

LUFKIN DISTRICT

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2017 – A LOOK BACK

We invite you to look back at 2017 with us at some of the major construction projects that were completed in the Lufkin District.



US 84 AT THE SABINE RIVER

The ribbon was cut on May 8 celebrating the completion of the US 84 Sabine River Bridges that join Texas and Louisiana. This \$20.4 million construction project involved dismantling and barging debris from the old bridge built in 1936, imploding the pillars and constructing two new bridges that travel east and west between the two states.



US 59/STATE LOOP 224 SOUTH NAC

Phase I of the US 59/SL 224 South Interchange project was completed and Phase II is scheduled to begin construction in 2019. The \$14 million Phase I project included the construction of raised medians and sidewalks and reconfiguration of the intersections of US 59 at Loop 224 and the US 59 at Spradley Street.



US 59/FM 2914 OVERPASS AND FRONTAGE ROAD

The US 59 upgrade to interstate standards continues in sections as two construction projects in San Jacinto County completed in 2017. The two projects included the \$8.9 million construction of a southbound frontage road on US 59 just south of the United Pacific Railroad in Shepherd and the \$12.9 million construction of an overpass at FM 2914. Both projects upgrade the roadway to interstate standards and enhance the safety of the traveling public.



US 59/FM 2021 UNDERPASS

The overpass connecting FM 2021 East and West over US 59 completed in June 2017. The \$18.8 million project began in November 2013 and replaced an at-grade intersection with an underpass, provided additional lane width on US 59 and entrance and exit ramps to FM 2021.



US 59/STATE LOOP 287 NORTH IN LUFKIN

The redesigning of Lufkin’s Loop 287 at U.S. 59 north took its final shape early in the year and offered motorists a smooth transition from US 59 to SL 287 on Lufkin’s North side. The project redesigned an outdated cloverleaf exit ramp on SL 287 from US 59, closed roadway crossovers and replaced the low clearance Union Pacific Railroad underpass. The \$52 million construction project began in December 2013 and its completion improves safety and mobility. ■

DE CORNER

DISTRICT APPOINTMENT: NACOGDOCHES AREA ENGINEER

Charles "Matt" Brazil, P.E., was named Nacogdoches Area Engineer for the Lufkin District, and began his new role on January 12, 2018.

In this new position, Matt heads the Nacogdoches Area Office, which oversees construction and maintenance operations in Nacogdoches, Sabine, San Augustine, and Shelby counties.

After earning a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University in December 2007, Matt worked in the private sector conducting geotechnical and materials testing. Matt began his TxDOT career in July 2010 in the Lufkin Central Design office. In December 2012, he became a licensed professional engineer and was promoted to the Nacogdoches Area office as the project engineer for the US 84 Sabine River bridge project between Joaquin, TX and Logansport, LA. In July 2015, Matt was named Assistant Area Engineer for the Nacogdoches Office.

Matt and his wife, Lauren have been married for eight years and have three daughters, Paige, 6; Claire, 5; and Emma, 4. When not working, he enjoys spending time with his family and following Texas A&M sports.



We have turned the corner from 2017 to 2018 and the TxDOT Lufkin District is out in full force in our nine county area maintaining and constructing roadways. I hope your New Year is also off to a great start.

We are proud that this edition of the Lufkin District Newsletter has reached its first year's milestone. We began this publication a year ago and I am proud to continue to offer it to the public in an effort to make you aware of what we do each day throughout our district.

This edition will bring you up to date on ongoing construction projects and the latest on projects that will upgrade roadways to interstate standards. I also invite you to take a look at what our district accomplished in 2017 in the way of projects and progress as we look back on a very busy year. Also, in this edition you will find the latest on the Corrigan Relief Route. We recently held a public meeting and presented the final schematic maps to a great group of area residents and business representatives who came out to Corrigan High School. This project is drawing closer to reality and we are proud of how far it has come. Public input has been the key to its final design.

We are proud of our accomplishments in 2017. I am especially proud of the district earning the Outstanding Safety Achievement Award. We take safety seriously in the Lufkin District and work daily throughout our nine counties to make sure our employees promote safe practices. Those practices become a part of our daily habits and rituals in an effort to be safe and to help keep you safe. Because of the dedication of all of our employees, the Lufkin District was recognized for outstanding performance in meeting all four of our agency safety goals in injuries, lost time injuries, lost production days and vehicle incidents.

We are proud to continue to work for you and as we begin this New Year. I hope you feel the same as you see more construction and maintenance projects completed and others beginning throughout the Lufkin District. Have a safe and happy New Year. ■

Cheryl P. Flood, P.E.
LUFKIN DISTRICT ENGINEER



US 59 CORRIGAN RELIEF ROUTE PUBLIC HEARING

DISTRICT RECEIVES FINAL COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT

The Lufkin District held an open house and public hearing on Dec. 14, 2017 at the Corrigan-Camden High School and the turnout was remarkable.

The open house was planned and hosted by the TxDOT Lufkin District in an effort to allow the public to view the proposed alignment and submit comments for the US 59 Corrigan Relief Route (future I-69).

Many local residents and business representatives crowded around the tables where the final schematics were displayed and engineers explained the project's development and plans for the future development of I-69 through Polk County.

In 2008, the commission created the I-69 Advisory and five segment committees to gather input into the planning of I-69 in Texas. The Segment Two Advisory Committee identified a relief route in the Corrigan area within the top five priority projects for future development. In 2014, TxDOT held an open house to gather input for alternative routes. Adjustments to the publically supported W-2 alternative were made to avoid impacts to commercial development south of US 287.

The final proposed relief route includes new US 59 northbound and southbound lanes with controlled access; entrance and exit ramps around newly constructed overpasses along the new US 59 roadway at the Union Pacific Railroad crossing, US 287 and Union Springs Road. The relief route will be designed to meet interstate standards, promote public safety, improve emergency evacuations and support economic development.

TxDOT will submit the final schematic and environmental documents for approval. Once approved, right-of-way (ROW) acquisition will begin. On December 14, 2017, the Texas Transportation Commission approved the December revision of TxDOT's Unified Transportation Plan (UTP) which allocated the \$158 million needed for construction in 2022.

To learn more about this project and other major projects under development, visit txdot.gov and type "Lufkin District Projects" in the search box. ■



Consultant staff assisting the public with questions during the open house.



TxDOT staff answering questions during the open house.



Kelly Morris, P.E., Director of Transportation Planning and Development, presenting during the public hearing.

I-69 DEVELOPMENT IN THE LUFKIN DISTRICT

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

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 (ROW) needs or how a project will be constructed is made until the District receives approval of the schematic and environmental study.



Driven by Texans

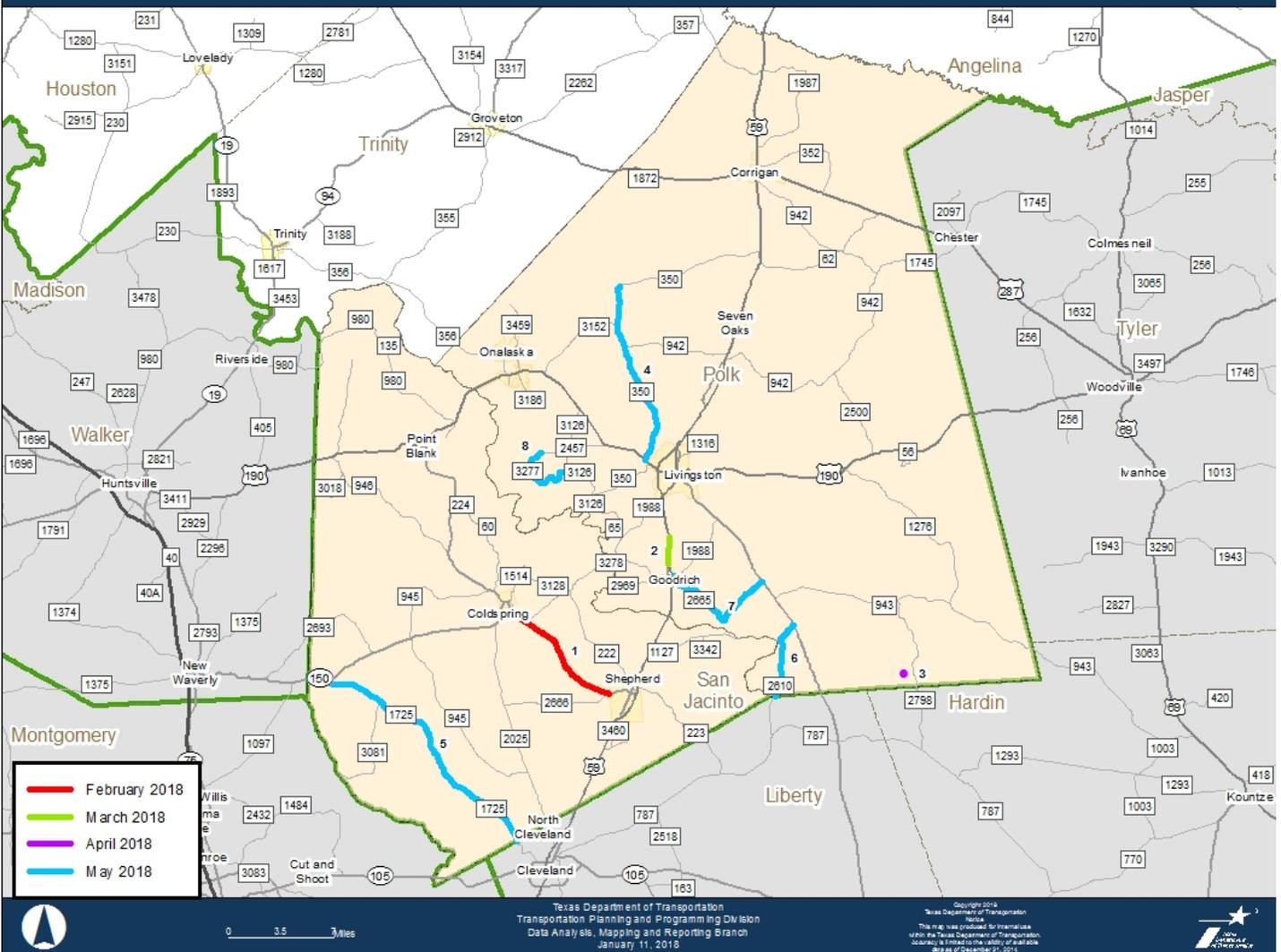
At this time, there are six projects that the Lufkin District is actively developing. These projects are in varying stages of approval. Below is a brief update on the status of these projects. For more information on these I-69 projects and others under development across the state, please visit our webpage at:

dot.state.tx.us/drivenbytexans/projects.htm.

- **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 ROW, and relocating utilities. Construction is currently scheduled to 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 is currently scheduled to 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 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** – 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. 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 anticipates approval of the schematic and environmental studies in Spring 2018. Once approved, TxDOT can begin the ROW acquisition process. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2022.
- **US 59 Upgrade in Shepherd 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 Winter 2018. After approval of the environmental document, TxDOT can begin the ROW acquisition and utility relocation processes. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2023. ■

Livingston Area Office

LIVINGSTON AREA OFFICE - Polk and San Jacinto Counties

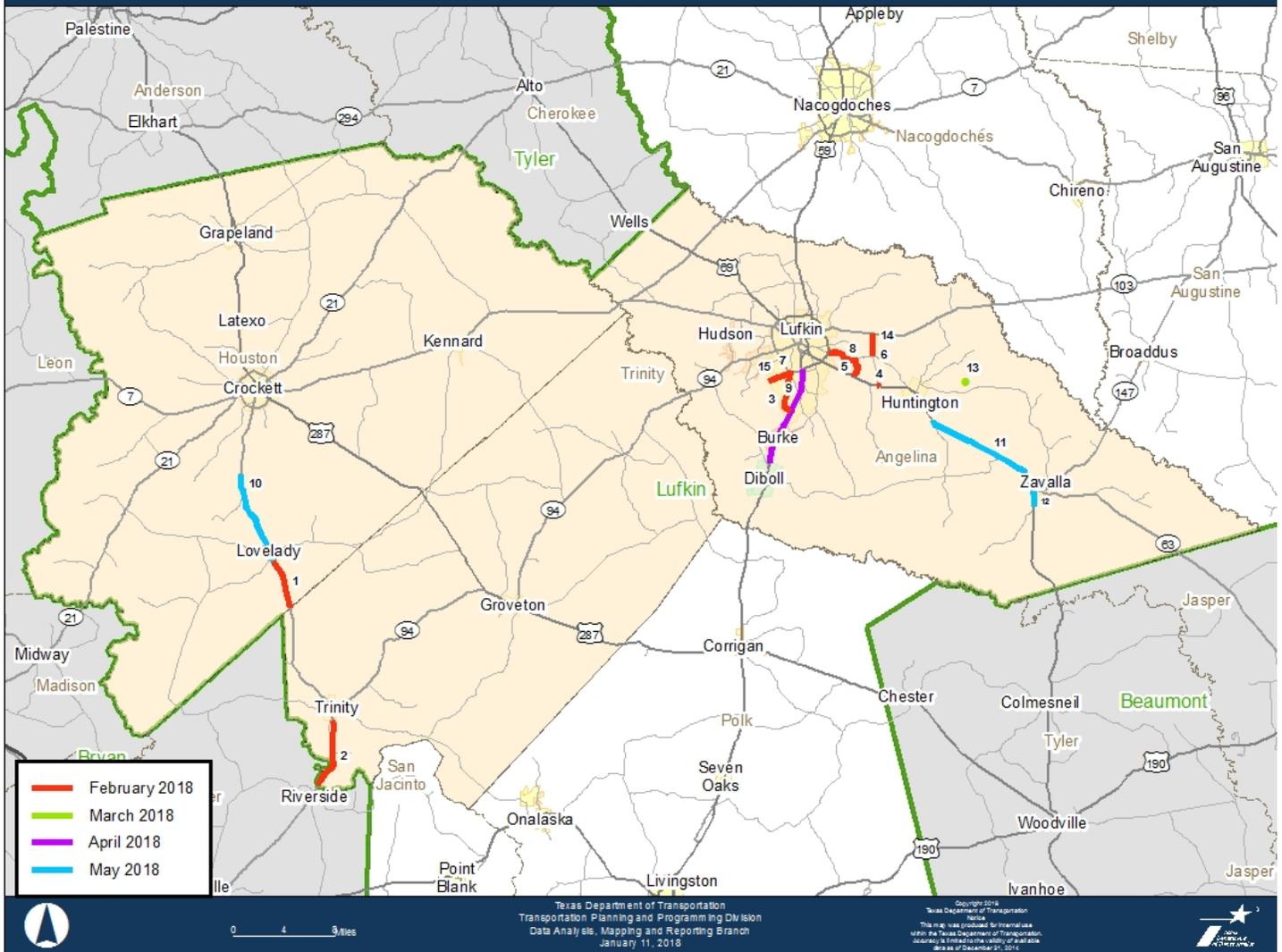


Upcoming Construction Projects

Project Number	County	Highway	Description	Estimated Cost	
0395-03-042	SAN JAC	SH 150	MILLED EDGELINE AND CENTERLINE RUMBLE STRIPS	\$74,527.20	1
0177-01-103	POLK	US 59	OVERLAY WITH PFC (NORTH BOUND LANES ONLY)	\$640,572.20	2
0911-04-046	POLK	CR	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	\$556,034.00	3
0928-02-020	POLK	FM 350	IMPROVE GUARDRAIL AND SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS	\$921,818.00	4
1582-01-022	SAN JAC	FM 1725	IMPROVE GUARDRAIL AND SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS	\$1,236,109.00	5
2591-01-010	POLK	FM 2610	IMPROVE GUARDRAIL	\$382,053.00	6
2667-01-013	POLK	FM 2665	IMPROVE GUARDRAIL	\$293,254.00	7
3471-01-024	POLK	FM 3277	IMPROVE GUARDRAIL	\$251,186.00	8

Lufkin Area Office

LUFKIN AREA OFFICE - Angelina, Houston and Trinity Counties

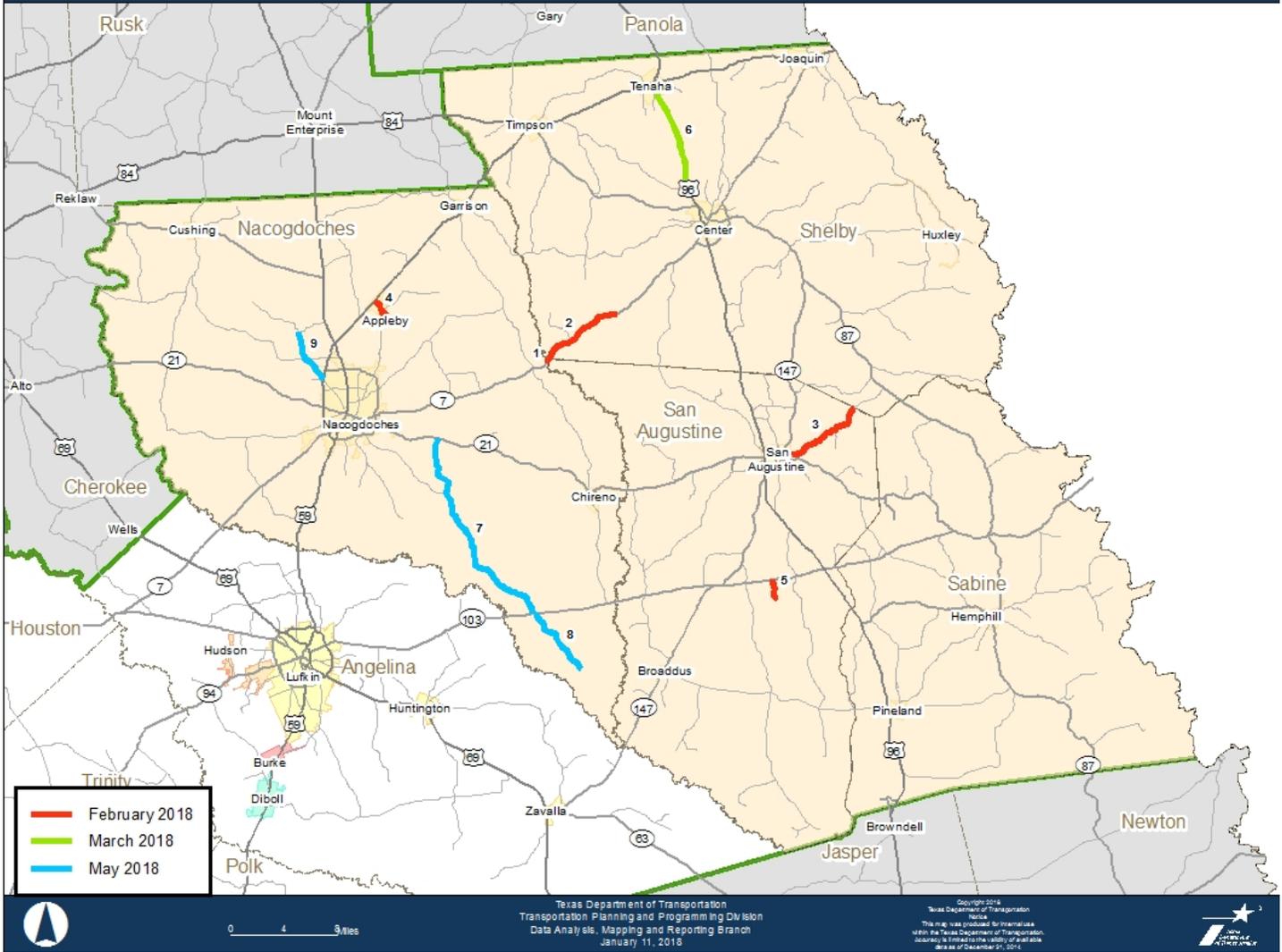


Upcoming Construction Projects

Project Number	County	Highway	Description	Estimated Cost	
0109-06-041	HOUSTON	SH 19	MILLED EDGELINE AND CENTERLINE RUMBLE STRIPS	\$43,287.00	1
0109-08-046	TRINITY	SH 19	MILLED EDGELINE RUMBLE STRIPS	\$49,457.30	2
0176-08-025	ANGELINA	FM 324	TEXTURIZE SHOULDERS (PROFILE CENTERLINE MARKINGS)	\$30,735.50	3
0200-01-089	ANGELINA	US 69	INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL	\$161,145.00	4
1157-01-017	ANGELINA	FM 841	TEXTURIZE SHOULDERS (PROFILE CENTERLINE MARKINGS)	\$33,696.50	5
2507-01-019	ANGELINA	FM 326	PROFILE EDGELINE MARKINGS	\$16,869.00	6
3418-01-012	ANGELINA	FM 1336	PROFILE EDGELINE MARKINGS	\$16,391.50	7
1157-01-014	ANGELINA	FM 841	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	\$1,131,450.00	8
0176-03-135	ANGELINA	US 59	RESURFACE ROADWAY	\$4,300,000.00	9
0109-06-040	HOUSTON	SH 19	IMPROVE GUARDRAIL AND SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS	\$901,365.00	10
0200-02-039	ANGELINA	US 69	WIDEN FROM 2 LANES TO 4 LANE DIVIDED ROADWAY	\$65,099,001.00	11
0200-03-024	ANGELINA	US 69	WIDEN FROM 2 LANES TO 4 LANE DIVIDED ROADWAY	\$13,464,000.00	12
0911-38-069	ANGELINA	CR	REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES	\$496,700.00	13
2507-01-018	ANGELINA	FM 326	SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS	\$267,095.00	14
3418-01-011	ANGELINA	FM 1336	IMPROVE GUARDRAIL AND SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS	\$297,594.00	15

Nacogdoches Area Office

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



Upcoming Construction Projects

Project Number	County	Highway	Description	Estimated Cost	
0059-02-014	SAN AUGUSTINE	SH 7	OVERLAY WITH PFC	\$80,362.00	1
0059-03-020	SHELBY	SH 7	OVERLAY WITH PFC	\$1,973,847.40	2
0118-12-017	SAN AUGUSTINE	FM 353	PROFILE EDGELINE MARKINGS	\$56,078.00	3
0743-01-014	NACOGDOCHES	FM 941	PROFILE EDGELINE MARKINGS	\$16,475.50	4
3472-01-005	SAN AUGUSTINE	FM 3279	PROFILE EDGELINE MARKINGS	\$15,384.00	5
0063-06-098	SHELBY	US 96	PLANE, LEVEL-UP AND PFC	\$11,949,548	6
0893-01-034	NACOGDOCHES	FM 226	IMPROVE GUARDRAIL AND SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS	\$1,873,469.00	7
0893-01-035	NACOGDOCHES	FM 226	IMPROVE GUARDRAIL AND SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS	\$634,254.00	8
1407-02-023	NACOGDOCHES	FM 1638	SAFETY TREAT FIXED OBJECTS AND MINOR WIDENING	\$2,975,773.00	9

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

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