

# LUFKIN DISTRICT

NEWSLETTER



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## Maintenance Employee Receives TxDOT Extra Mile Award

A Trinity County TxDOT Maintenance employee was a recipient of the Texas Department of Transportation’s Extra Mile Award after he helped a woman who was trapped in floodwaters recently.

Terry King, a contract inspector with the TxDOT Lufkin District, was honored with the Extra Mile Award at the 90th Annual Transportation Short Course in College Station hosted by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute. The award is given each year to TxDOT employees who go above and beyond what is expected in stressful situations to help others.

Terry was monitoring FM 1280 at Gayle Creek near Lovelady during a spring flood when an elderly woman approached the rising water in a small SUV. He advised the woman not to drive through the water, but she made the decision to attempt to maneuver through the rising water. The SUV was quickly washed from the roadway into a ditch where it became wedged against a fence.

The woman exited her vehicle and was barely able to stand in the rushing water. Seeing her stumble, Terry quickly positioned his TxDOT truck on the centerline of FM 1280 and exited his vehicle, wading into waist-deep water before reaching the woman. Pushing through the water himself, he took her by the arm, and helped her to the nearby TxDOT vehicle. He was then able to drive his TxDOT vehicle out of the water. The woman was uninjured and her car was towed from the scene.

Lufkin District Engineer Cheryl Flood said though these maintenance employees work all hours of the day and night monitoring high water, they never fail to go beyond their job duties to protect others. Terry King is another example of the dedication that TxDOT employees display in serving the people in East Texas and ensuring their safety. He definitely went the extra mile to ensure the woman’s safety, and this recognition is truly deserved.



# DE CORNER

Welcome to the Winter edition of the Lufkin District Newsletter. We received good reviews on the inaugural newsletter that was published last quarter and this newsletter will be just as informative.

We will fill you in on the progress of some of our ongoing projects in the district; brag a little on some awards received from TxDOT and the Association of General Contractors; and spotlight a completing project on US 59 and BU 59 in Angelina County.

This quarter we are also saluting our maintenance employees. I am proud of the work they do each day and sometimes through the night, depending on the circumstances.

As District Engineer, I am proud of the daily efforts of the maintenance personnel who work tirelessly to help keep the more than 6,530 lane miles throughout our district safe for motorists. I personally believe we have the cream of the crop here in the Lufkin District.



## Project Spotlight: US 59 North and State Loop 287

Motorists traveling through Lufkin have grown accustomed to roadway construction on SL 287 and US 59 North and most recently BU 59. Soon, there will be no signs of that construction as these projects are down to the last details.

The purpose of this major project was to allow traffic on US 59, US 69 and SL 287 to flow freely through the US 59 North/SL 287 intersections and improve bridge clearances.

Five project alternatives were studied and presented at a public meeting held in 2006, after which one was selected for continued development. The project was divided into three phases, funded separately:

**Phase One** of the construction project included:

- Construction of a new railroad overpass on US 59 North;
- Construction of a northbound overpass to replace a single-lane ramp;
- Construction of a southbound overpass to replace an existing single lane circular ramp; and
- Construction of new lanes on US 69/SL 287 with additional frontage roads.

**Phase Two** of the construction project included:

- Construction of frontage roads from SH 103 East to Old Moffett Road; and
- Additional road width on SL 287 at the A&NR Railroad and Old Moffett Road.

Work on Phase One and Two were done concurrently. Work limits were from SH 103 East to just north of FM 3439 (Spence Street). Webber LLC served as contractor for the \$52.2 million construction project.

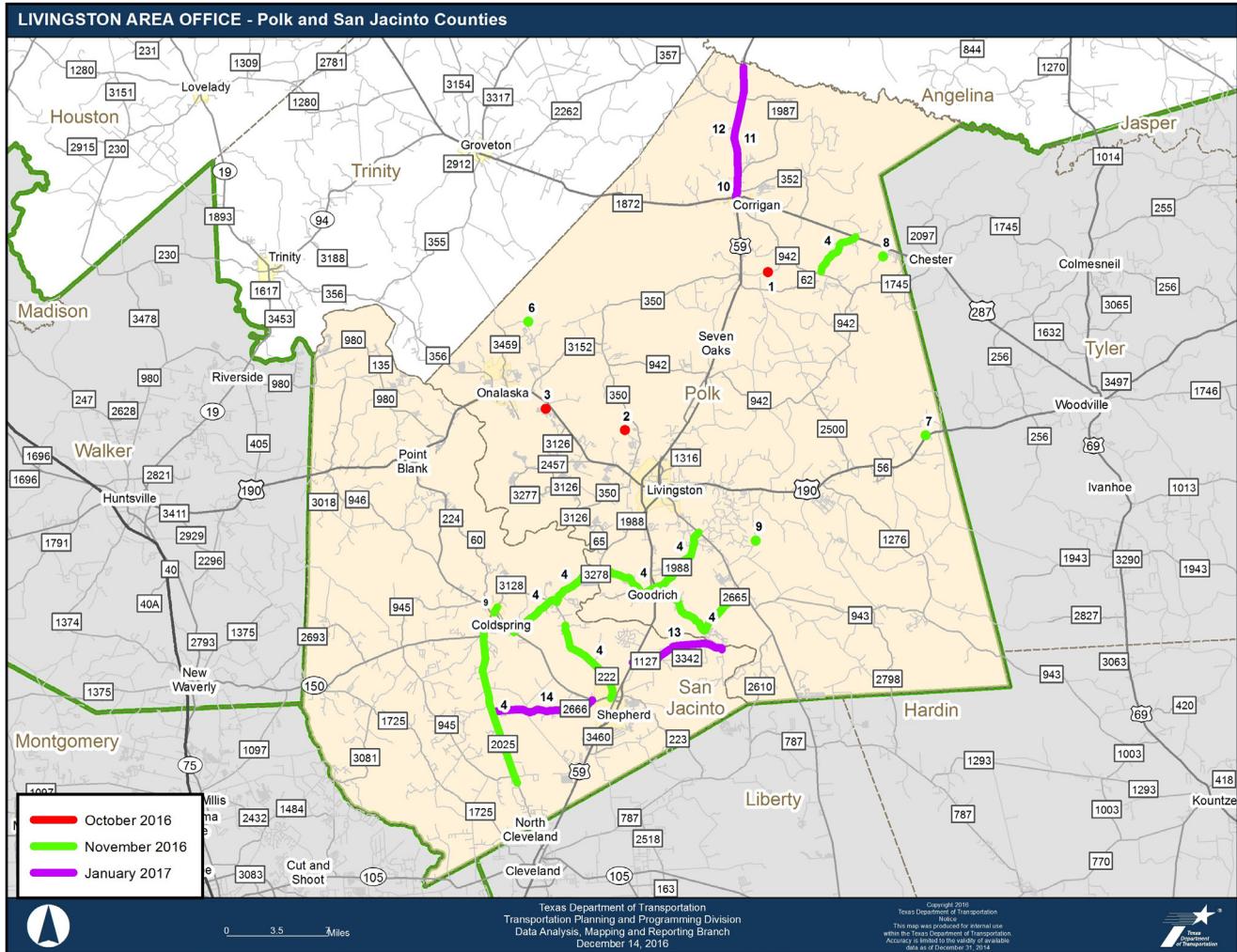
**Phase Three:** Work began in 2014 at BU 59/North Timberland Drive and included:

- Additional road width, curb and gutter, a raised center median;
- The replacement of the A&NR railroad bridge; and

Austin Bridge & Road served as contractor for the \$11.3 million project.

Today, motorists, commercial vehicles and railroad customers heavily travel the beautiful fly-overs, access roads, wider roadways with additional bridge clearances each day. The project was successful and the money well spent in an area of the Lufkin District that will likely continue to show expansion and growth for many years to come.

# Livingston Area Office

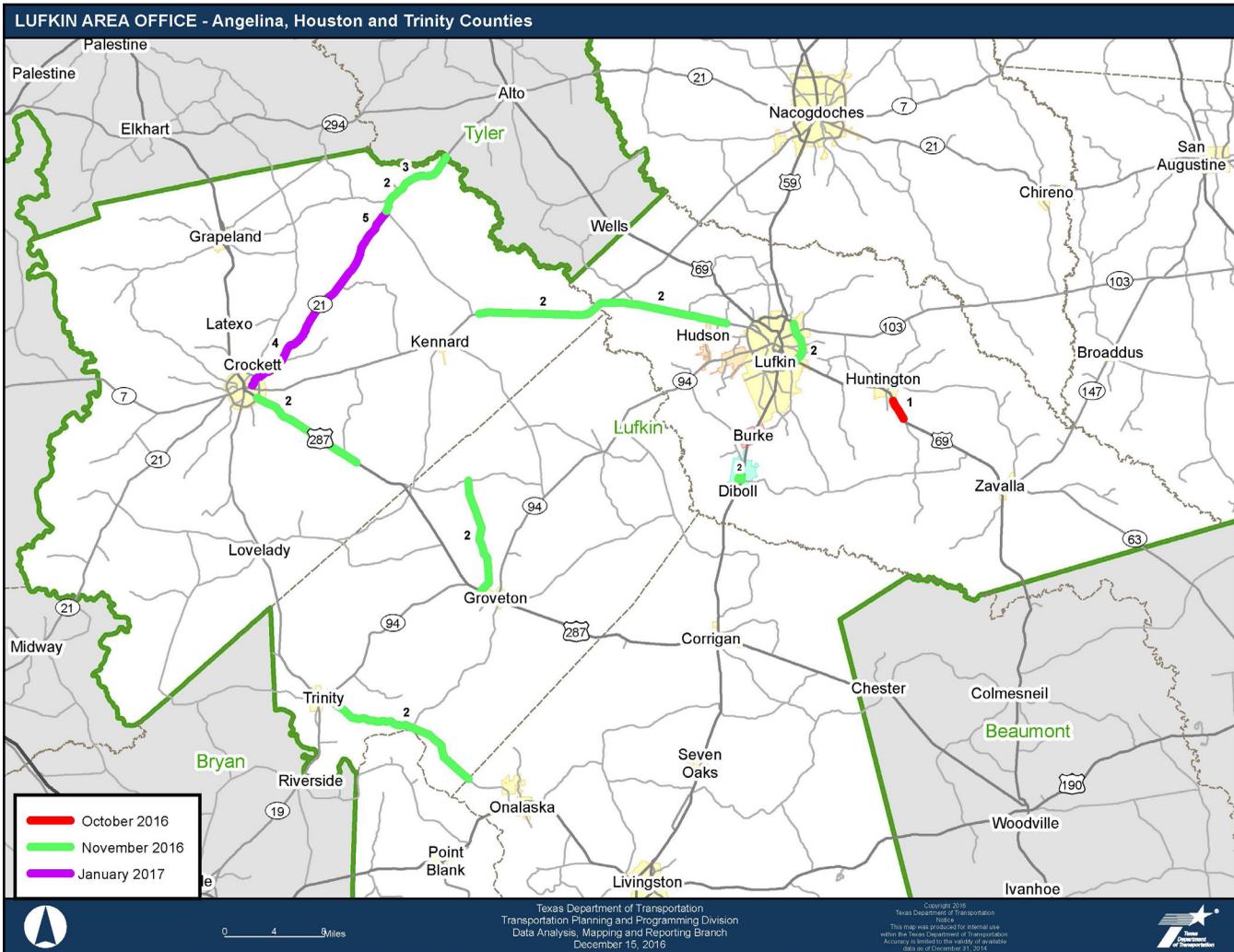


Construction Projects					
CSJ*	County	Highway	Description	Estimated Cost	
0911-04-081	Polk	CR	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	\$314,284.00	1
0911-04-080	Polk	CR	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	\$394,483.00	2
0911-04-086	Polk	CR	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	\$451,752.00	3
0059-01-060	Various	VA	DISTRICT SEAL COAT	\$11,201,892.00	4
0911-04-072	Polk	CR	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	\$747,476.55	5
0911-04-074	Polk	CR	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	\$264,763.00	6
0911-04-082	Polk	CR	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	\$287,976.75	7
0911-04-085	Polk	CR	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	\$282,928.75	8
0911-07-038	San Jacinto	VA	CONSTRUCT CURB RAMPS IN SAN JACINTO COUNTY	\$684,817.75	9
0176-04-081	Polk	US 59	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACH RAILING	\$216,286.00	10
0176-04-082	Polk	US 59	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACH RAILING	\$662,729.00	11
0176-04-084	Polk	US 59	IMPROVE GUARDRAIL TO DESIGN STANDARDS	\$329,965.50	12
1681-01-012	San Jacinto	FM 1127	SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS	\$812,406.00	13
2668-01-009	San Jacinto	FM 2666	SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS	\$697,857.00	14

\*CSJ= Control Section Job Number

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

# Lufkin Area Office

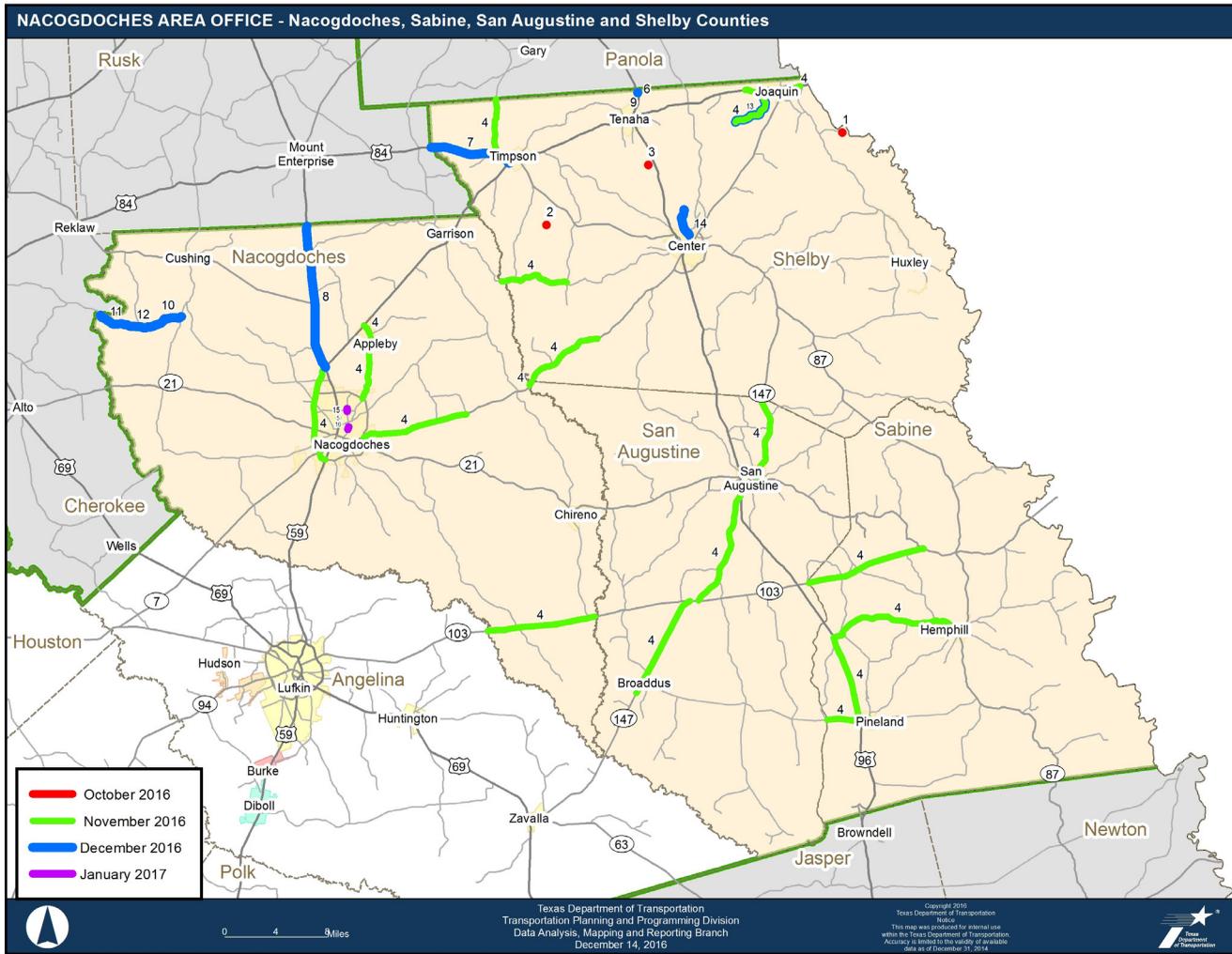


Construction Projects					
CSJ*	County	Highway	Description	Estimated Cost	
0200-02-040	ANGELINA	US 69	PREP ROW	\$428,069.50	1
0059-01-060	VARIOUS	VA	DISTRICT SEAL COAT	\$11,201,892.00	2
0911-28-037	HOUSTON	VA	CONSTRUCT NEW ENTRANCE ROAD AND PARKING LOTS TO VISITOR CENTER	\$1,103,304.50	3
0118-01-019	HOUSTON	SH 21	SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS	\$1,442,356.00	4
0118-02-030	HOUSTON	SH 21	SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS	\$2,152,004.00	5

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# Nacogdoches Area Office



Construction Projects					
CSJ*	County	Highway	Description	Estimated Cost	
0911-39-046	SHELBY	CR	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	\$476,585.20	1
0911-39-049	SHELBY	CR	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	\$406,952.10	2
0911-39-057	SHELBY	CR	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	\$229,115.23	3
0059-01-060	VARIOUS	VA	DISTRICT SEAL COAT	\$11,201,892.00	4
0175-08-044	NACOGDOCHES	BU 59-F	MODIFY EXISTING SIGNAL	\$43,633.50	5
0063-06-097	SHELBY	US 59	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACH RAILING	\$26,474.50	6
0123-07-019	SHELBY	US 84	SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS	\$652,425.50	7
0138-06-043	NACOGDOCHES	US 259	IMPROVE GUARDRAIL TO DESIGN STANDARD	\$179,154.00	8
0176-01-108	NACOGDOCHES	SH 7	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACH RAILING	\$18,837.50	9
0926-02-010	NACOGDOCHES	FM 343	SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS	\$1,682,140.00	10
0926-02-011	NACOGDOCHES	FM 343	RECONSTRUCT AND WIDEN PAVEMENT	\$4,063,765.80	11
0926-02-012	NACOGDOCHES	FM 343	TEXTURIZE SHOULDERS (PROFILE EDGELINE MARKINGS)	\$79,632.00	12
2301-01-009	SHELBY	FM 2428	SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS	\$443,788.00	13
2670-01-005	SHELBY	FM 2468	SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS	\$138,716.00	14
1407-03-016	NACOGDOCHES	FM 1275	IMPROVE TRAFFIC SIGNAL	\$154,685.50	15
1407-03-017	NACOGDOCHES	FM 1275	IMPROVE TRAFFIC SIGNALS	\$130,956.00	16

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# I-69 PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDER DEVELOPMENT

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## **Angelina County: US 59 Diboll Relief Route (Estimated Construction Cost: \$142 million)**

- Project involves the construction of new US 59 main lanes east of Diboll. The roadway would be controlled access and designed to meet interstate standards.
- TxDOT received approval on the schematic, environmental re-evaluation and Right of Way (ROW) map in Summer 2016. TxDOT has begun ROW appraisals and has contracted with a consultant. This process is anticipated to be complete in Winter 2018.
- No construction funding has been identified at this time.

## **Nacogdoches County: US 59/SL 224 South Interchange (Estimated Construction Cost: \$75.5 million)**

- Project involves constructing new US 59 main lanes that will connect to SL 224 and frontage roads for SL 224 between SH 7 and US 59. The roadway would be controlled access and designed to meet interstate standards.
- TxDOT received approval on the schematic, environmental re-evaluation and ROW map in Summer 2016. TxDOT has begun ROW appraisals and has contracted with a ROW acquisition consultant. The acquisition process is anticipated to be complete in Winter 2018.
- No construction funding has been identified at this time.

## **Polk County: US 59 Corrigan Relief Route (Estimated Construction Cost: \$123.4 million)**

- Project involves the construction of new US 59 main lanes. The roadway would be controlled access and designed to meet interstate standards.
- TxDOT has begun survey work and will soon begin schematic development and environmental studies. The final schematic and environmental approval is anticipated to be complete in Fall/Winter 2017.
- No construction funding has been identified at this time.

## **San Jacinto County: US 59 between Cleveland and Shepherd (Estimated Construction Cost: \$83 million)**

- Project involves upgrading existing US 59 to interstate standards by constructing frontage roads and overpasses.
- TxDOT has begun survey work and will soon begin schematic development and environmental studies. The final schematic and environmental approval is anticipated to be complete in Fall/Winter 2017.
- No construction funding has been identified at this time.

For more information on these projects please visit our District Projects and Studies Page at:  
<http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/lufkin.html>



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# LUFKIN DISTRICT EMPLOYEE AND CONTRACTOR RECEIVES AWARD

The Association of General Contractors honored a Lufkin District employee and a project contractor recently when they were announced as recipients of the Texas Project Award in Austin.

Benjamin Sanders, Lufkin District inspector and Charles Eberenz, Drewery Construction project manager, received the award for their work on SH 21 in San Augustine County. The \$3.3 million construction project began in March 2015 and was completed in November 2015 and included intersection improvements and the installation of a traffic signal.

The Texas Project Award recognizes those who have gone above and beyond in cooperation and partnership to do a quality job. The awards are presented annually to TxDOT project engineers and inspectors and project managers representing general contractors.

The SH 21/US 96 project presented unique challenges at the intersection that Charles and Ben recognized from the beginning. Issues included water and sewer lines that conflicted with traffic signal drilled shafts. Charles worked hand-in-hand with the city and sub-contractors to construct the new facilities.

Charles and Ben also worked closely with area business owners to lessen the impacts of these challenges and accommodate their customers and delivery trucks. Charles delayed work that required lane closures on mornings to allow for school buses and was careful to schedule construction to accommodate high traffic during the Sassafras Festival and El Camino Real Sale On The Trail.



## HISTORY OF THE ADA ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM

### *Lufkin District Educational Outreach*

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has a long history of being committed to providing for the safety, reliability and accessibility of the public the agency serves. The people of Texas have come to expect the best highway system in the United States from this agency and should be able to now expect the best transportation system for all our citizens.

Therefore, following the passage of the American Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, TxDOT created an ADA Task Force in 1992 and completed a self evaluation and guide in January 1993, which addressed all aspects of the ADA. The American Disabilities Act of 1990 is a civil rights statute that prohibits discrimination against people who have disabilities. Under the ADA, designing and constructing facilities for public use that are not usable by people who have disabilities constitutes discrimination. As TxDOT has gained an understanding of the requirements under the ADA, we have made every effort to achieve compliance. This initiative still continues as TxDOT seeks to be proactive and accommodating in every aspect.

TxDOT is proud to be a part of changes and progress that can unite, serve and further the safe and efficient movement of goods, services and people that ensure everyone is included.

For more information contact Jimmy Thompson, P.E. – Lufkin District ADA Coordinator at (936) 633-4397 or [Jimmy.Thompson@txdot.gov](mailto:Jimmy.Thompson@txdot.gov).

Information provided from the TxDOT Self Evaluation and Transition Plan for Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act – January 2004)

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