

LUFKIN DISTRICT

NEWS



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Turning the Page



After serving the Texas Department of Transportation for more than 38 years, Lufkin District Engineer Cheryl P. Flood will retire on July 31.

Setting her goals on becoming an Engineer, Cheryl graduated from Texas Tech University in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil

Engineering. She began her career with TxDOT in the Pharr District working as an intern during the summers of 1979, 80 and 81. She was hired as an Engineering Assistant in Big Spring in July 1982.

But it was in July 1986 that she found her home in the Lufkin District, serving as an engineering assistant in the Design office. In 1993, she was appointed to the position of Lufkin Area Engineer in the Lufkin Office. In June, 2003, she was named Director of Transportation and Development for the Lufkin District and in August 2014, Cheryl was named Lufkin District Engineer. She has served as the Lufkin District leader for the past six years.

Her leadership within the district was recognized in 2012 when she was awarded the Luther DeBerry Award from the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, and in 2013, she was inducted to the Civil and Environmental Engineering Academy at Texas Tech University.

Cheryl’s accomplishments in the Lufkin District are lengthy and the district has seen substantial growth under her leadership. She has focused on employee safety and has overseen the successful completion of many construction and maintenance projects.

Maya Angelou once said, “I’ve learned that people might forget what you said, people might forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

The employees of the Lufkin District say thank you for always making us feel like we could go further, do better and achieve excellence. Thank you for your service to TxDOT and the Lufkin District. ▀

ADA Accessibility: Sidewalk Improvement Program

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a civil rights law that mandates an equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) began using the ADA Accessibility guidelines as its accessibility standards in 1992. TxDOT adapted to ADA standards that were issued and are now applied to state and local government facilities.

The Lufkin District began construction for a district wide sidewalk improvement program to replace or provide sidewalks that are ADA compliant in significant locations in 2018 and is continuing proposed sidewalk improvements and/or installations today. By implementing ADA standards, TxDOT has improved the quality of sidewalks with plans to improve more sidewalks in the future. The ADA standard for sidewalks is implemented to make it more accessible to people who use scooters, wheelchairs and other mobility devices. Additionally, these sidewalks provide an alternate and safe means of transportation for pedestrian traffic, including safe routes for students to walk to and from school. TxDOT is responsible for the operation and management for an estimate of 26,000 miles of sidewalk. TxDOT is accomplishing and executing ADA standards to better the community. Taking one step at a time and providing safe, efficient and quality sidewalks is a key way to unite, serve and include all individuals.



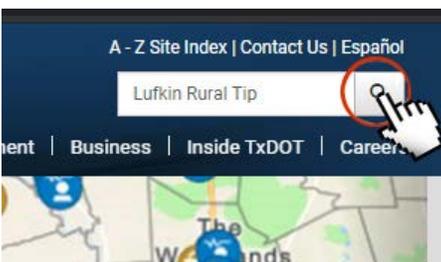
TxDOT would love to hear your feedback regarding ADA accessibility. Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ADAAccessibilityLFK> to take our survey. The survey will close on September 30, 2020.



For more information contact Jimmy Thompson, PE – Lufkin District ADA Coordinator at (936) 633-4397 or Jimmy.Thompson@txdot.gov. Information provided from the TxDOT Self Evaluation and Transition Plan for Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act – 2004. ■

Lufkin District's 2021-2024 RTIP

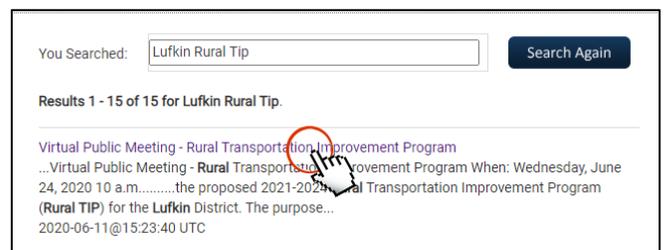
The 2021-2024 Rural Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) is a vital source for outlining and planning future projects in the nine-county Lufkin District. The Lufkin District is responsible for selecting projects relating to the transportation system within its district and includes interstate, state and US highways and Farm-To-Market roads. The RTIP provides a list of projects that are expected to be funded within the next four years and can include those relating to highways, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, transit services, and freight projects. These projects will later be incorporated into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program that will be approved by the Federal Highway Administration later this year.



Visit www.txdot.gov and Search: Lufkin Rural TIP to watch the virtual public meeting video.

The RTIP is consistent with projects and objectives that are included in the long-range transportation plans and helps ensure that all agencies and stakeholders are working toward the same goal.

We invite you to view the Lufkin District's RTIP Virtual Public Meeting video presentation that was posted on the TxDOT website on June 24, 2020, and review the handouts that includes the projects that have been included into the four-year program by visiting www.txdot.gov and searching "Lufkin Rural TIP." Although the comment period ended on July 6, 2020, feel free to reach out to us should you have any questions. ■





D.E. Corner
Cheryl P. Flood, P.E.

It's hard to believe we are already into summer 2020. After a challenging spring with social distancing and learning to work remotely, many of our employees are moving back into our offices in phases. We have implemented new protocols for working, including continuing social distancing, daily temperature checks and wearing masks while in the office. We want to do our part in keeping our employees safe and healthy.

In addition, many of our projects have never missed a beat. They continue to be constructed and our roadways maintained throughout our nine-county district. Summer is one of our busiest seasons and despite the COVID-19 pandemic, we plan to continue our work through this busy season.

I know you will look closely at the projects listed on our I-69 Updates page. I enjoy reading about them in each newsletter. The prospect of an interstate being constructed and designated through the Lufkin District is very exciting. Watching the projects come together to completion is very satisfying.

Also, you will want to read about our Rural Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). This outlines district plans for major construction from 2021-2024.

Our safety message on this page offers some great tips on safe motorcycling and be sure and read about our ADA sidewalk projects throughout the district. Also, check out the current Area Office maps with construction updates.

I hope you and yours have a safe season. Stay hydrated, drive safely, stay healthy and enjoy wherever your summer travels might take you.

Share the Road

TxDOT's statewide Share the Road motorcycle safety and public awareness campaign urges motorists to look twice for motorcycles at intersections and when changing lanes – the two places where serious motorcycle collisions commonly occur. To keep everyone safe we urge drivers and motorcyclists to share the road and stay alert and we're reminding motorcyclists to make themselves visible.

Safe riding practices and cooperation from all road users will help reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on our nation's highways. But it's especially important for drivers to understand the safety challenges faced by motorcyclists such as size and visibility, and motorcycle riding practices like downshifting and weaving to know how to anticipate and respond to them. By raising motorists' awareness, both drivers and riders will be safer sharing the road.

If you ride a motorcycle you already know how much fun riding can be. But motorcycling also can be dangerous. Motorcyclists don't have the protection that cars and trucks have. To stay safe, remember:

- Wear a helmet and other protective gear.
- Turn on your headlights and ride defensively.
- Avoid the center of the lane where debris and oil build up.
- Ride at a safe speed and never ride if you are impaired.
- Take a course to learn or reinforce safe riding techniques.

Other drivers need to watch out for motorcycles and safely share the road:

- Look twice for motorcyclists at intersections entering highways and whenever turning or changing lanes.
- Always maintain a safe following distance.
- When passing a motorcyclist, move to the other lane and allow a full lane for the motorcycle. ■

UPCOMING LOCAL LETTING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS	
Contract Description	Estimated Value
Tree Trim and Brush Removal: Houston County Letting Date: 8/19/20	\$200,000
Concrete Curb Repair: Angelina County Letting Date: 9/9/20	\$100,000
Tree Trim & Brush Removal: San Augustine County Letting Date: 9/16/20	\$200,000
Bridge Preventative Maintenance: Districtwide Letting Date: 10/2/20	\$700,000
Ditch and Culvert Cleaning: San Jacinto County Letting Date: 10/14/20	\$280,000
MBGF Repair: San Augustine County Letting Date: 10/23/20	\$280,000
Tree Trim and Brush Removal: San Jacinto County Letting Date: 10/23/20	\$265,000
Cable Barrier Repair: Polk County Letting Date: 11/6/20	\$200,000

I-69 DEVELOPMENT IN THE LUFKIN DISTRICT

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

At this time, there are eight projects that the Lufkin District is actively developing. These projects are in varying stages of development. 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, search www.txdot.gov for “I-69 Projects Overview.”



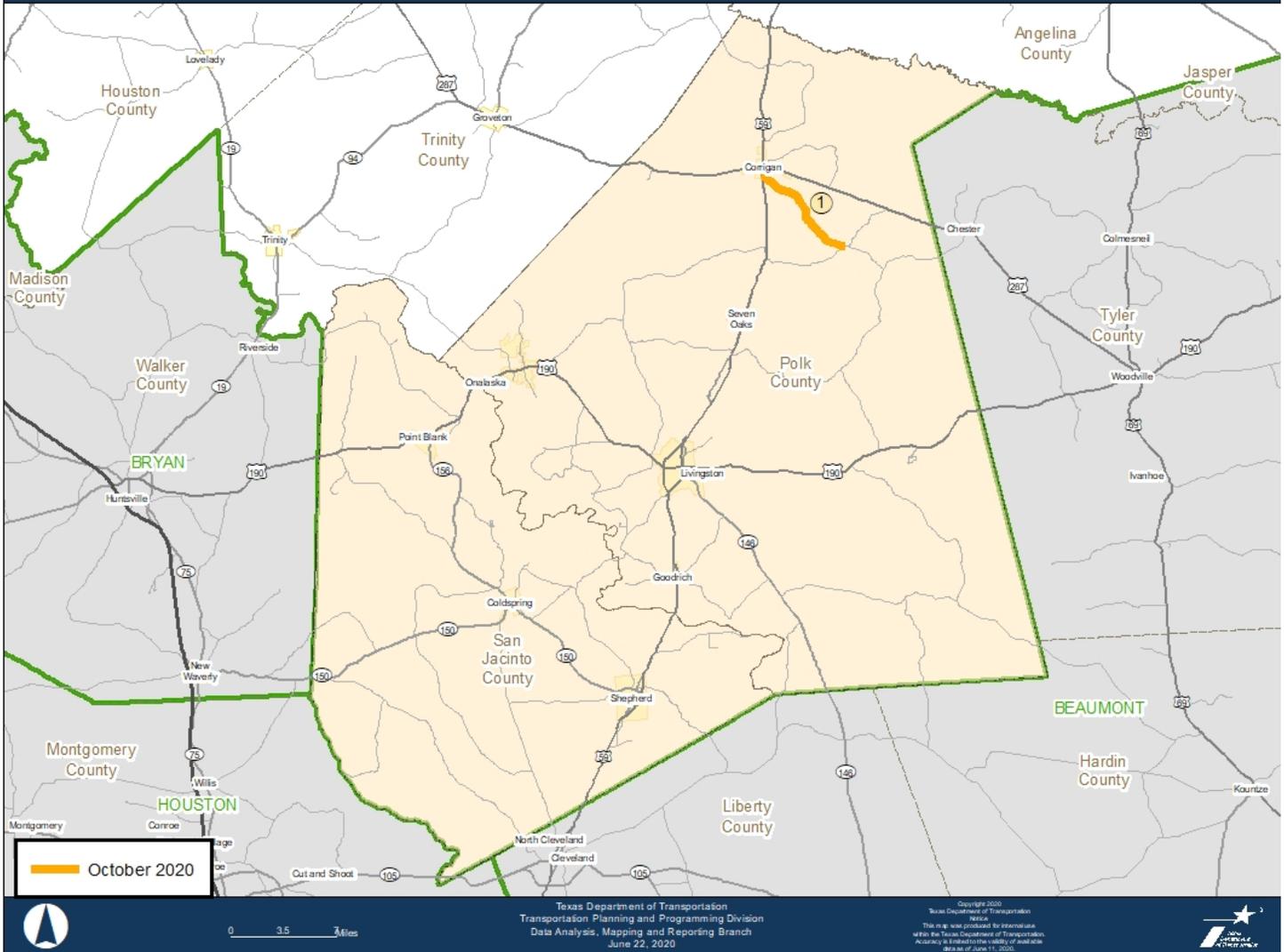
Driven by Texans

- **US 59/SL 224 South Interchange** – project involves upgrading existing US 59 by constructing new US 59 direct connectors at SL 224(S) and frontage roads along SL 224 between SH 7 and US 59. Utility relocations are currently underway. Construction began in September 2019 and is anticipated to be complete Summer 2023.
- **US 59 Diboll Relief Route** – project involves constructing a new location controlled access roadway east of Diboll. Utility relocations are currently underway. Construction will begin in Spring 2020 and is anticipated to be complete Spring 2025.
- **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. Preparation of engineering plans, ROW acquisition and demolition are underway. Once the ROW is clear, utility relocations will begin. Construction is currently scheduled to 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. ROW acquisitions are underway and TxDOT has started preparation of engineering plans. 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. ROW acquisitions have begun. TxDOT has started preparation of engineering plans. 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. ROW acquisitions have begun and TxDOT has started preparing engineering plans. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2023.
- **COMING SOON - US 59/US 259 North Interchange** – having received construction funding in the 2020 UTP, this project involves upgrading existing US 59/US 259 interchange to meet interstate standards. Schematic and environmental studies anticipated to begin Fall 2020. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2029.
- **COMING SOON - US 59 Upgrade in San Jacinto between FM 223 and Trinity River** – having received construction funding in the 2020 UTP, this project involves upgrading existing US 59 to a controlled access roadway by adding frontage roads to meet interstate standards. Schematic and environmental studies anticipated to begin early 2021. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2029. ■



Livingston Area Office

LIVINGSTON AREA OFFICE - Polk and San Jacinto Counties



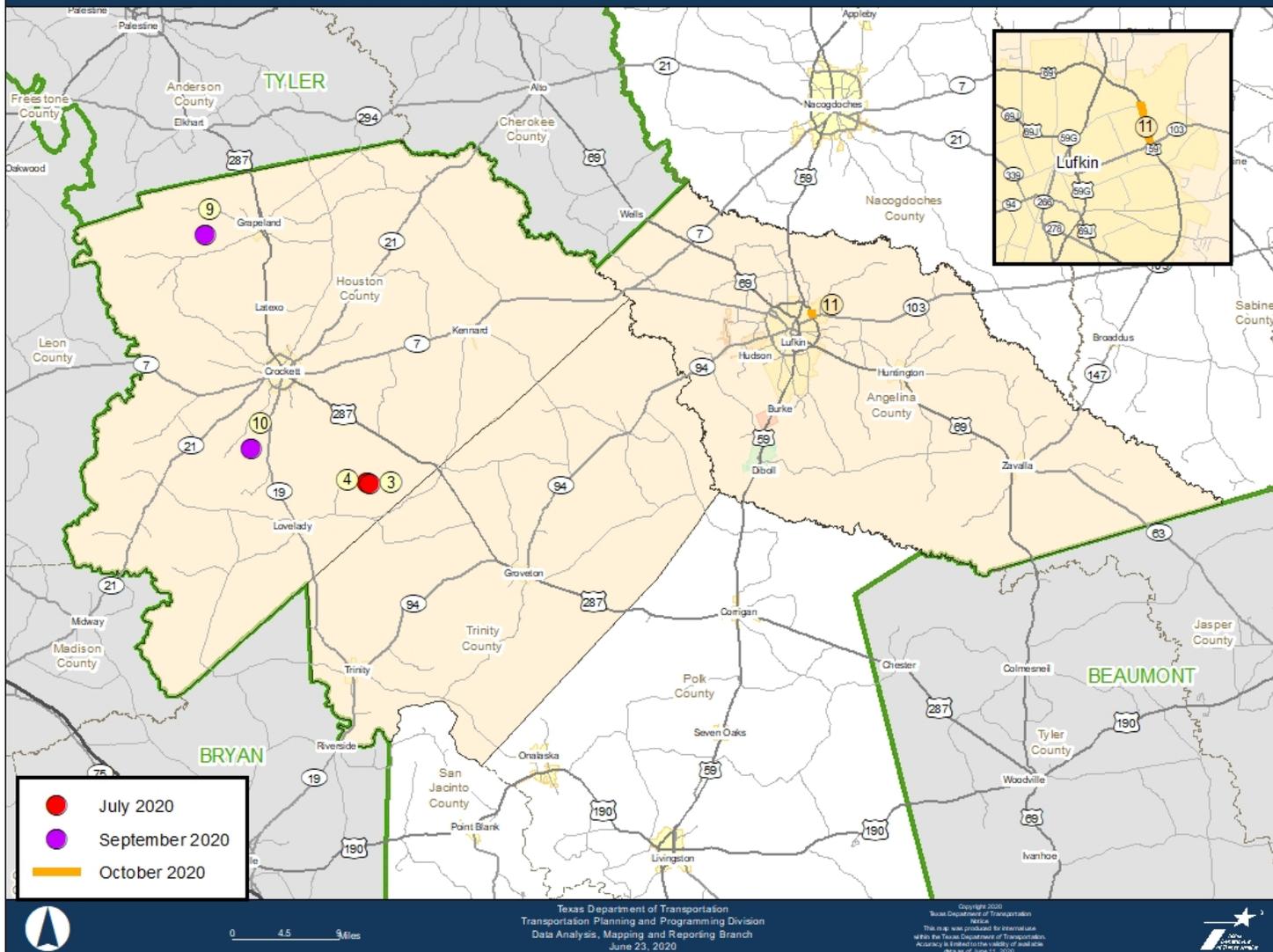
UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Project Number	County	Highway	Description Of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
1877-02-018	POLK	FM 942	PROFILE EDGELINE MARKINGS AND PROFILE CENTERLINE MARKINGS	\$103,700.00	1

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

Lufkin Area Office

LUFKIN AREA OFFICE - Angelina, Houston and Trinity Counties



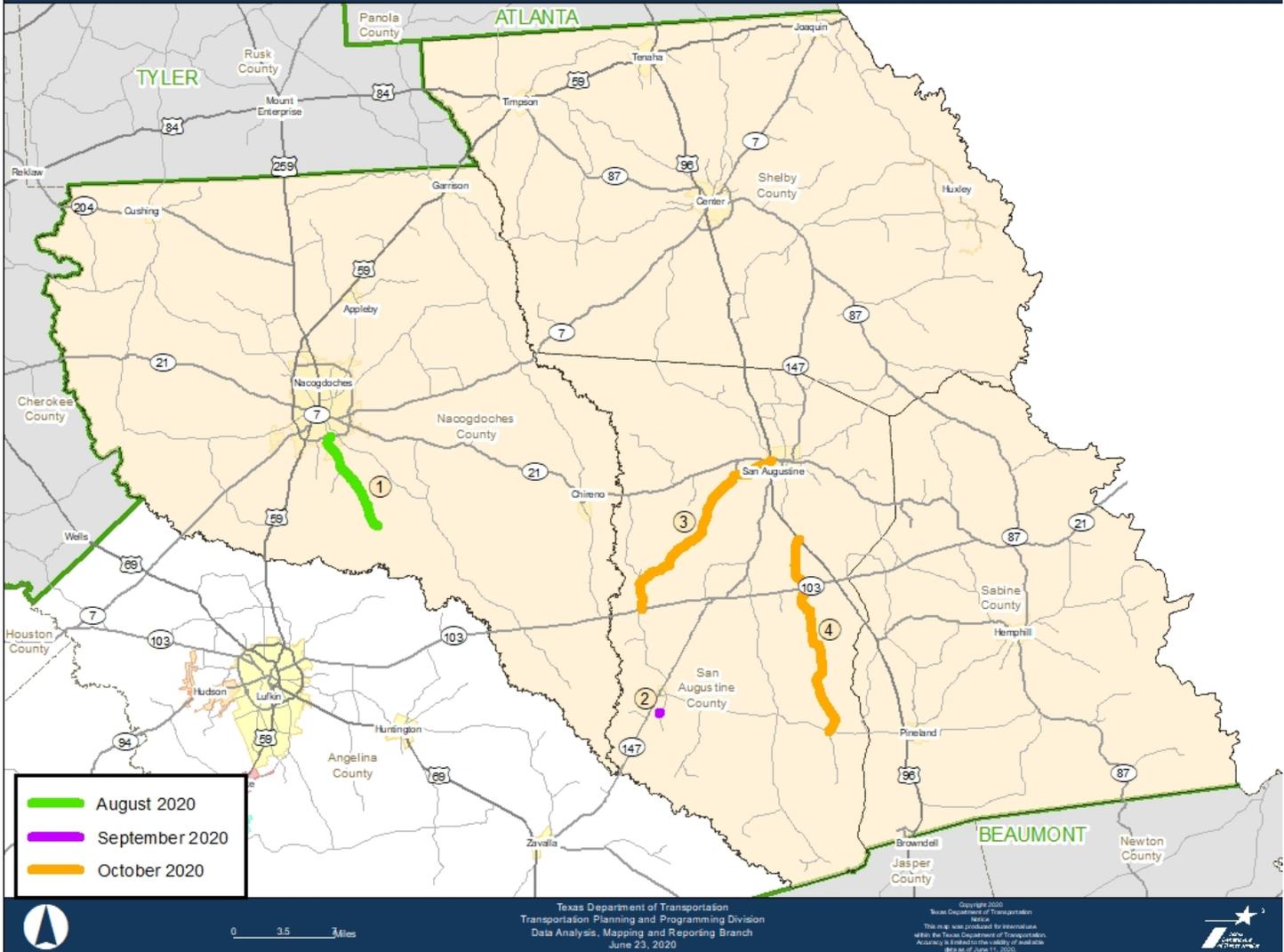
UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Project Number	County	Highway	Description Of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
0911-00-082	ANGELINA	VA**	CONSTRUCT CURB RAMPS DISTRICTWIDE	\$2,500,000.00	1
0911-00-103	ANGELINA	VA**	PROFILE PAVEMENT MARKINGS/ MILLED RUMBLE STRIPS	\$3,165,603.84	2
0911-28-039	HOUSTON	CR	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	\$660,000.00	3
0911-28-056	HOUSTON	CR	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	\$600,000.00	4
0911-40-029	TRINITY	VA**	CONSTRUCT SIDEWALKS	\$808,538.00	5
0911-00-105	HOUSTON	VA**	INSTALL CABLE MEDIAN BARRIER	\$2,204,058.00	6
0911-00-107	ANGELINA	VA**	UPGRADE GUARDRAIL DISTRICTWIDE	\$3,421,505.00	7
0911-00-080	ANGELINA	VA**	INSTALL PROFILE PAVEMENT MARKINGS	\$1,500,000.00	8
0911-28-043	HOUSTON	CR	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	\$566,000.00	9
0911-28-046	HOUSTON	CR	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	\$665,000.00	10
2553-01-115	ANGELINA	US 59	CONVERT TO FOUR-LANE FREEWAY WITH TWO LANE NORTHBOUND & SOUTHBOUND FRONTAGE ROADS (FUTURE I-69)	\$13,557,000.00	11

**indicates various locations not mapped above

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
1407-01-025	NACOGDOCHES	FM 1275	WIDEN, SAFETY TREAT, EDGELINE AND CENTERLINE TEXTURING	\$7,114,792	1
0390-05-006	SAN AUGUSTINE	FM 2558	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	\$907,600	2
0597-02-022	SAN AUGUSTINE	FM 1277	ROADWAY REHABILITATION/ RECONSTRUCTION WITH NO ADDED CAPACITY	\$5,810,777	3
1680-03-029	SAN AUGUSTINE	FM 1751	HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT	\$197,646	4

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