



PUBLIC HEARING

US 59 Corrigan Relief Route (Future I-69)

From 3 miles south of US 287
to 3.4 miles north of US 287

Polk County



Elected Officials





The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.



- Corrigan Times: Nov. 23, 30 & Dec. 7, 2017
- Polk County Enterprise: Nov. 26 & Dec. 10, 2017
- La Lengua: Nov. 22 & Dec. 6, 2017
- TxDOT Website – Online Notice: Nov. 15, 2017

www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/lufkin/1217151.html

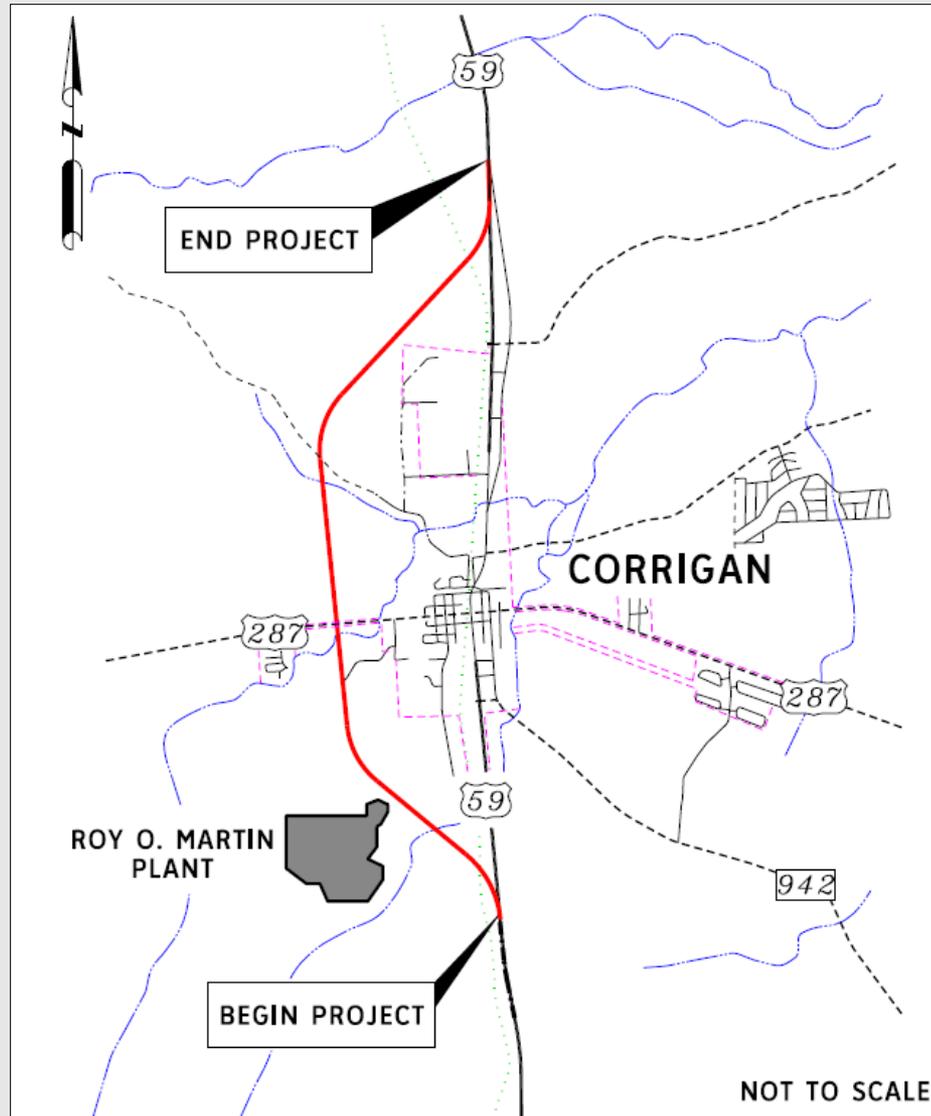


Agenda for Tonight's Public Hearing

- Exhibit Viewing and Registration
- Public Hearing Presentation
- Public Comment Session
- Adjourn Public Hearing



Proposed Project Location



Project Need and Purpose

Project Need

Existing US 59 in Corrigan is a low speed urban facility and does not meet criteria for an Interstate freeway. Criteria includes:

- Controlled access;
- Min. 70 MPH design speed (rural) or 50 MPH design speed (urban);
- Min. 4-foot inside and 10-foot outside shoulder;
- Min. 36-foot median width (rural) or 10-foot median width (urban) requirements; and
- 30-foot horizontal clear zone requirements.

Project Purpose

Bring US 59 in the Corrigan area up to current interstate design standards by making US 59 a controlled access roadway within the project limits and reduce congestion and increase mobility



US 59 Corrigan Relief Route Project

- New controlled access US 59 northbound and southbound main lanes west of existing US 59
- Overpasses at Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), US 287 and Union Springs Road
- No frontage roads
- Industrial road connection
- Proposed right-of-way (ROW) width varies from 300-feet along the proposed main lane section to 800-feet at the overpasses
- Estimated total project cost, including ROW and construction, is approximately \$160 million



Proposed Typical Section: Rural At-Grade

Proposed Rural At-Grade Section



- Four 12-foot wide travel lanes (two in each direction)
- 6-foot wide inside shoulders and 10-foot wide outside shoulders
- 88-foot wide depressed grassy median
- Open ditches
- Typical right-of-way width varies from 300-feet to 420-feet



- Compares Build and No-Build Alternatives
- Presents Existing Conditions
- Evaluates Potential Impacts
- Summarizes Public Involvement and Resource Agency Coordination



No-Build Alternative

- No improvements made to the roadway

Build Alternative

- Schematic design alternative was developed and evaluated
- Avoids and/or minimizes potential adverse impacts



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Public Involvement Efforts:

- *Previous Public Workshops:* August 22, 1996, November 19, 1996, July 17, 1997, and May 11, 2000
- August 5, 2014 and December 12, 2015

Resource Agency Coordination:

- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department – April 19, 2017
- Texas Historical Commission (Archeology) – December 3, 1998 and April 20, 2017
- Section 106 Tribal Consultation – May 15, 2017
- Texas Commission on Env. Quality – November 13, 2017



Next Steps

- Compile and consider public input from tonight's hearing and the public comment period
- Prepare and finalize environmental analysis and schematic design
- Submit for project decision (FONSI) and approval.



Handouts for Right-of-Way Acquisition And Relocation:

- State Purchase of Right-of-Way - information about the right-of-way acquisition process
- Relocation Assistance - information about the relocation assistance program for residences, tenants, businesses and personal property relocations
- Landowner's Bill of Rights - information prepared by the Office of the Attorney General explaining a property owner's rights in the State of Texas



Project Development Schedule

- Dec 2017 – Early 2018: Compile and consider public input from tonight’s hearing and the public comment period.
- Early 2018 – Spring 2018: Finalize environmental analysis and schematic design. Submit for project decision (FONSI) and approval.
- Spring 2018 – Spring 2020: Obtain right-of-way appraisals, acquire ROW and conduct relocations.
- Spring 2020 – Spring 2022: Relocate utilities, begin detailed engineering plans, and obtain necessary environmental permits.
- Set construction date once funding becomes available.



Public Hearing Comments

All comments must be submitted by December 29, 2017

Comments may be provided tonight at this Public Hearing, by mail, or by email.

1. Provide verbal comments during formal comment period:

- Fill out a speaker registration card or raise your hand if you need one
- Once you've completed a speaker registration card – hand to a staff member or raise your hand if you need assistance
- When your name is called, proceed to the microphone to speak your comment or raise your hand if you need assistance
- Please speak your name clearly for the court reporter
- Comments will be limited to 3 minutes

2. Leave written comment forms in comment boxes or give to TxDOT staff tonight

3. Mail written comments to:

TxDOT Lufkin District
Attn: Jennifer H. Adams
1805 N. Timberland Dr.
Lufkin, Texas 75901

4. Submit electronic comments online using the email link at:

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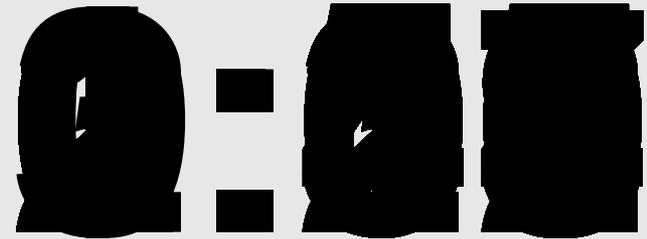
Elected Officials Comment Session





Public Comment Session

- Submit a Speaker Registration Card
- Limit your comments to 3 minutes
- Use microphone and face court reporter
- State your name and whom you represent (if applicable)
- Unused time may not be given to another speaker





Thank You

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