

# LUFKIN DISTRICT

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## 2018 – A LOOK BACK

We invite you to look back at 2018 with us at some of the major construction projects that were started and completed in the Lufkin District.

 **FM 1878 (Starr Avenue) at LaNana Creek**  
Drewery Construction was awarded the \$1.7 million construction project replacing the existing LaNana Creek Bridge with a new 160-foot bridge. The new roadway has four 11-foot lanes, 5-foot shoulders and 5-foot sidewalks on both sides of the bridge in order to accommodate foot and bike traffic as well as motor vehicles. Approximately 200-foot of new pavement now covers each end of the new bridge. The roadway closed in late May 2017 for the bridge replacement and opened to traffic in March of 2018.

 **US 69 South – From Huntington to FM 1277**  
The US 69 corridor south of Lufkin went through quite a transformation in 2018 and is still a work in progress. Moore Brothers Construction placed new pavement on US 69 from FM 841 to Huntington at a cost of \$1.6 million. From Huntington south to FM 844, Pinto Construction rehabilitated and widened US 69. The \$10.1 million project added capacity to the US 69 hurricane evacuation route and extended the four-lane section south of Huntington. Just south of the Pinto project, R&M Inc. was awarded an \$877,600 project to remove vegetation and structures within the proposed right of way to allow for utility relocations on US 69 from FM 844 to FM 1270. Johnson Brothers Construction was awarded a \$72 million project to construct four lanes of divided highway from FM 844 to FM 1270. The final segment of the US 69 four lane construction is estimated at \$35 million and is scheduled to take bids in summer of 2019.

 **FM 356 from 1.12 miles north of US 190 to US 190**  
Smith and Company was awarded the \$7.8 million reconstruction and widening project to provide two 12-foot travel lanes, 14-foot two way center turn lane and shoulders. Some areas required the construction of storm sewer and curb and gutter section. Construction began in November 2016 and completed almost two years later in October 2018. ■



# Freight Mobility Study

The Lufkin District recently hosted a Texas Statewide Freight Workshop Meeting at Angelina College providing stakeholders an opportunity to voice opinions on freight mobility needs through East Texas.

TxDOT is conducting the study statewide to assess current highway design and how it impacts the movement of freight in the state. The workshop included gathering input from freight shippers, drivers and other professionals. The discussion included the needs, challenges, future opportunities and possible solutions to local trucking needs.

Constructed over multiple decades, the state transportation system requirements and freight needs changed as technology advanced. Changes and improvements to pavement, bridges, intersections and access points will provide better freight mobility.

The goals of this study will be to improve safety and reduce congestion while enhancing economic competitiveness of the Texas Multimodal Freight Network, and to develop actionable strategies to meet truck parking needs across the state by partnering with the private sector.

The Texas Freight Advisory Committee will review the results from this study. From their review, a final freight infrastructure design will be available for consideration. For more information about the statewide study and locations of future events, visit [movetexasfreight.com](http://movetexasfreight.com).



TxDOT Transportation Commissioner Alvin New discusses freight transportation needs and how they vary across the state at the recent Freight Workshop Meeting held at Angelina College on Jan. 23, 2019.

# Public Hearing on US 59 Upgrade Redland



A large turnout attended an open house and public hearing in December on the proposed upgrade to US 59 (future Interstate 69) from SL 287 in Lufkin to FM 2021 in Redland.

The open house encouraged the public to view updated maps and speak to engineers in a come-and-go format, followed by a formal public hearing including a presentation and comment period. This was the second event about this project to hear public comments and gain feedback in the development of the schematic design and environmental studies. The first open house was in June 2017.

The proposed construction project includes the construction of frontage roads and the reconstruction of US 59 main lanes to meet interstate standards for potential future designation as I-69. The proposed project improves safety, enhances mobility along the US 59 corridor and provides a more efficient hurricane evacuation route.

Proposed construction tentatively starts in Summer 2022 with completion set for Summer 2025. For additional information, visit US 59 Upgrade Redland (Future I-69) project page ([txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/lufkin/us59-redland.html](http://txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/lufkin/us59-redland.html)).

The public viewed the latest schematic design and spoke to engineers at the recent open house and public hearing on Dec. 13, 2018, about the US 59/Redland expansion project.



## DE Corner

The Lufkin District moves forward as winter moves into spring. We are excited about what 2019 holds.

I know you will enjoy taking a look back at our accomplishments in 2018 and seeing our upcoming 2019 construction projects. Two of these highly anticipated 2019 projects include the US 59/SL 224 South Interchange in Nacogdoches and the US 59 Diboll Relief Route.

The Lufkin District hosted a Freight Workshop Meeting to gather input regarding truck parking and freight infrastructure design needs, challenges, opportunities and solutions. We were proud to host and provide this opportunity to voice your opinions on local trucking needs.

I hope you read about the recent public hearing regarding the US 59 Upgrade Redland project. This project provides frontage roads and meets Interstate standards to hopefully bring the I69 designation a little bit closer to reality in the Lufkin District.

Safety is an important part of TxDOT work each day. The Lufkin District met all four safety goals in 2018 with no vehicle incidents or injuries. I encourage you to make safety a number one priority in your daily activities also. Read about why we regard safety as a Mission Zero goal. Zero incidents, zero injuries and zero fatalities.

Review our maps and scheduled maintenance projects and be sure to read the I-69 updates. Happy spring!

UPCOMING LOCAL LETTING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS	
Contract Description	Estimated Value
<u>RMC 6341-10-001</u> : Repair/Replacement of metal beam guard fence in Shelby County <u>Letting Date</u> : 3/13/2019	\$189,310.00
<u>RMC 6341-10-001</u> : Repair/Replacement of metal beam guard fence in Sabine County <u>Letting Date</u> : 3/13/2019	\$216,550.00
<u>RMC 6330-30-001</u> : Fog Seal in Nacogdoches, Polk and Shelby Counties <u>Letting Date</u> : 3/20/2019	\$252,630.00
<u>RMC 6336-81-001</u> : SSLC: Entrance Rehab in Angelina County <u>Letting Date</u> : 3/27/2019	\$198,940.00
<u>RMC 6332-78-001</u> : SSLC: Culvert Replacement in Angelina County <u>Letting Date</u> : 3/27/2019	\$145,635.00
<u>Unassigned</u> : FM 942 Hydraulic Relief in San Jacinto County <u>Letting Date</u> : 3/27/2019	TBD



# I-69 DEVELOPMENT IN THE LUFKIN DISTRICT

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At this time, there are six projects the Lufkin District is actively developing. These projects are in varying stages of approval. Below is a brief 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: [dot.state.tx.us/drivenbytexas/projects.htm](https://dot.state.tx.us/drivenbytexas/projects.htm).

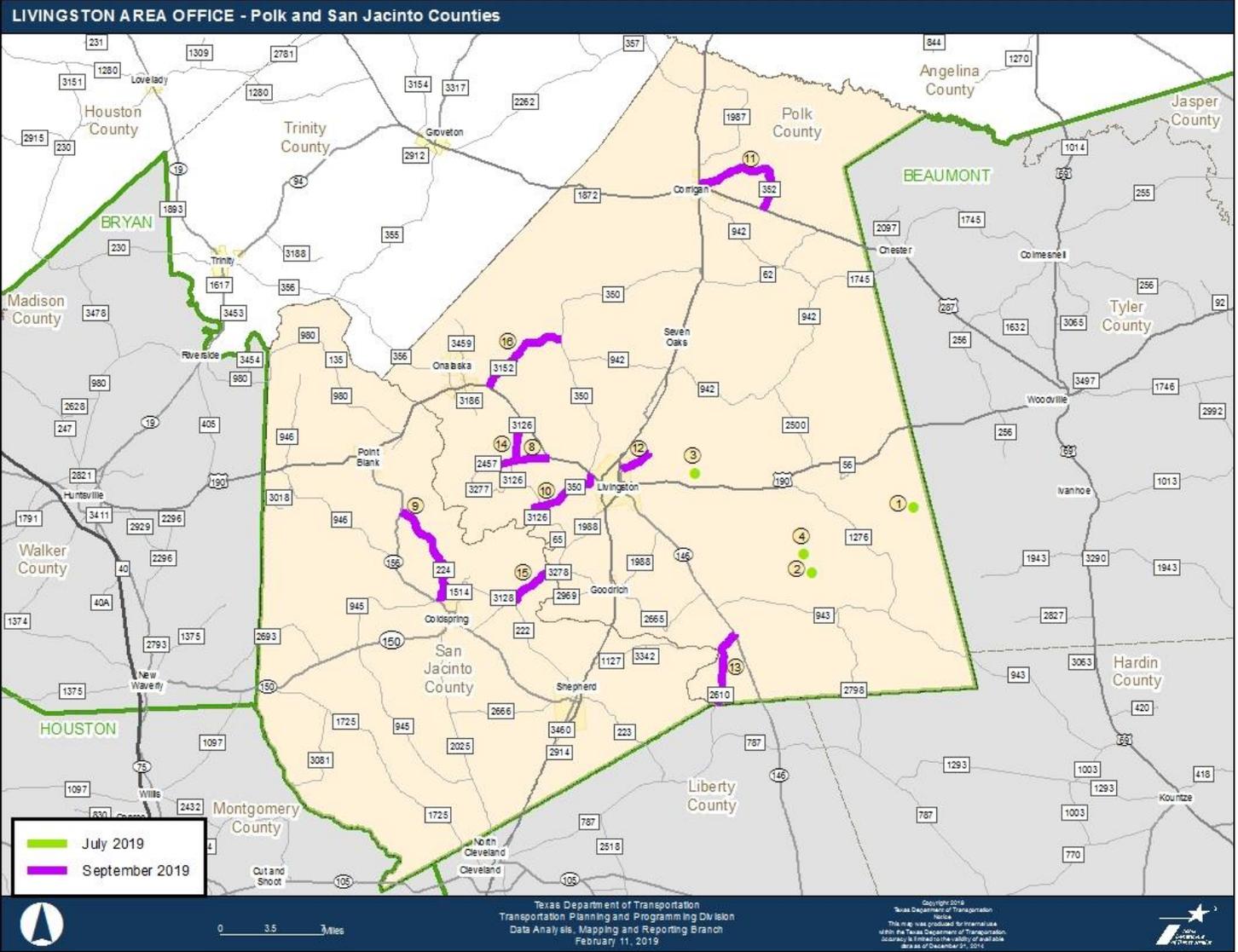


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- **US 59/SL 224 South Interchange** – project involves upgrading existing US 59 by constructing new US 59 direct connectors at SL 224 and frontage roads along SL 224 between SH 7 and US 59. TxDOT is currently working on engineering plans, purchasing right-of-way (ROW), and relocating utilities. Construction will begin in 2019.
- **US 59 Diboll Relief Route** – project involves the construction of a new location controlled access roadway east of Diboll. TxDOT is currently working on engineering plans, acquiring necessary permits and purchasing ROW. Construction will begin in 2020.
- **US 59 Upgrade in Lufkin between Moffett Rd and SH 103** – project involves upgrading existing US 59 to a controlled access roadway by adding frontage roads. TxDOT began ROW mapping and preparation of engineering plans in 2018, with ROW acquisitions currently underway. Construction will begin in 2020.
- **US 59 Upgrade in Redland between SL 287 and FM 2021** – project involves upgrading existing US 59 to a controlled access roadway by adding frontage roads. TxDOT received environmental approval in January 2019. TxDOT started ROW appraisals and acquisitions should begin early 2019. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2022.
- **US 59 Corrigan Relief Route** – project involves the construction of a new location controlled access roadway west of Corrigan. TxDOT received approval of the schematic and environmental studies in March 2018. ROW appraisals began in late 2018 with ROW acquisitions starting early 2019. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2022.
- **US 59 Upgrade in San Jacinto and Liberty Counties between FM 2914 and North Cleveland** – project involves upgrading existing US 59 to a controlled access roadway by adding frontage roads. TxDOT has begun schematic and environmental studies and anticipates approvals in 2019. ROW acquisition and utility relocation processes are anticipated to begin in Summer 2019. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2023. ■



# Livingston Area Office



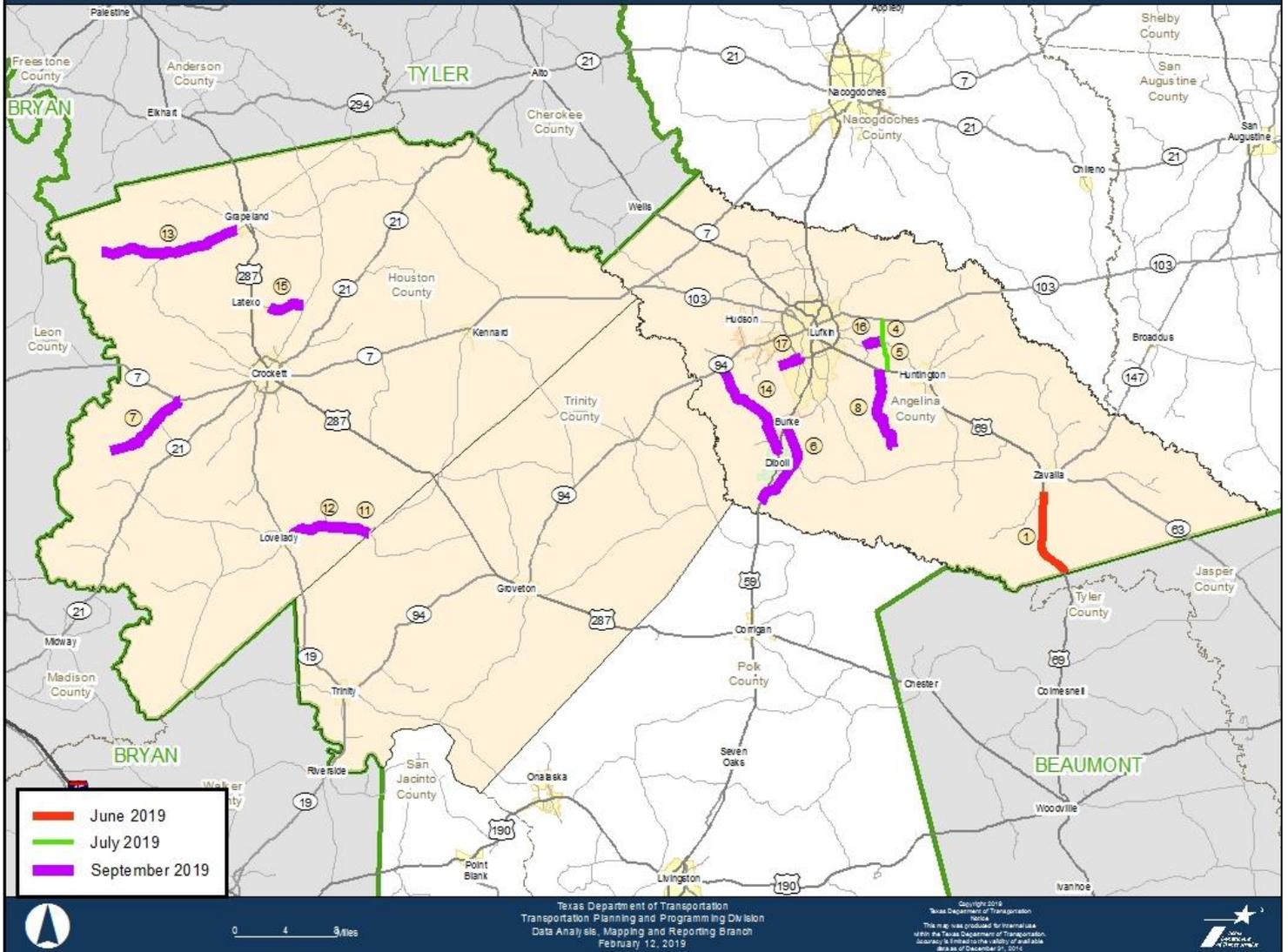
UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS					
Project Number	County	Highway	Description Of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
0911-04-076	Polk	CR	Replace Bridge on County Line Road at Hickory Creek	\$414,900.00	1
0911-04-077	Polk	CR	Replace Bridge on Segno Firelane Road at Big Sandy Tributary	\$299,630.00	2
0911-04-078	Polk	CR	Replace Bridge on Nettles Cemetery Road at Beech Creek	\$361,370.00	3
0911-04-079	Polk	CR	Replace Bridge on Segno Firelane Road at Double Branch	\$538,660.00	4
0177-01-112	Polk	US 59*	Bridge Maintenance Various Locations (August 2019)	\$155,485.00	5-7*
0064-04-040	Various	Various	Profile Centerline Markings	\$3,837,152.00	8-16

\*Not mapped.

For more information, please visit the Project Tracker page at:  
[txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/project-tracker.html](http://txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/project-tracker.html)

# Lufkin Area Office

## LUFKIN AREA OFFICE - Angelina, Houston and Trinity Counties



### UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Project Number	County	Highway	Description Of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
0200-03-021	Angelina	US 69	Widen to Four Lanes, Divided	\$36,435,262.64	1
0911-00-076	Angelina	Various*	Construct Curb Ramps in Various Locations	\$3,000,000.00	2*
0911-38-073	Angelina	Various*	Construct Curb Ramps in Various Locations	\$1,281,187.00	3*
2507-01-020	Angelina	FM 326	Reconstruct and Widen Pavement	\$1,400,000.00	4
3264-01-009	Angelina	FM 326	Reconstruct and Widen Pavement	\$2,500,000.00	5
0176-03-097	Angelina	US 59	Construct Four-lane Freeway East of Diboll (Diboll Relief Route)	\$130,490,786.00	6
0064-04-040	Various	Various	Profile Centerline Markings	\$3,837,152.00	7-8 11-17
0911-00-077	Angelina	Various*	Install Profile Pavement Markings	\$2,000,000.00	9*
0911-38-071	Angelina	Various*	Landscaping in Various Locations	\$209,604.75	10*

\*Not mapped.

For more information, please visit the Project Tracker page at:  
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