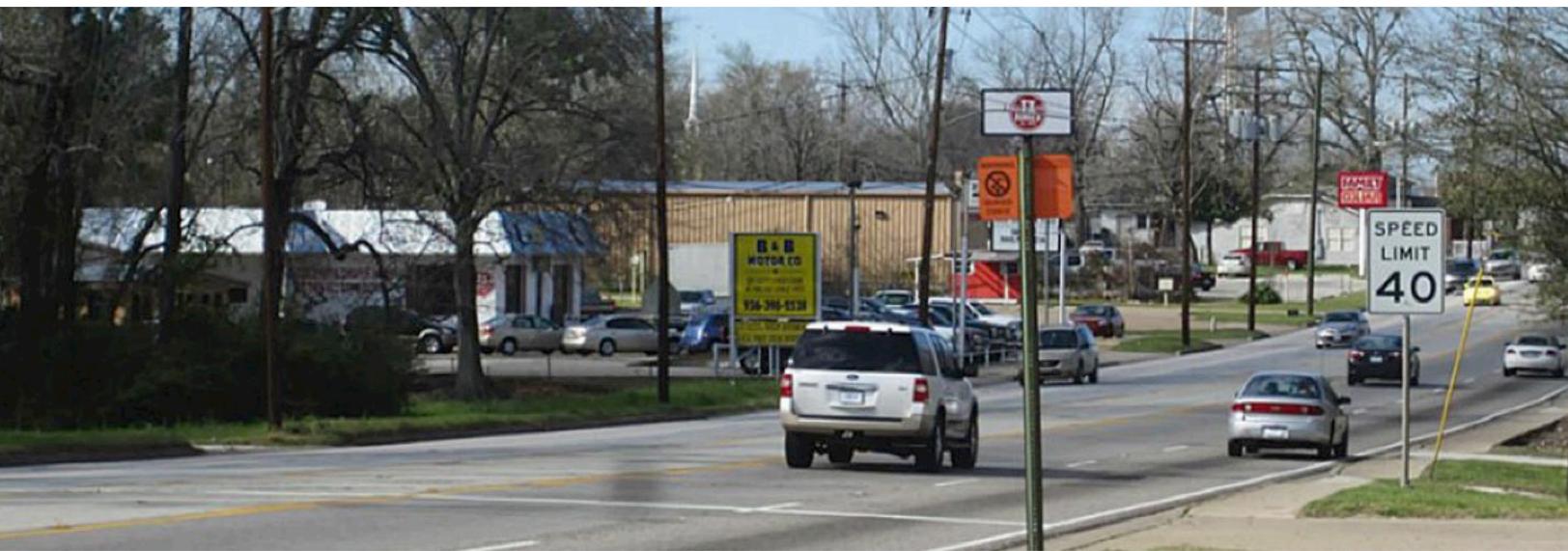


US 59 CORRIGAN RELIEF ROUTE (FUTURE I-69) POLK COUNTY



LUFKIN DISTRICT

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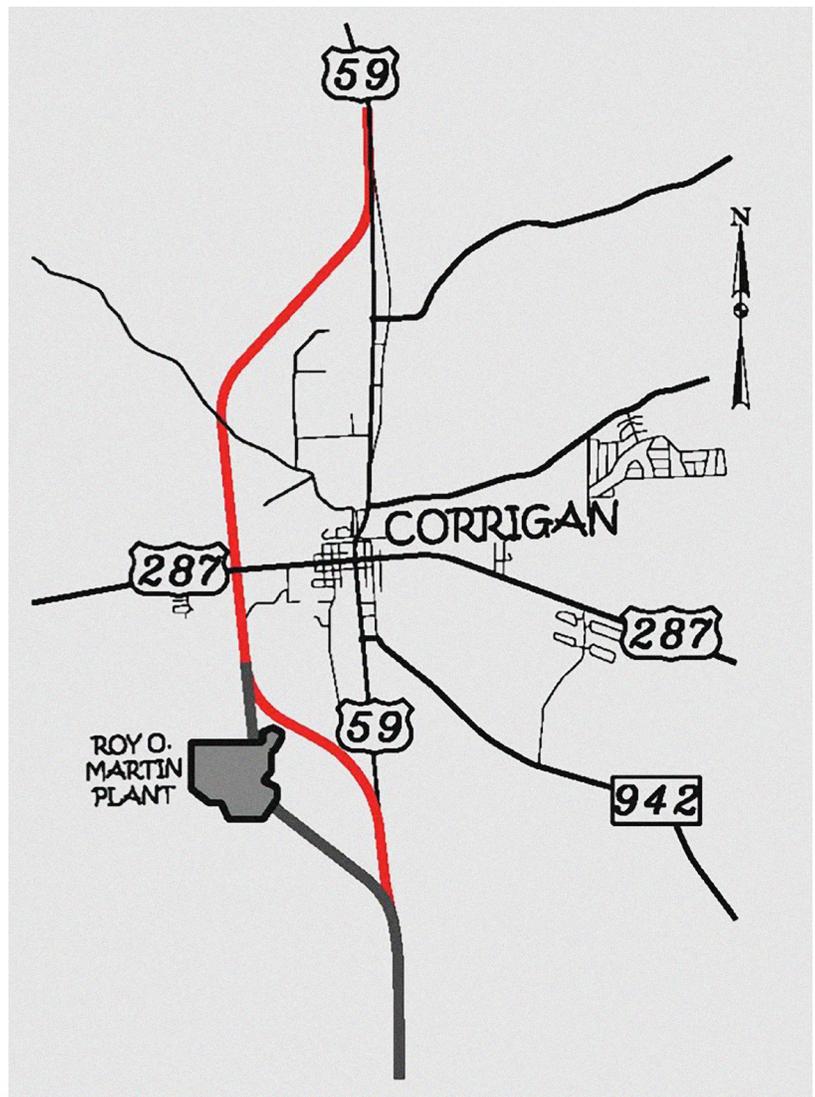
Project Background

This project is dedicated to improving safety and mobility along US 59 in Corrigan. Improvement of the existing roadway through Corrigan is restrained by the commercial and community development along the four-lane undivided curb and gutter roadway section and the proximity of the Union Pacific railroad tracks along the western side of US 59. In the late 1990's and early 2000's, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) performed alignment and environmental studies as well as public involvement for the US 59 Corrigan Relief Route. Due to budgetary constraints, the studies were stopped.

In 2008, the Texas Transportation Commission created the I-69 Advisory and five I-69 Segment Committees to increase citizen and community input in the planning of I-69 in Texas. With input from citizens in the area, the Segment Two Committee identified the Corrigan Relief Route as a top 5 priority section for development. In 2012, TxDOT was allocated \$5 million for project development services related to the development of I-69 in Polk County. As a top priority of the Segment Two Committee, the Corrigan Relief Route has become TxDOT's focus for I-69 development in Polk County.

On August 5, 2014, TxDOT held an open house meeting to seek public input on the previously studied alternatives and to determine if the public still supported the W-2 alternative for further development. Approximately 70% of respondents supported the development of the W2 alternative. After the meeting, TxDOT was contacted by representatives regarding the development of the Roy O. Martin plant. Since that time, TxDOT has made adjustments to the W-2 alternative south of US 287 to avoid impacting the new plant. The new alignment is W-2a.

This map shows W-2 alignment in gray and new revised alignment W-2a in red.



Project Summary and Funding Points

- The US 59/US 287 intersection in Corrigan is the first signalized intersection north of Houston.
- A relief route in Corrigan was identified as a top five priority section for I-69 development by the I-69 Segment Two Committee.
- The proposed relief route would consist of:
 - New US 59 northbound and southbound main lanes, which will have controlled access. 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 UPRR and US 287 overpasses.
 - Overpasses along the new US 59 roadway at UPRR, US 287 and Union Springs Rd.
 - No frontage roads are proposed
- The relief route would be designed to meet interstate standard for possible future designation as I-69. It would promote public safety, improve emergency evacuations, and support economic development.
- Five million dollars has been allocated for the project development services, including environmental studies, schematic design, and right-of-way acquisition.
- Current estimate for Total Project Cost (right-of-way and construction) is approximately \$130 million.
- No construction funding has been identified at this time.

Next Steps

TxDOT will use public input gathered from the December 17, 2015 open house to begin developing the Corrigan Relief Route engineering schematic and environmental studies. The development of the schematic and environmental studies are anticipated to take approximately 18 months.

Once TxDOT receives approval of the schematic and environmental study, TxDOT would begin right-of-way mapping and acquisitions.

Polk County Project Updates

UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Lake Livingston State Park

Scheduled to take bids January 2016 – This project involves resurfacing existing park roadways and parking/camp sites within Livingston State Park.

FM 62 Culvert Extension

Scheduled to take bids April 2016 – This project involves extending an existing bridge class culvert at Draw Creek approximately 20 feet.

FM 356 in Onalaska

Scheduled to take bids July 2016 – This project involves widening the existing roadway to provide a two way continuous turn lane. The widening roadway would provide 12-foot lanes and 10-foot paved shoulders in a curb and gutter section with sidewalks from US 190 to 1.12 miles north of US 190.

County Road Bridge Replacements

Scheduled to take bids Summer 2016 – Rock Island Rd at Bundix Creek and Kennedy Creek; Carmona Rd at Brushy Creek; Punk Rd. at Paces Creek ; Bluewater Rd at Blue Branch; Old Bering Rd at Barnett Creek; Old Highway 35N at Trib of Long King Creek; Oakdale Loop at Kibble Creek; Horrace Bonds Rd at Trib of Long King Creek; Forest Hills Loop at Caney Creek; Nine Bridge Rd at Pine Creek Reliefs

Get Involved

- US 59 Corrigan Relief Route Open House: December 17, 2015
- Learn more and provide comments online at www.txdot.gov
- Sign up to receive email updates by visiting the online project page at www.txdot.gov, keyword “US 59 Corrigan”

PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

US 190

This project involves widening the existing roadway to provide 10-foot shoulders and passing lanes from Onalaska to FM 2457. The project was awarded to Smith and Company for \$13,913,635.96 and is projected to start Jan/Feb 2016. It is anticipated to take 15 months.

FM 1988 at Long King Creek

The construction of this job entails replacing the FM 1988 at Long King Creek Bridge. This job was awarded to Longview Bridge and Road for \$3,278,223.27. It is anticipated to be complete in Fall 2016.

Kelly Road at Menard Creek, Huber Cemetery Rd. at Dickens Branch, and Soda Loop East at Bluff Creek

These 3 county road bridge replacements were awarded to Longview Bridge & Road for \$707,623.10 with completion anticipated in Spring 2017.

County Road Bridge Replacements

anticipated to begin within the next 6 months - Dick Skinner Rd at Trib of Neches River, Hooks Rd at Trib of Bear Creek, Howell Rd at Paces Creek, Jack Pate Rd at McManus and Trib of McManus Creek, Upper Leggett Rd at Trib of Big Sandy Creek and East Clamon Rd at Bear Creek.

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