

LUFKIN DISTRICT

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txdot.gov/inside-txdot/district/Lufkin.html

We want to hear from you. Take our Newsletter Survey: surveymonkey.com/r/CH56VZW

View past newsletters at: txdot.gov/inside-txdot/district/lufkin/newsletter.html

Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricane season officially began June 1 and will end on November 30. Motorists and residents should prepare now for any weather emergency that might occur during this time.

Residents should make a plan now and familiarize themselves on how to:

- Receive emergency alerts and warnings
- Devise a shelter in place plan
- Locate the evacuation routes should you need to leave your home
- Make a communication plan for the entire family in case you are separated

We urge you to make a plan now whether you must shelter in place during a storm event, or prepare for the extra traffic that could be seen locally should a major hurricane occur and evacuees be forced to travel north toward the Lufkin District.

Familiarize yourself with evacuation route maps ahead of time. Major evacuation routes leading from the Gulf Coast through East Texas include US 69, US 59 and US 96. These maps can be found at txdot.gov and show detailed areas from Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Houston, Pharr and Yoakum.



Also on this page, txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/traffic/safety/weather/hurricane.html, you will find a listing that will link you to other emergency services, agencies, weather forecasts and even live traffic camera feeds.

East Texans are urged to keep an emergency kit of non-perishable foods and bottled water on hand, as well as extra gasoline, batteries, flashlights, candles and a battery-operated radio in case of a power loss.

TxDOT crews will monitor the roadways for local flooding during all heavy rainfall weather events. Crews are prepared to work around the clock to monitor roadways. If you approach a barricaded or flooded area, do not attempt to drive through the water. Turn around, don't drown. It is illegal to go around TxDOT cones or barricades. In the case of local flooding, check twitter.com/TxDOTLufkin and drivetexas.org for local road closures and alerts. ■

US 69 GROUNDBREAKING



The Lufkin District celebrated a groundbreaking on July 17 for the US 69 South construction project that will widen the highway from two lanes to a four lane divided corridor. Pictured from left to right: Cheryl P. Flood, Lufkin District Engineer; Kelly Morris, Lufkin District Director of Planning and Development; Shannon Ramos, Lufkin District Director of Construction; Jesse Sisco, Lufkin District Area Engineer; Russell Lindsey, Vice President, Johnson and Brothers Corp.; Senator Robert Nichols; TxDOT Commissioner Jeff Austin III; State Rep. Trent Ashby; Angelina County Judge Wes Suiter; TxDOT Executive Director James M. Bass; and TxDOT Chief Engineer Bill Hale.

On July 17, the Lufkin District celebrated the groundbreaking for Phase 2 of the US 69 South two to four lane construction project. There was a great attendance from local residents, stakeholders and business owners. Speakers for the event included Senator Robert Nichols, TxDOT Commissioner Jeff Austin III, Angelina County Judge Wes Suiter, Lufkin District Engineer Cheryl P. Flood, Lufkin Area Engineer Jesse Sisco and Johnson Brothers Corporation Vice President Russell Lindsey. Also attending the event were State Rep. Trent Ashby, TxDOT Executive Director James M. Bass and TxDOT Chief Engineer Bill Hale.

The \$71.6 million construction project will widen US 69 South from FM 844 to FM 1270. The project will provide an improved evacuation route from Beaumont and Louisiana and provide better connectivity to further the TxDOT mission of delivering a safe, reliable and integrated transportation system that enables the movement of people and goods. It is set to complete in July 2022.

This project was designed in three phases. The first phase from Huntington to FM 844 completed the contract bid process in June 2017. The cost of construction is \$11 million and is set to be completed in September 2018.

Phase three is currently in design and is scheduled to take bids in June 2019 at an estimated cost of \$35 million. It will continue the widening project from FM 1270 to the Jasper County line. ■

Senator Robert Nichols



TxDOT Commissioner Jeff Austin III



DE Corner

The Lufkin District is in full swing with many projects this summer. I invite you to read about upcoming construction and maintenance projects in this issue.

We hosted a Groundbreaking event for the construction project on US 69 South in Zavalla. We had a large group in attendance and fantastic speakers on hand for the event including Sen. Robert Nichols and TxDOT Commissioner Jeff Austin III.

Also in this issue, read about how you can be better prepared in the event of a hurricane. I hope we are spared from any serious storms this year, but being prepared is the first step to keeping you and your loved ones safe.

Let's talk about Interstate 69. Check out updates in each of our quarterly newsletters. Interstate 69 will impact all of us living in and traveling through the Lufkin District.

There is a lot of good information in this newsletter, including the latest safety campaigns, so sit somewhere cool and enjoy reading this summer issue and stay safe wherever your travels take you.



UPCOMING LOCAL LETTING (BIDDING) MAINTENANCE PROJECTS	
Contract Description	Estimated Value
RMC 6330-31-001: Tree Trimming in Trinity County Letting Date: 8/22/2018	\$194,900.00
RMC 6335-19-001: Tree Trimming in Nacogdoches County Letting Date: 8/22/2018	\$114,000.00
RMC 6331-46-001: High Edge Letting Date: 8/22/2018	\$275,250.00
RMC 6331-09-001: Culvert Repair in Polk and San Jacinto Counties Letting Date: 8/29/2018	\$228,205.00
RMC 6331-45-001: Ditch and Culvert Cleaning in Shelby County Letting Date: 8/29/2018	\$237,800.00
LFK South: Crack Seal in Houston, Polk, San Jacinto and Trinity Counties Letting Date: 8/29/2018	\$100,000.00
LFK North: Crack Seal in Angelina, Nacogdoches, Sabine, San Augustine, and Shelby Counties Letting Date: 8/29/2018	\$100,000.00
RMC 6332-78-001: State Supported Living Center (SSLC): Culvert replacement in Angelina County Letting Date: 9/5/2018	\$145,635.00
Unassigned: SSLC: Entrance Rehab Letting Date: 9/5/2018	\$198,940.00

Be Safe. Drive Smart.

TxDOT Back to School Driving Tips

The end of summer means millions of Texas children will soon return to school. TxDOT reminds drivers to be extra cautious as school zones become more active and be aware of school bus safety.

The most common factors contributing to crashes in school zones are driver inattention, failure to control speed and failure to yield right of way at stop signs.

Following these simple tips can help Texas children reach school safely and help drivers avoid costly fines and tickets:

- Put away cell phones. Cell phone use is banned in active school zones, and violators face fines of up to \$200 in school zones where signs are posted.
- Always obey school zone speed limit signs. Remember, traffic fines usually double in school zones.
- Drop off and pick up your children in your school's designated areas, not the middle of the street.
- Stay alert to children gathered at bus stops.
- Be alert for children who might dart across the street or between vehicles on their way to school.

I-69 DEVELOPMENT IN THE LUFKIN DISTRICT

Jennifer Adams, I-69 Project Manager (936) 633-4469

At this time, there are six projects that 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/drivenbytexans/projects.htm.



Driven by Texans

- **US 59/SL 224 South Interchange** – This 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 is currently scheduled to begin in 2019.
- **US 59 Diboll Relief Route** – This 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 is currently scheduled to begin in 2020.
- **US 59 Upgrade in Lufkin between Moffett Rd and SH 103** – This project involves upgrading existing US 59 to a controlled access roadway by adding frontage roads. TxDOT has begun ROW mapping and preparation of engineering plans, and ROW acquisitions are anticipated to begin Summer 2018. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2020.
- **US 59 Upgrade in Redland between SL 287 and FM 2021** – This 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 Winter 2018. After approval of the environmental document, TxDOT can begin the ROW acquisition and utility relocation processes (Spring 2019). Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2022.
- **US 59 Corrigan Relief Route** – This 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 are anticipated to begin Fall 2018 followed by ROW acquisitions in Winter 2018. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2022.
- **US 59 Upgrade in San Jacinto and Liberty Counties between FM 2914 and North Cleveland** – This 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 early 2019. After approval of the environmental document, TxDOT can begin the ROW acquisition and utility relocation processes (Summer 2019). Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2023.

Never leave your child alone in a car.



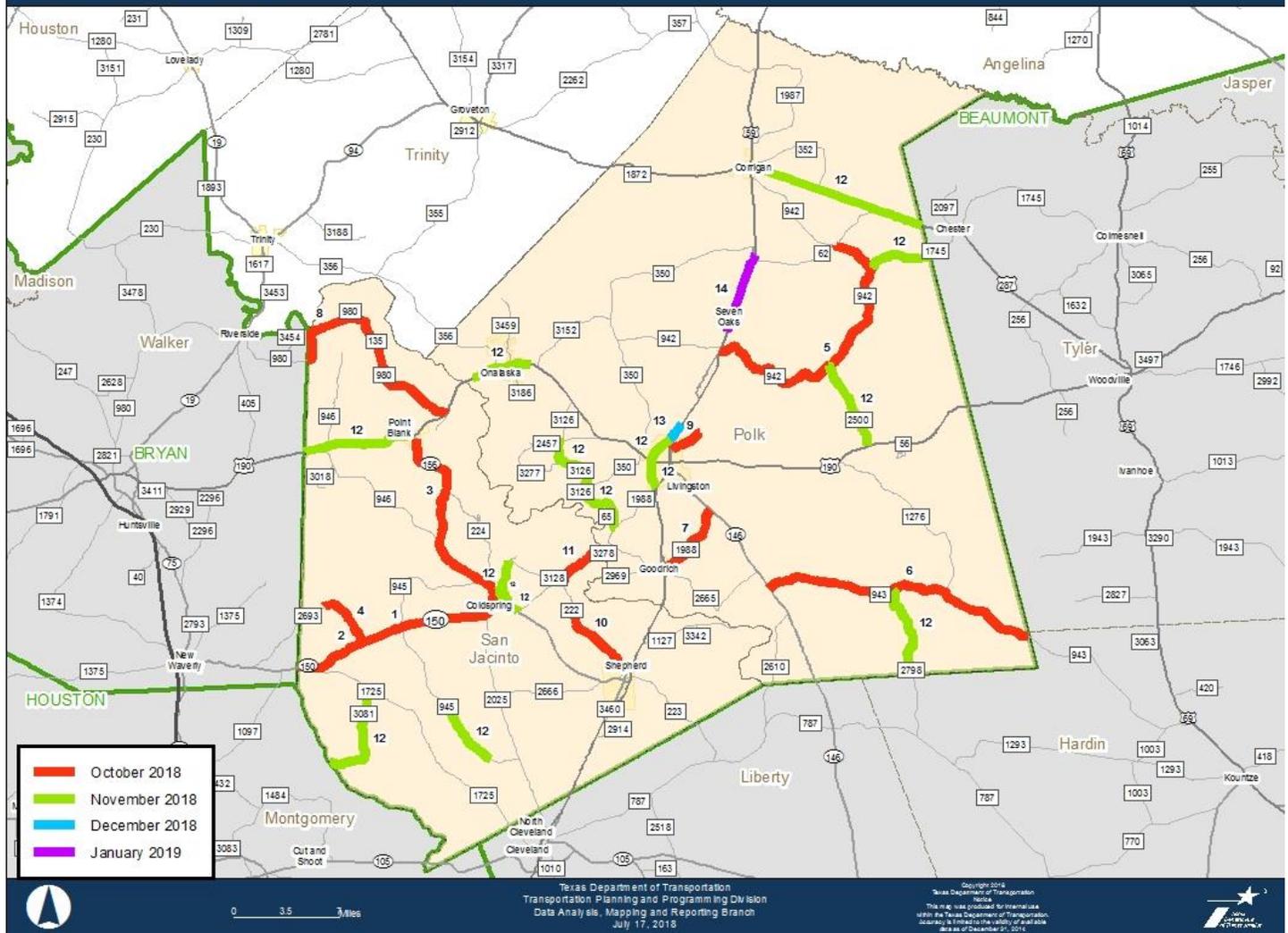
Your car heats up faster than you think. Help reduce the number of deaths from heatstroke by remembering to ACT.

- A:** Avoid heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving your child alone in a car, not even for a minute.
- C:** Create reminders by putting something in the back of your car next to your child such as a briefcase, a purse or a cell phone that is needed at your final destination.
- T:** Take action. If you see a child alone in a car, call 911.



Livingston Area Office

LIVINGSTON AREA OFFICE - Polk and San Jacinto Counties

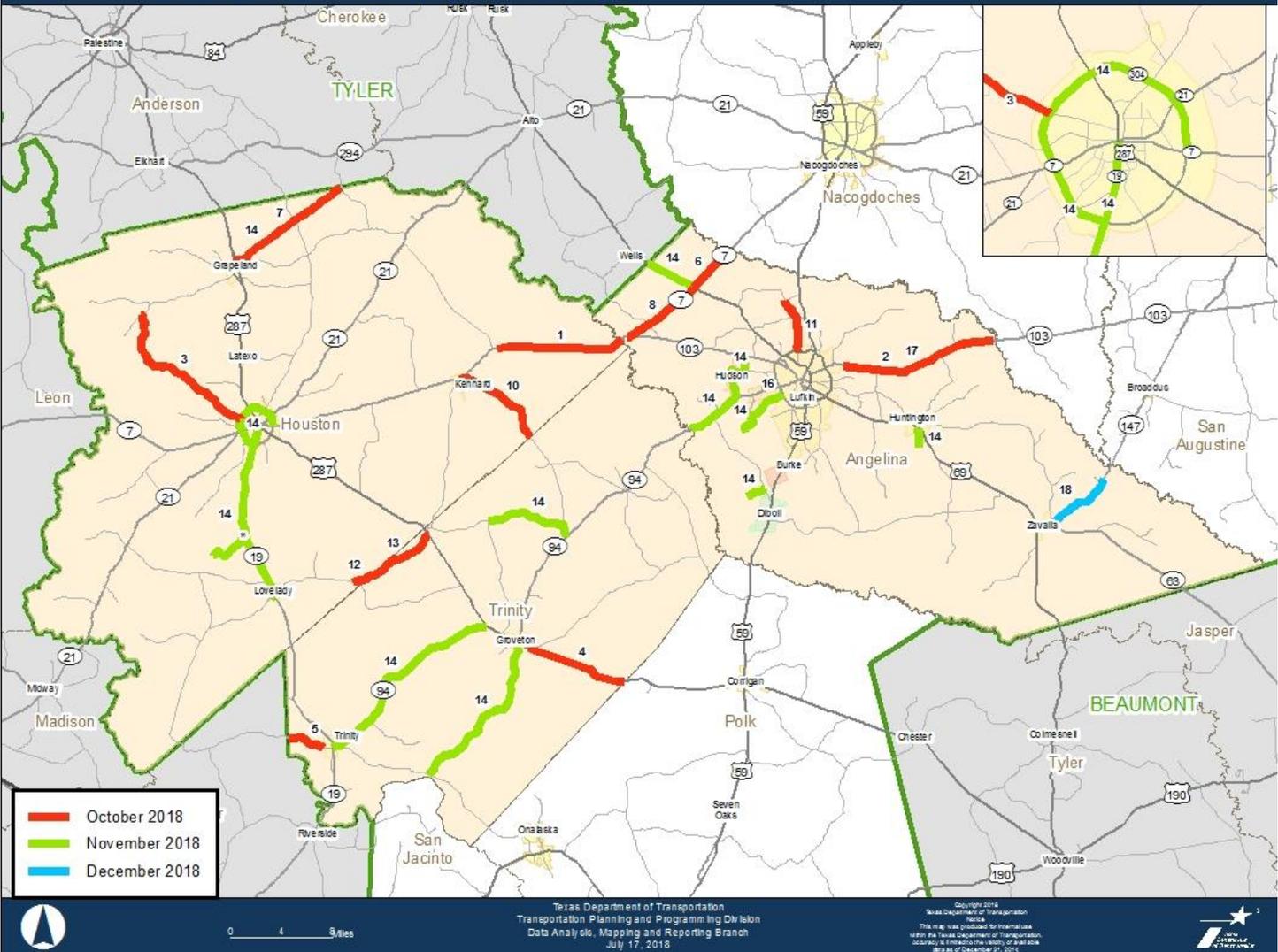


UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Project Number	County	Highway	Description Of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
0395-02-038	SAN JACINTO	SH 150	IMPROVE GUARDRAIL TO DESIGN STANDARDS	\$622,174.32	1
0395-02-041	SAN JACINTO	SH 150	RECONSTRUCT PAVEMENT AND ADD PASSING LANES	\$13,933,419.51	2
0064-03-021	VA	VA	PROFILE EDGELINE MARKINGS	\$1,263,386.00	3-11
0059-05-045	VA	VA	DISTRICT WIDE SEAL COAT	\$3,220,263.00	12
0176-05-187	POLK	US 59	RE-ESTABLISH THE SLOPE AND ADD STONE RIPRAP BETWEEN WINGWALLS	\$31,018.00	13
0176-05-181	POLK	US 59	OVERLAY (NORTHBOUND ONLY)	\$3,896,781.00	14

Lufkin Area Office

LUFKIN AREA OFFICE - Angelina, Houston and Trinity Counties



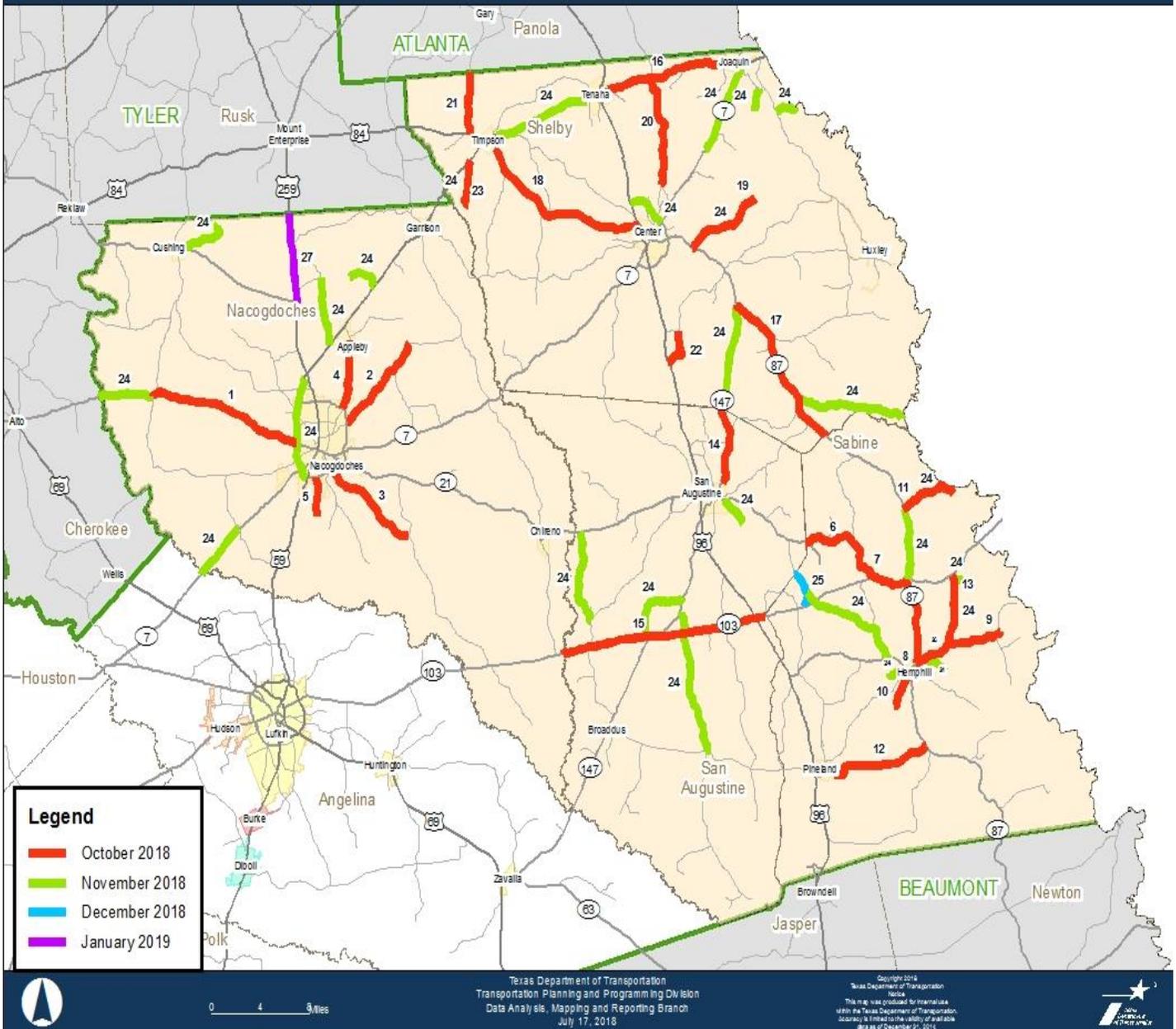
UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Project Number	County	Highway	Description Of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
0336-02-027	HOUSTON	SH 7	MILLED EDGELINE/CENTERLINE RUMBLE STRIPS	\$111,814.00	1
0336-05-062	ANGELINA	SH 103	MILLED CENTERLINE RUMBLE STRIPS	\$117,565.00	2
0064-03-021	VA	VA	PROFILE EDGELINE MARKINGS	\$845,070.00	3-8,10,11
0911-00-078	VA*	VA	INSTALL PROFILE PAVEMENT MARKINGS	\$1,500,000.00	9
2813-01-008	HOUSTON	FM 2781	RECONSTRUCT & WIDEN EXISTING PAVEMENT	\$1,100,000.00	12
2813-02-011	TRINITY	FM 2781	REHAB & WIDEN EXISTING PAVEMENT	\$3,820,000.00	13
0059-05-045	VA	VA	DISTRICT WIDE SEAL COAT	\$4,380,729.00	14
0911-38-071	VA*	VA	LANDSCAPING IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN LUFKIN	\$204,598.25	15
1406-01-036	ANGELINA	FM 1271	RESURFACING	\$144,996.00	16
0336-05-061	ANGELINA	SH 103	RESURFACE WITH THIN OVERLAY MIXTURE	\$2,192,114.00	17
0390-03-035	ANGELINA	SH 147	IMPROVE GUARDRAIL TO SAFETY STANDARDS	\$486,359.00	18

*Not mapped.

Nacogdoches Area Office

NACOGDOCHES AREA OFFICE - Nacogdoches, Sabine, San Augustine and Shelby Counties



UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS					
Project Number	COUNTY	HIGHWAY	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	ESTIMATED COST	ID
0064-03-021	VA	VA	PROFILE EDGELINE MARKINGS	\$1,245,903.32	1-23
0059-05-045	VA	VA	DISTRICT WIDE SEAL COAT	\$5,581,968.00	24
0064-05-061	SABINE	FM 1	SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS; PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PAVED SURFACE WIDTH	\$236,207.00	25
1678-01-023	SABINE	FM 83	SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS	\$308,355.00	26
0138-06-044	NACOGDOCHES	US 259	OVERLAY	\$4,092,754.00	27

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

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