

US 59 UPGRADE

SHEPHERD TO CLEVELAND (FUTURE I-69)

SAN JACINTO AND LIBERTY COUNTIES



LUFKIN AND BEAUMONT DISTRICTS
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Project Background

This project is dedicated to improving safety and mobility along US 59 between Shepherd and Cleveland. Due to its proximity to an existing interstate (I-69) and current congestion problems, the US 59 Upgrade Shepherd to Cleveland project is the first project identified for development within San Jacinto County.

This project would upgrade existing US 59 by constructing frontage roads and overpasses from FM 2914 near Shepherd to the north end of the Cleveland Relief Route. The project would be designed to meet interstate standards for possible future designation as I-69 and would:

- Enhance safety and improve mobility along US 59.
- Provide a more efficient hurricane evacuation route.
- Provide system connectivity to I-69, which is a 1,600 national highway connecting Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. I-69 also provides access to inland ports and sea ports along the gulf coast.

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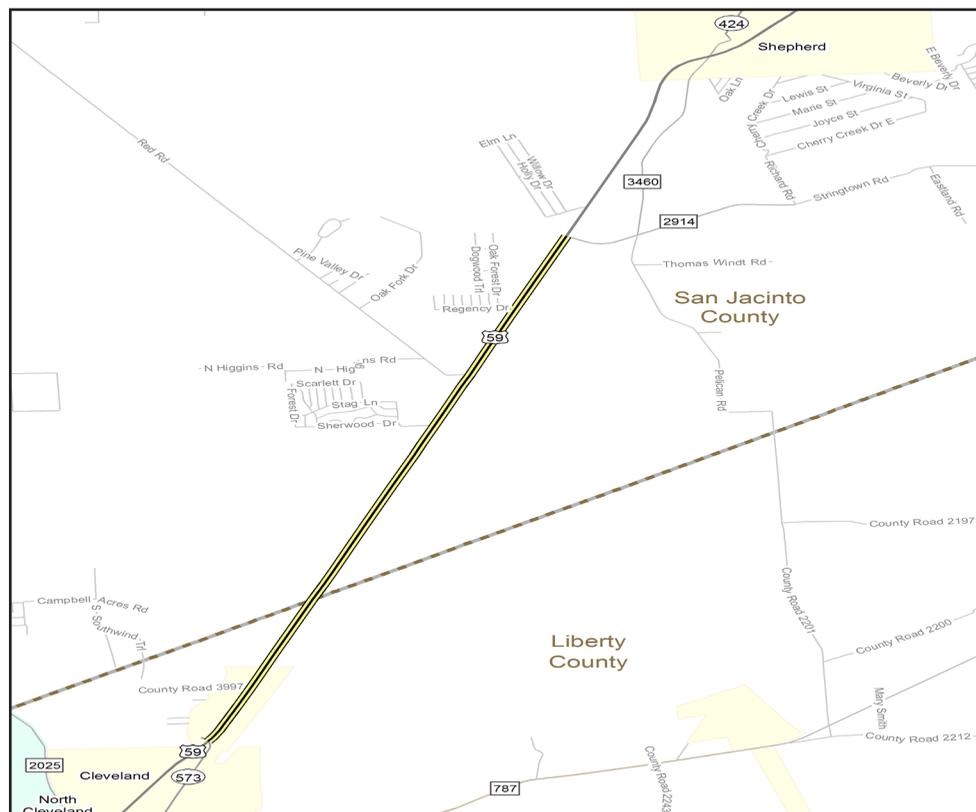
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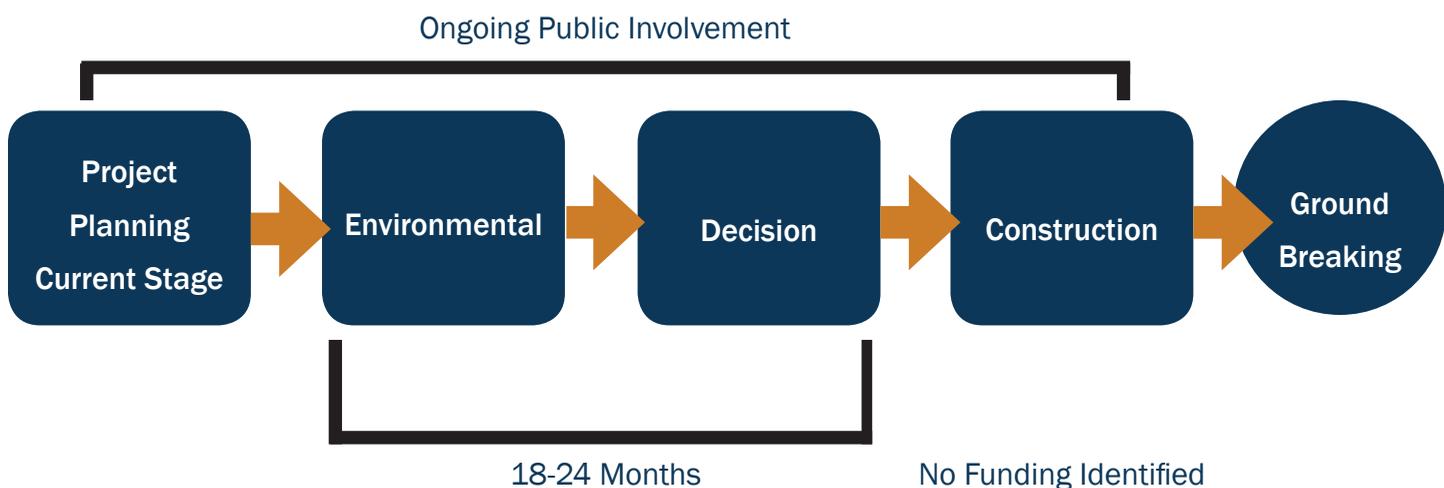


Project and Funding Summary

- The proposed project would provide:
 - > A controlled access freeway section with northbound and southbound frontage roads. Controlled access means there will not be direct access to the main lanes. Access to the main lanes is allowed via entrance and exit ramps around the overpasses.
 - > Overpass with u-turns at Sherwood Drive and an additional overpass with u-turns approximately 1.7 miles north of the Cleveland relief route.
- Funding has been allocated for the project development services, including environmental studies, schematic design, and right-of-way acquisition.
- No construction funding has been identified at this time.
- Current estimate for total project cost (right-of-way and construction) is approximately \$93.5 million.

Next Steps

- TxDOT will use public input gathered from the September 27, 2016 open house to begin developing the engineering schematic and environmental studies. The development of the schematic and environmental studies are anticipated to take approximately 18 to 24 months.
- Once TxDOT receives approval of the schematic and environmental study, TxDOT would begin right-of-way mapping and acquisitions.
- TxDOT will continue to work to develop a strategy and identify construction funding.



Lufkin District Project Updates

San Jacinto County

Upcoming Construction Projects

- **Safety Treat Fixed Objects** - Scheduled to take bids January 2016; project involves lengthening culverts and adding safety ends and installing metal beam guardfence on FM 1127 and FM 2666.
- **Texturizing Shoulders** - Scheduled to take bids winter 2016: FM 2025; US 190; SH 150; FM 945; FM 946; FM 1725; FM 1127; FM 980; FM 3460; FM 222; FM 223 and FM 224.
- **Curb Ramps in Coldspring** - Scheduled to take bids November 2016; project involves constructing sidewalks and curb ramps that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in various locations within the city of Coldspring.
- **Resurfacing with Sealcoat** - Scheduled to take bids November 2016: FM 222; FM 2025; and FM 3278.

Projects Currently under Construction

- **US 190** - This project consists of safety treating fixed objects from Walker County Line to the Polk County Line. The project was awarded to L.C. Jordan & Sons in the amount of \$2,543,073. Work began on July 26, 2016 and should last approximately 24 months.
- **US 59 Southbound Frontage Road** - This project involves constructing a new southbound frontage road and reconstructing the main lanes from south of UPRR in Shepherd to just north of FM 2914. It was awarded to Texas Stirling in the amount of \$8,948,536.85 with completion estimated in Spring 2017.
- **US 59 at FM 2914 Overpass** - This project includes the construction of an overpass and closure of crossovers. It was awarded to Lone Star Road Construction in the amount of \$12,895,988.97. It is anticipated to be complete Spring 2017.
- **US 59 HMA Level-up and PFC Surface** - This project was started May 23, 2016, and was awarded to Moore Brothers Construction in the amount of \$2,971,066.40. It is anticipated to be complete in Winter 2016.

Get Involved

- Open House: September 27, 2016
- Learn more and provide comments online at www.txdot.gov
- Sign up to receive email updates by visiting the online project page; visit www.txdot.gov and enter: **US 59 Shepherd-Cleveland** in the search area
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