative impact on wildlife. (1 comment)
 - Drought ridden. (1 comment)
 - Concerns about pollution, dust, concrete, air and water. (1 comment)
- General Locations, Alternatives, and Preference
 - Do not support option. (11 comments)
 - Supports option. (3 comments)
 - Is a waste of money of the recent and present construction work on the Lufkin Loop and US 59 overpasses. (1 comment)
 - North and south of Nacogdoches is more cost efficient. (1 comment)
 - Would like to see the option take some traffic of US 59. (1 comment)
- Project Cost and Funding
 - Cost savings. (4 comments)
 - Unnecessary expense. (2 comments)
 - Most cost prohibitive. (1 comment)
 - Most expensive option. (1 comment)
- Need
- Right-of-Way

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- Personal property concerns (examples: Spanish Land grants; loss of homes, farms, and ranches; damage property; relocation of houses, cattle, and stores; disruption of land; tearing up the countryside; doesn't think the new location will affect property values; land fragmentation; and general personal property concern. (15 comments)
- Concern about private land being lost to eminent domain. (2 comments)
- Disrupts schools that have been newly upgraded. (1 comment)
- Traffic Patterns and Safety
 - Would push the congestion and speeders further away from the populated areas. (1 comment)
 - Offers more gentle curves which are safer for commercial trucks and regular traffic. (1 comment)
 - Improve efficiency of traffic flow. (1 comment)
 - Better for the increased demands for commercial traffic. (1 comment)
 - Better for increases in population. (1 comment)
 - Better for evacuation routes during natural disasters. (1 comment)
 - Have less confusion and interference from construction zones while allowing traffic to stay on existing US 59. (1 comment)
 - Offers the relief of truck traffic and congestion in the area of facilities, the SFA ballpark, New County Center, etc. (1 comment)
 - Offers less traffic impact and congestion during construction. (1 comment)
 - Gives commuters an easy bypass. (1 comment)
 - Disadvantage of creating difficulty getting to necessary locations. (1 comment)
 - Would keep hazardous materials out of town except for trains that carry these materials. (1 comment)
- Other
 - Will kill the city, what is left of it. (2 comments)
 - Less disruptive. (1 comment)
 - Completed more timely. (1 comment)
 - Will pull people away from Nacogdoches. (1 comment)
 - Why has the New Location Option not been made public? (1 comment)
 - Take the longest to complete. (1 comment)
 - Would postpone the full utilization of US 59. (1 comment)

General (neither option specified)

- Economic Development
- Environmental
- General Locations, Alternatives, and Preference
 - An alternative route is suggested around the city to begin at Stallings Drive to the south city limits. (1 comment)
 - Why spend money on alternative routes when US 59 already exists? (1 comment)

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- Suggested route: when I-69 crosses FM 343 heading north, it needs to head straight to the 259/59 interchange. The roadway can go behind the Eastex Vet Clinic and FedEx building. (1 comment)
- Do not want the interstate to go behind Central Heights School. (1 comment)
- I-69 should go east of Nacogdoches out by San Augustine to be a direct route from Shreveport to points south. (1 comment)
- Suggested route: stay on US 59 north closer to Nacogdoches before cutting west to go around Mangham Airport rather than cutting off at FM 2782 to go around the airport. (1 comment)
- The existing Loop 225 (Stallings Drive) is enough for the majority of residents and bypasses US 59 while staying close. (1 comment)
- Prefer a hybrid corridor between the west corridor and US 59. (1 comment)
- A hybrid corridor off existing and closer in will not disrupt businesses. (1 comment)
- Project Cost and Funding
 - Cost analysis is not available. Which option is most cost effective? (1 comment)
- Need
- Right-of-Way
- Traffic Patterns and Safety
 - The increase in commercial truck traffic and safety are of utmost concern. (1 comment)
 - Believes there will be a blending of routes depending on the economic impact analysis and environmental studies. (1 comment)
 - Concern about no frontage roads and limited on and off ramps. (1 comment)
 - The new 75 mph speed limit has a negative effect on business as people fear an accident when they attempt to slow down at an exit. (1 comment)
- Other
 - Take government out of our lives and businesses. (1 comment)
 - Avoid the deterioration of the way of life while improving traffic conditions. (1 comment)
 - Interested in jobs generated by I-69 construction. (1 comment)
 - Save Nacogdoches, the oldest city in Texas. (1 comment)
 - Request to look at the Garrison Bypass Committee on Facebook. They feel officials are not doing their jobs so this group is doing the work. (1 comment)
 - Feels the committee and TxDOT should explain I-69 is not following US 59 footprint and provide a detailed property map and proposed construction zone. (1 comment)
 - Wants new ideas to move goods like a transit system and possible amenities for electric cars. (1 comment)
 - Importers and those on the inside making land deals at interchanges are gaining from this project. (1 comment)
 - Improvement is great so some can travel faster. (1 comment)

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Issues from Dec 2012	Still Valid?
Property ownership and right-of-way requirements (three occurrences)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This should be a fair and equal process for everyone 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be adverse impacts to properties. Some owners will welcome the opportunity. 	
Economic development (five occurrences)	
Airport utilization	
Consider Garrison in the decision making process	
Diboll interchange (access to Lufkin) (three occurrences)	
Move traffic	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save retail with inclusion of Diboll Interchange 	
Safety and economic development	
Balance of traffic relief and serving the communities (two occurrences)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fine line between relief from traffic and relief from economics 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the needs of the community in mind 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't let Lufkin become a "blip on the map" 	
Access to healthcare industries	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lufkin has experienced remarkable growth in the healthcare industry which has driven economy 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attract additional healthcare businesses 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People do business where access is easily available (i.e. when access problems associated with construction has occurred, business has decreased) 	
Efficient effective movement of traffic	
Improve traffic movements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance traffic flow 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't move development from one part of the city to another 	
Impact of Panama Canal	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port of Houston traffic will increase and flow of additional traffic will create economic opportunities 	
Nacogdoches south interchange traffic congestion	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes traffic backs up as far as the Angelina River bridge 	
Effective communication between the committee and the community	

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Goals and Objectives from Dec 2012	Still Valid?
Better understand the scoping study and project development process	
Secure economic development (four occurrences)	
Gather information and pass on to constituents	
Benefit for airport facilities	
Develop a project that is doable and affordable (three occurrences)	
Keep community informed – Be transparent (three occurrences)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effectively inform the public of the scoping study and project development process and the progress 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of information by the public results in bad decisions (i.e. sale and purchase of property) 	
Balance of traffic relief and serving the communities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficiently move traffic without harming retail facilities in the area 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need the Diboll interchange 	
First do no harm	
Maintain transparency of the decision making process while improving traffic congestion	
Maintain regional mobility for regional healthcare facilities	
Prioritize projects to get fair share of funding	
Shovel-ready projects (two occurrences)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take advantage of funding opportunities for the area, not elsewhere in Texas 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with TxDOT to start the environmental studies 	
Create jobs	

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Task	US 59 Upgrade Option	New Location Option
Option Refinements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize existing route to the greatest extent possible Potential shifts in alignment to avoid/minimize impacts Access via frontage roads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on the US 59 Master Plan Potential shifts in alignment to avoid/minimize impacts Access located at major crossing facilities, no continuous frontage roads
Project Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed and constructed as smaller stand-alone projects Would provide immediate safety and mobility benefits to drivers on US 59 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed and constructed as longer projects that connect to existing highways Safety and mobility on US 59 would improve but likely not realize full benefits until entire relief route completed
Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More expensive in present day dollars⁽¹⁾ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less expensive in present day dollars⁽¹⁾
Environmental Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental documents may be simpler and completed sooner, e.g. 12-18 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Assessment documents required for each relief route (Lufkin and Nacogdoches) 18-36 months Environmental Assessments may be elevated to an Environmental Impact Statement which would extend the process an additional 1-2 years
Right-of-Way Acquisition and Utility Relocations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would involve more, but smaller, ROW parcels Greater impacts to business/commercial property Requires more utility relocations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would involve fewer, but larger, ROW parcels Greater impacts to residential/agricultural property Requires fewer utility relocations
I-69 Designation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon completion of an upgraded section it could be signed as I-69⁽²⁾ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could not be signed as I-69 until the entire length (US 59 to US 59 on either side of Lufkin and Nacogdoches) is completed⁽²⁾

(1) Cost depends on timing of individual projects because of inflation. If a project is constructed sooner, the impact of inflation on the present day dollar cost is less.

(2) Either option must be part of a plan that connects to an existing Interstate by June 30, 2037 as per Federal law before signing as I-69.



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