

LUFKIN DISTRICT

NEWSLETTER



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Previous Survey Comment:
"The information concerning the status of roadwork being done through the Lufkin District was helpful as was the update on the I-69 progress."



Lufkin

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\$378.1 million allocated to District

In the March revision of the 2017 Unified Transportation Program (UTP), the Lufkin District had eight projects authorized for construction totaling \$378.1 million dollars.

The UTP is TxDOT's 10-year planning document that guides transportation project development and authorizes projects for construction, development and planning activities. It is developed annually and revised in accordance with the Texas Administrative Code and is approved by the Texas Transportation Commission.

The UTP is neither a budget nor a guarantee that projects will or can be built. However, it is a critical tool in guiding project development within the long-term planning context. It also serves as a communication tool for stakeholders in understanding TxDOT project development commitments. To view the UTP, please visit www.txdot.gov/government/programs/utp.html.

County, Highway & CSJ (Project ID Number)	Limits	Project Description	Proposed Bid Date	Estimated Construction Cost
Angelina US 69 CSJ: 0200-02-039	FM 844 to Zavalla	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes divided and construct overpass at SH 63	Summer 2018	\$65,099,001
Angelina US 69 CSJ: 0200-03-024	SH 63 to FM 1270	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes divided	Summer 2018	\$13,464,000
Houston SH 21 CSJ: 0117-06-045	East end of Trinity River bridge to FM 1280	Reconstruct pavement and add passing lanes	Summer 2018	\$12,882,000
Angelina US 69 CSJ: 0200-03-021	FM 1270 to Jasper County Line	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes divided	Summer 2019	\$34,900,000
Nacogdoches US 59 at SL 224 CSJ: 0176-01-081	SH 7 to 1.242 mi South of Spradley St.	Upgrade to interstate standards by constructing two way direct connectors and frontage roads along SL 224	Summer 2019	\$75,551,000
Angelina US 59 Diboll Relief Route CSJ: 0176-03-097	FM 2108 to 1.15 mi South of White Oak Creek	Construct new location four lane roadway meeting interstate standards east of Diboll	Summer 2020	\$142,055,910
Angelina US 59 CSJ: 2553-01-115	Old Moffett Rd. to SH 103	Upgrade US 59 to interstate standards by constructing frontage roads	Summer 2020	\$13,557,000
Angelina US 59 CSJ: 0176-02-118	South of FM 2021 to North of US 59/SL 287	Upgrade US 59 to interstate standards by constructing frontage roads	Winter 2022	\$20,650,000
Lufkin District March Revision UTP Allocation				\$378,158,911

D.E. CORNER

With spring in full bloom, the heat of summer cannot be far behind. When the weather is good, TxDOT is busy and in the Lufkin District, we are in full swing with ongoing projects. Our construction and maintenance departments are progressing on some important projects and our engineers and technicians are busy designing new ones for future approval by our state commissioners.



In this issue of the Lufkin District quarterly newsletter, you will find lots of useful information that I believe will be a benefit, whether you are a business, a city or county government or someone who wants to stay informed about Texas roadways.

Please take a moment to read about the Unified Transportation Program. This plan is used by the Texas Transportation Commission and TxDOT to guide project development over a 10-year period. Specifically, the UTP is a listing of projects and programs planned for construction and development. It is a critical tool in guiding project development within a long-term context and serves as a communication tool for stakeholders and the public in understanding the commitment TxDOT has to future projects. Read about how the Lufkin District has been allocated more than \$378 million for rural connectivity over the next decade.

I also hope you take a moment to catch up on our projects and their progress, including Interstate 69, and the ongoing work in our Nacogdoches, Livingston and Lufkin area offices. Also, read about our recently named Texas Road Hand recipient who was surprised by the award at our Centennial celebration held in Nacogdoches.

Since our last newsletter, TxDOT has begun celebrating its Centennial year. This celebration will continue throughout this year across the state. I encourage you to attend a Centennial event sometime this year to hear about and view the history of TxDOT. As we begin the next 100 years, we look forward to what the future holds for East Texas and Texas roadways.

I-69 DEVELOPMENT IN THE LUFKIN DISTRICT

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Interstate 69, a 1,600-mile national interstate highway, was authorized in 1991 by Congress in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). Approximately 1,086 miles of the proposed interstate highway is within the state of Texas. It will cross five of the Lufkin District's nine counties generally following US 59 through San Jacinto County to Tenaha in Shelby County where it will then follow US 84 to Louisiana. Based on estimates in 2015, it could cost approximately \$2.9 billion dollars to construct the entire 149 miles of proposed interstate within the Lufkin District boundary.

The Lufkin District utilizes reports from the I-69 Advisory Committee, I-69 Segment One and Two Committees and local county committees, as well as resolutions of support from cities and counties to identify and prioritize smaller more fundable projects for development. These smaller projects will be a combination of upgrading the existing highway to interstate standards and constructing new location roadways where upgrading is not a reasonable and feasible alternative. No definitive decision on right of way needs or how a project will be constructed is made until the District receives approval of the schematic and environmental study.

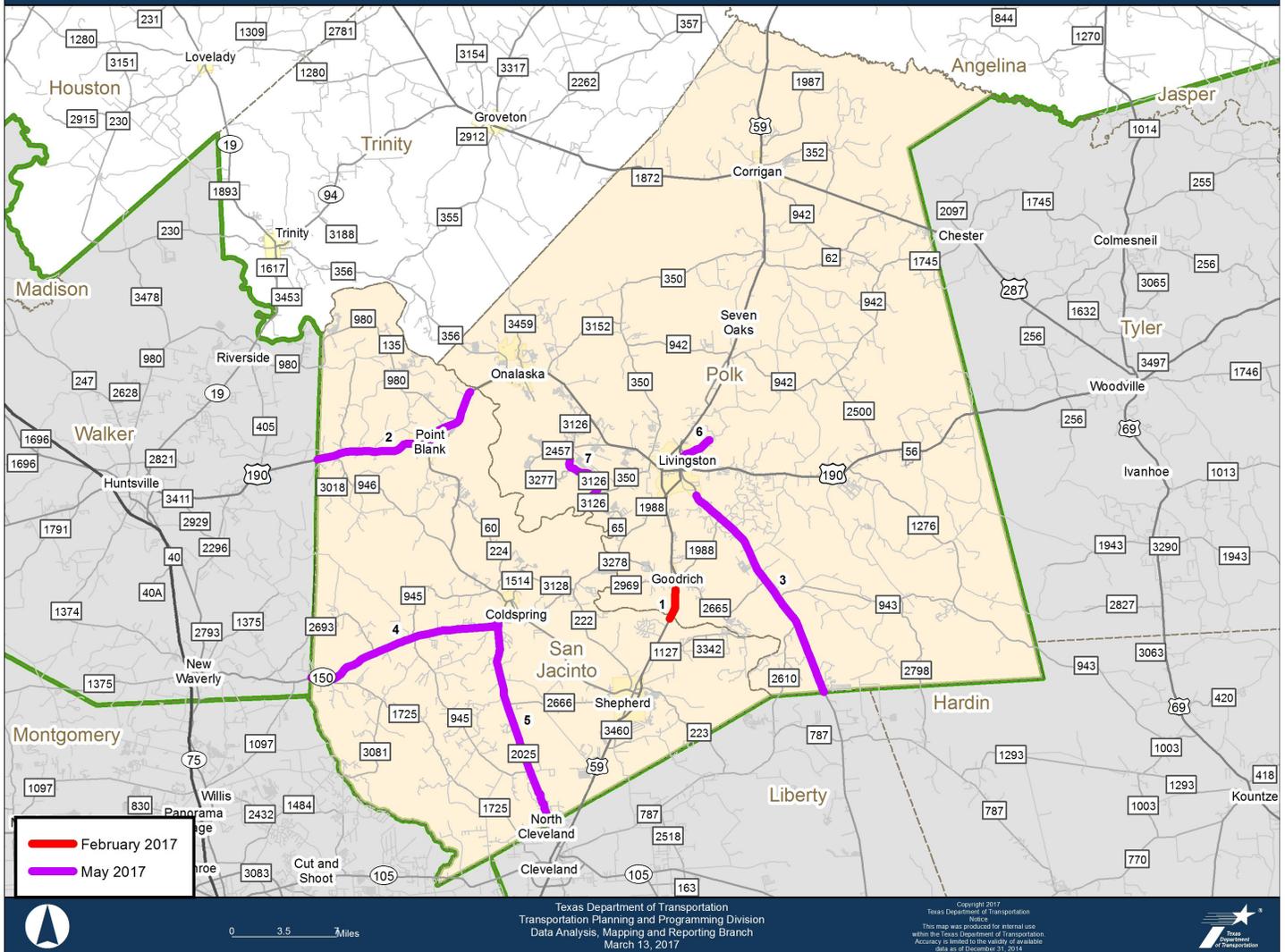
At this time, the Lufkin District is actively working on six projects. They are in varying stages of development. Included is an update on the status of these projects. For more information on these I-69 projects and others under development across the state, please visit our webpage at www.dot.state.tx.us/drivenbytexas/projects.htm.

I-69 DEVELOPMENT IN THE LUFKIN DISTRICT

County & Project Name	Project Description	Schematic & Environmental Status	Right of Way Status	Construction Status
<u>Angelina County:</u> US 59 Diboll Relief Route	Project involves the construction of new US 59 main lanes east of Diboll, designed to meet interstate standards.	Approvals of the schematic and environmental re-evaluation were received in March and June 2016.	Est. ROW cost \$7 million. Appraisals are almost all complete. Acquisitions are underway and is expected to be complete by Winter 2018.	Estimated Construction Cost \$142 million. Construction funding was allocated in the March 2017 UTP revision with an estimated letting Summer 2020.
<u>Angelina County:</u> US 59 Upgrade in Lufkin between Moffett Rd and SH 103	Project proposes to upgrade existing US 59 to meet interstate standards by constructing frontage roads and reconstructing the existing US 59 main lanes.	Approvals of the schematic and environmental document were received in April 2007 and July 2008.	Est. ROW cost \$2.5 million. Appraisals will begin upon . Acquisitions are anticipated to be complete by Winter 2019.	Estimated Construction Cost \$13.6 million. Construction funding was allocated in the March 2017 UTP revision with an estimated letting Summer 2020.
<u>Angelina County:</u> US 59 Upgrade in Redland between FM 2021 overpass and SL 287	Project proposes to upgrade existing US 59 to interstate standards by constructing frontage roads and overpasses.	TxDOT to begin Schematic and environmental studies in April 2017. Public meeting to be held in June 2017. Anticipate schematic and environmental approval Fall/Winter 2018.	Estimated ROW cost \$3 million. ROW acquisitions will not begin until TxDOT receives approval of the environmental documentation.	Estimated Construction Cost \$20.7 million. Construction funding was allocated in the March 2017 UTP revision with an estimated letting Winter 2022.
<u>Nacogdoches County:</u> US 59/SL 224 South Interchange	Project involves the construction of new US 59 main lane direct connectors at SL 224 and frontage roads for SL 224 between SH 7 and US 59, designed to meet interstate standards.	Approvals of the schematic and environmental re-evaluation were received in May and June 2016.	Est. ROW cost \$24.2 million. Appraisals are almost complete and acquisitions have begun. Acquisitions are anticipated to be complete by Winter 2018.	Estimated Construction Cost \$75.5 million. Construction funding was allocated in the March 2017 UTP revision with an estimated letting date of Summer 2019.
<u>Polk County:</u> US 59 Corrigan Relief Route	Project proposes the construction of new US 59 main lanes west of Corrigan, designed to meet interstate standards.	Survey work is almost complete and schematic and environmental studies have begun. Anticipate schematic and environmental approval Fall/Winter 2017.	Est. ROW cost \$6.4 million. ROW acquisitions begin after TxDOT receives approval of the environmental documentation.	Estimated Construction Cost \$123.4 million. No construction funding has been allocated.
<u>San Jacinto County:</u> US 59 Upgrade between Shepherd and Cleveland	Project proposes to upgrade existing US 59 to interstate standards by constructing frontage roads and overpasses.	Survey work has been completed. Schematic and environmental studies will soon begin. Anticipate schematic and environmental approval Fall/Winter 2017.	Est. ROW cost \$5.5 million. ROW acquisitions begin after TxDOT receives approval of the environmental documentation.	Estimated Construction Cost \$88 million. No construction funding has been allocated.

Livingston Area Office

LIVINGSTON AREA OFFICE - Polk and San Jacinto Counties



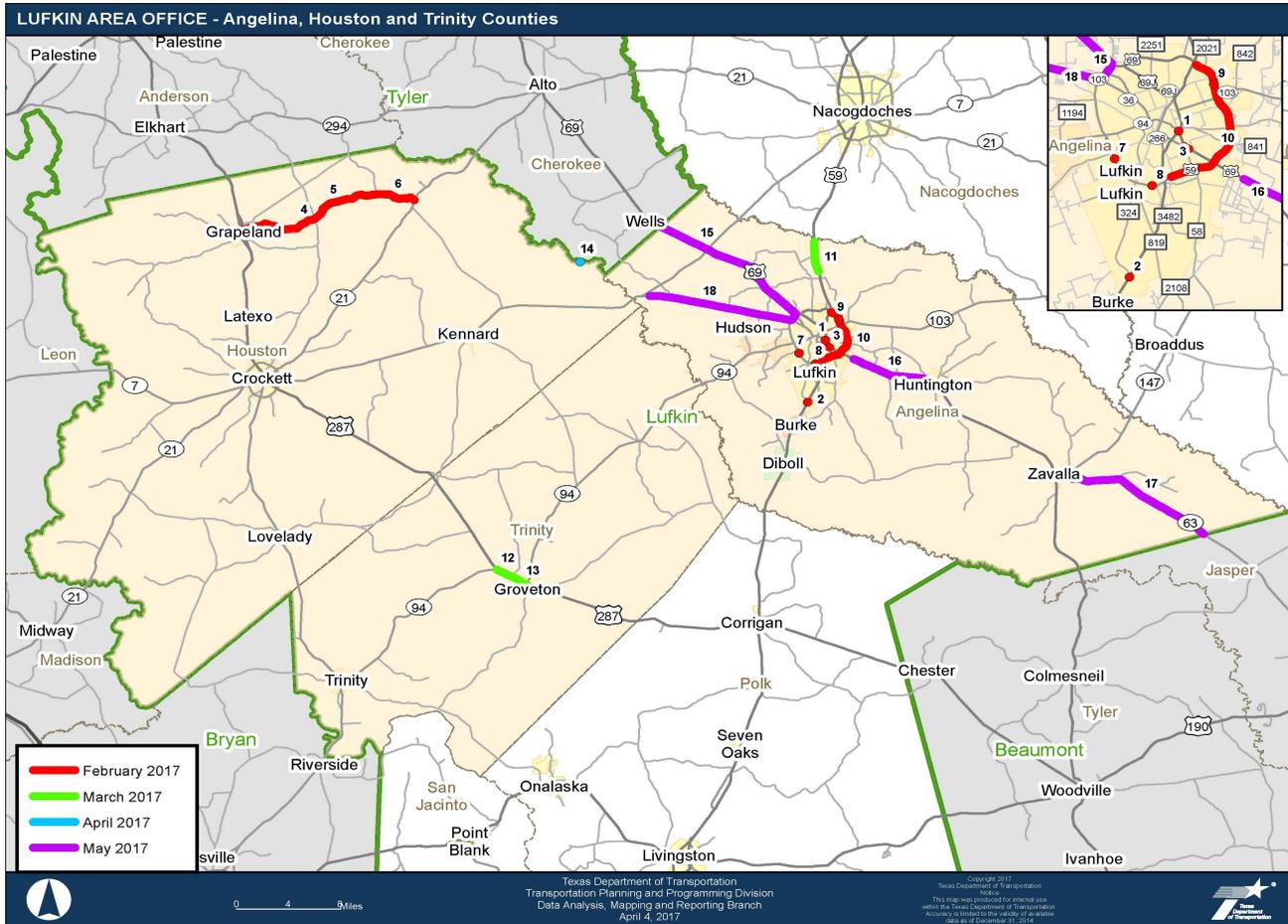
Construction Projects

CSJ*	County	Highway	Description	Estimated Cost	
0177-01-102	Polk	US 59	HMA LEVEL-UP, OCST AND PFC	\$2,526,179.50	1
0213-02-044	San Jacinto	US 190	TEXTURIZE SHOULDERS (MILLED CENTERLINE RUMBLE STRIPS)	\$140,716.90	2
0388-01-057	Polk	SH 146	TEXTURIZE SHOULDERS (MILLED EDGELINE RUMBLE STRIPS)	\$183,797.50	3
0395-02-042	San Jacinto	SH 150	TEXTURIZE SHOULDERS (MILLED EDGELINE RUMBLE STRIPS; MILLED CENTERLINE RUMBLE STRIPS)	\$182,038.00	4
1459-02-024	San Jacinto	FM 2025	TEXTURIZE SHOULDERS (MILLED CENTERLINE RUMBLE STRIPS)	\$142,273.40	5
3160-01-021	Polk	FM 3126	SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS	\$584,136.00	6
2510-01-016	Polk	FM 1316	SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS	\$433,583.00	7

* CSJ= Control Section Job Number

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

Lufkin Area Office



Construction Projects					
CSJ*	County	Highway	Description	Estimated Cost	
0176-02-117	ANGELINA	US 59	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACH RAILING	\$53,422	1
0176-03-132	ANGELINA	US 59	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACH RAILING	\$54,360	2
0200-01-090	ANGELINA	BU 69-J	IMPROVE TRAFFIC SIGNALS	\$239,190	3
0937-02-031	HOUSTON	FM 227	PROFILE EDGELINE MARKINGS	\$157,799	4
0937-02-032	HOUSTON	FM 227	IMPROVE GUARDRAIL TO DESIGN STANDARDS & SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS	\$999,226	5
0937-02-033	HOUSTON	FM 227	RECONSTRUCT AND WIDEN PAVEMENT TO 24'	\$2,241,892	6
2553-01-112	ANGELINA	SL 287	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACH RAILING	\$56,726	7
2553-01-113	ANGELINA	SL 287	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACH RAILING	\$63,822	8
2553-01-114	ANGELINA	US 59	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACH RAILING	\$49,758	9
2553-01-117	ANGELINA	US 59	IMPROVE GUARDRAIL TO DESIGN STANDARDS	\$1,485,027	10
0176-02-120	ANGELINA	US 59	RESURFACE EXISTING PAVEMENT	\$3,535,755	11
0319-01-064	TRINITY	US 287	RECONSTRUCT EXISTING PAVEMENT	\$2,193,116	12
0319-01-065	TRINITY	US 287	SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS	\$116,082	13
0911-28-033	HOUSTON	CR	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	\$814,500	14
0199-04-071	ANGELINA	US 69	TEXTURIZE SHOULDERS (MILLED EDGELINE RUMBLE STRIPS)	\$203,868	15
0200-01-088	ANGELINA	US 69	TEXTURIZE SHOULDERS (MILLED EDGELINE RUMBLE STRIPS)	\$98,204	16
0244-01-045	ANGELINA	SH 63	MILLED EDGELINE AND CENTERLINE RUMBLE STRIPS	\$158,213	17
0336-03-068	ANGELINA	SH 103	MILLED EDGELINE AND CENTERLINE RUMBLE STRIPS	\$154,360	18

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CENTENNIAL SPOTLIGHT

The Texas Department of Transportation is celebrating a birthday this year – a significant one. The agency is 100 years old and the Lufkin District celebrated the journey through time recently with an event held on the brick streets of Nacogdoches, the oldest town in Texas.

A crowd gathered outside Nacogdoches City Hall on the square of the historic city to commemorate TxDOT's century of service to Texas motorists. To highlight the event, a 1918 restored Liberty truck was on display, leaving millennials scratching their heads on how to start the engine and old-timers reminiscing with smiles as the crowd gathered around the vehicle.

The Liberty truck will cross the state this year and includes stops at the Texas State Fair and the Bob Bullock Museum. It features historical photos and a visual timeline highlighting achievements that commemorate the agency's 100-year milestone.

Nacogdoches Mayor Roger Van Horn welcomed attendees at the Lufkin District celebration. Retired Engineer Morgan Prince spoke about his early years in 1954 when he was a summer intern at the Nacogdoches Area Office. He told of how every load of East Texas timber traveling east or west came across the brick streets of Nacogdoches before modern-day roadways were constructed. Dawn Glover, district representative for Sen. Robert Nichols, was also on hand to relay Nichols' support and congratulate the agency.

Lufkin District Engineer Cheryl P. Flood, P.E., also spoke to the crowd.

"The past 100 years has been a long and winding road for TxDOT, but one thing has remained our mission – to build roads that are safe and can fill our transportation needs today while planning for the needs of tomorrow," Flood said.

There was also a surprise in store for attendees when Flood presented the agency's annual Texas Road Hand award to retired Houston County Judge Erin Ford.

"Retired Houston County Judge Erin Ford worked tirelessly as a transportation advocate in the East Texas area. His efforts to promote and support this agency and the Lufkin District are greatly appreciated. Judge Ford, your work did not go unnoticed," Flood said as she presented the award.

"This agency's first leader was Dewitt C. Greer. Mr. Greer made a comment in the early days of TxDOT that I think still holds true today. He said, 'It never hurts to remind ourselves that we who build highways work under a public mandate. If we do not have the public's confidence, we cannot do our work'. Thank you for the confidence you have in this agency. We continue to hold it in high regard and will do our best for you each day," Flood said.



Lufkin District employees unload the 1918 Liberty Truck on the brick streets of Nacogdoches prior to the district's Centennial event.



Lufkin District Engineer Cheryl P. Flood, P.E., presents the 2017 Texas Road Hand Award to retired Houston County Judge Erin Ford at the Centennial event held in Nacogdoches in March.



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