



Documentation of Public Hearing

Project Location

Polk County
US 59
CSJ: 0176-04-056 and 0176-05-104

Project Limits

3.0 miles south of US 287 to 3.4 miles north of US 287

Hearing Location

Corrigan-Camden High School
Corrigan, TX 75939

Hearing Date and Time

December 14, 2017
Open House: 4:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Public Hearing: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Translation Services

Spanish

Presenters

Kelly Morris | TxDOT
Tom Allemand | AECOM
Thomas Kuykendall | CivilCorp

Elected Officials in Attendance

State Representative James White, Texas Legislature
Judge Sydney Murphy, Polk County Judge
Milton Purvis, Polk County Commissioner Pct. 3
Johnna Gibson, Mayor of Corrigan
Earlie Baldwin, Corrigan City Council
Billy Safford, Corrigan City Council

Total Number of Attendees (approx.)

120

Total Number of Commenters

7



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A. COMMENT/RESPONSE MATRIX

**US 59 Corrigan
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Commenter Number	Commenter Name	Date Received	Source	Comment	Response
1	Kacee Kirschvink	12/14/2017	Comment Card at Public Hearing	<p>There are two points I would like to have considered as part of the schematic design process.</p> <p>1. Please consider a lease-back option for relocation, so residents can stay in their homes as long as possible after acquisitions.</p> <p>2. Please seriously consider acquiring non-useful property that is adjacent to the property being required when it is deemed to have little or no value once the right-of-way property is acquired.</p>	<p>1. Please refer to the booklets "State Purchase of Right of Way", "Landowner's Bill of Rights" and "Relocation Assistance" for information on the ROW process and help provided by the department in relocating tenants and property owners. The booklets can be found online at http://www.txdot.gov/government/processes-procedures/row.html</p> <p>2. TxDOT can only acquire property necessary or convenient for specific highway purposes, except that an owner's remaining property may be acquired voluntarily under certain limited circumstances, but only if the landowner requests or agrees to sell the remaining property on mutually agreeable terms.</p>
2	Angela Rice	12/14/2017	Comment Card at Public Hearing	I work for Polk County but will benefit not immediately but in the long run. Project looks good right now.	Comment noted.
3	William Owens	12/14/2017	Comment Card at Public Hearing	We need it.	Comment noted.
4	Walt Wilson	12/14/2017	Comment Card at Public Hearing	Your website on this project is very well done.	Comment noted.
5	Shirley Baldwin	12/14/2017	Court Reporter at Public Hearing	I don't have any comments, but I do think this is a worthwhile project for Corrigan and we want the benefits like they said. But it is a step in the right direction, because the congestion is really, really bad. Thank you.	Comment noted.

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6	Joanna Gibson	12/14/2017	Court Reporter at Public Hearing	<p>I have mixed emotions. I know this is going to affect a lot of our citizens and people around the surrounding area as far as their property goes. And our businesses I feel are going to suffer from this. But I do realize that we have a significant traffic congestion problem and we have been having some major issues with that recently.</p>	<p>The purpose of this project is to 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.</p> <p>One of the key concerns in regards to a new location relief route, particularly in smaller towns and cities, is the potential impact on local businesses. The main concern for these businesses is that motorists travelling through Corrigan would opt for the speed and convenience of the proposed relief route in lieu of driving through the existing US 59 where these businesses are located. This may result in a loss of sales and revenue due to reduced traffic passing existing businesses. The magnitude and duration of this potential impact is not known at this time; however, the Roy O. Martin facility is anticipated to increase local economic activity. Any increase in regional and local economic activity is likely to result in an increase in population, which is also likely to result in a corresponding increase in local traffic. Increased traffic and economic activity may benefit the businesses potentially affected by the proposed relief route. Therefore, the overall effect to the local economy is not anticipated to be substantial.</p>

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7	Jim Wilson	12/18/2017	Email	Regarding Corrigan Texas I-69 expansion options. I would be in favor of option E2a as it eliminates two overpasses over the Union Pacific Railroad. My logic for this is that any time you bridge over a railroad when you do not have to, you are opening yourself to potential damage to the bridge from a derailment.	<p>Through previous public involvement efforts in the late 1990's and early 2000's, alignment alternative W-2 was chosen as the preferred route in lieu of several options, including alignment alternative E2a. In August 2014, TxDOT conducted an Open House Public Meeting to seek input on the previously studied alternatives and to determine if the public still supported the W-2 alternative. The public reaffirmed the preferred W-2 route with approximately 70% of respondents supporting alternative W-2. In December 2015, the preferred alternative was revised and renamed to W-2a to avoid impacting the new development of the Roy O. Martin plant.</p> <p>The bridges over the Union Pacific Railroad will be designed per Union Pacific Railroad and TxDOT requirements. Additionally, no bridge columns will be placed inside UPRR's Right of Way.</p>



B. PUBLIC HEARING OFFICER CERTIFICATIONS



Public Hearing Certification

Project Name: US 59

County Name Polk County

Control Section Job Numbers (CSJ): 0176-04-056 and 0176-05-104

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I certify that the following statements are true and apply to the project identified above.

- A. A public hearing was held on December 14, 2017 at Camden-Corrigan High School in Corrigan, Texas.
- B. The economic and social effects of the project location and design and its impacts on the environment have been considered.
- C. In determining economic, social, and environmental effects, the statutory provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 have been considered.
- D. The project involves a community that does not have a known plan of development.
- E. Requirements of Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, Section 2.107 have been met.

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.

Signed: Kelly D. Morris, P.E. Name/Title **Date:** 1/12/2018

Print Name: Kelly D. Morris, P.E.



C. NOTICES

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Community Calendar

NOW-DEC. 8
Single Bell Fun Run registration
 Registration for the Single Bell Fun Run and Walk is underway through Friday, Dec. 8, at the Trades Day office in Livingston's Pedego Park. The first 150 registered participants will receive T-shirts and bells. The run will be held Saturday, Dec. 9, starting at the Livingston City Hall as part of the Hometown Christmas program.

NOW-DEC. 15
Christmas tree sales
 The holiday season is in full swing and with it the Annual Christmas tree sale at the First National Bank in the First National Bank building at the intersection of U.S. 190 W. and FM 350 S. The sales lot will remain in operation through 11:30 a.m. on Saturday and 1-6 p.m. on Sunday. There are 100 trees to choose from. Some are 6-7 feet tall. The trees are available for the annual tree sale will be used to support the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville. Proceeds also will be used to support the Lions' eyeglass program, the Polk County Boys and Girls Club, the Green and White Scholarship fund and many other local programs benefiting those in need.

NOW-DEC. 31
Christmas In the Park
 Residents and visitors to the area are invited to take a drive through Pedego Park to experience the wonder of Christmas as thousands of Christmas lights will be on display in many forms throughout the park.

NOW-DEC. 30
Christmas Train Village
 The Christmas Train Village will be open Friday and Saturdays, Nov. 24-25 and Dec. 1-2 and on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from Dec. 7

through Dec. 30. Hours will be 5-7 p.m. except on Saturday, Dec. 9, during the Livingston Hometown Christmas celebration. On that day it will be open from 2-6 p.m. and from 7-8 p.m. Sponsored by the Polk County Heritage Society, the model train display is located at 406 N. Washington in Livingston. Admission is free although donations will be accepted.

NOW-DEC. 24
Christmas open house
 Free cookies, candy canes, hot cocoa and coffee are being offered at Goley's Old Town business hours from Saturday, Nov. 23, through Sunday, Dec. 24. Visitors are invited to stop by to enjoy the snacks while listening to holiday music and looking at the store's Christmas display and Santa collection. The store is located at 1106 Loop 393 in Goodrich.

NOV. 27
Construction deadline extended
 The city deadline for the annual First National Bank's Construction competition has been extended to Nov. 27. During this event, local businesses and organizations are invited to have fun while helping Polk County residents needing food. Entrants are asked to use cans or other "building blocks" containing food to create structures illustrating Polk County, the fight against hunger or best creative use of food. After the contest, the food items will be donated to MannaFest for distribution to families in need. More information is available on the MannaFest website: www.MannaFestLivingstonTexas.org

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NOV. 29-DEC. 1
Canstruction Tour
 The public may take self-guided tours to view Canstruction projects created by generous Polk County businesses and organizations who have created structures out of canned goods and other food containers. The food items will be donated to the MannaFest Food Pantry for use in its ministry to help those needing food. Information about the tour sites is available on the MannaFest Website: www.MannaFestLivingstonTexas.org

DEC. 1-3
A Walk Through Bethlehem & Hay Ride
 The First Baptist Church will host a Walk Through Bethlehem and Hay Ride from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1-3, in Pedego Park. The free event allows visitors to walk through a realistic depiction of Bethlehem on the night of the birth of Jesus Christ. In addition, the City of Livingston will conduct an old-fashioned hay ride through the park on a tour of the thousands of lights on display.

DEC. 1 & 3
Christmas musical
 The Pomblank Community Church will present a Christmas musical titled "Forever Gaud is With Us" on Friday, Dec. 1, and on Sunday, Dec. 3. The Friday performance will be at 6:30 p.m. and the Saturday presentation will be at 9

a.m. The public is invited. The church is located at 432 Robinson Way in Pomblank, just down the road from the post office.

DEC. 2
Trail Blazers Concert
 State Reps. James White of Hillister and Alma Allen of Houston are scheduled to help honor past and present Polk County musicians during the 2017 Polk County Music Trail Blazers Concert starting at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the First Assembly of God Church in Livingston. Presented by Wightless Records and Johnny Johnson, the concert will pay tribute to the memory of 22 deceased musicians and 40 living musicians. The public is invited to attend.

MannaFest's Christmas Tour of Homes
 The public is invited to savor the holiday season with MannaFest Food Pantry's annual Christmas Tour of Homes, Car Show and handcrafted gift sale on Saturday, Dec. 2. Free shuttle buses leave from Central Baptist Church for the tour from 4 to 8 p.m. Tickets to the show, which are available at most area banks and from MannaFest volunteers, are \$20 in advance and \$25 on the day of the tour. Viewing of the Car Show, checking out the gift sale and listening to the Last Texas Wind Symphony are free at the Central Baptist Family Life Center. Barbecue available

diners from Pit Row Pit Stop will be on sale. All proceeds from the tour and a percentage of craft and dinner sales help fund MannaFest's ministry.

DEC. 7-8
Christmas jewelry sale
 First National Bank of

Livingston will host a Christmas jewelry sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, in its Downtown Branch lobby and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8 in its Westside Branch lobby. Proceeds will benefit the Relay for Life.

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Snow fall, Christmas lights beautify Goodrich

Polk County, what about that snow? We got snow and it actually stuck. We drove around while it was snowing and I was able to take a video. Then, Friday morning we woke up to a beautiful blanket of snow covering everything. I hurried out early before work to snap as many photos as I could. Last time it snowed, I got up at midnight to go take a photo of the snow falling on the activity scene at Goodrich First Baptist and it turned out beautiful, but since you can't hear snowing falling, we were busy taking care of Tank to even notice it kept snowing.

Yes, Tank the bad boy boxer is having some health issues that is on my styling over yet. Tank is 11 years old and all his tests come back great except his neck and front legs aren't working correctly on some days, but then the next day everything is fine. More on that later.

Meanwhile, I did get a photo of that same activity set early this morning and it's still very pretty (See Page 1A). I hope you all enjoyed our little snow event and I hope for just may be one



second you felt like a child again catching snowflakes in your hand.

Among all the holiday hustle and bustle, have you realized that Christmas is only 14 days away and the beginning of 2018 is only its only 21 days away. Are you enjoying this holiday season or are you putting too much worry into making everything perfect for everybody besides yourself?

My advice is to stop it right now. I have spent too many years making sure everything was just perfect on Christmas day and in the end, how much did it really matter? Christmas comes and goes, perfect or not. I discovered a few years back how really nice Christmas can be if you just worry about having fun.

Of course, I want everyone to enjoy the time we spend together, but I have also realized every last little detail does not have to be perfect. Cook some good food and

decorate as much or as little as you want. If you exchange gifts, try to pick out the right gift for the right person, but don't lose sleep over it. Just take time and enjoy this holiday season. If you love lights, go look at lights. If you enjoy parties, party your heart out. Do whatever it is that you really enjoy.

Speaking of enjoyment, how about looking at some beautiful Christmas lights. Goodrich is glowing bright this year.

So far, FM 2665 is showing off their Christmas lights in style this year. The Worthy home on the right has beautiful blue lights outlining the roof. Next, the new Puley house on the right is simply amazing with all those wonderful lights. Next, glance across the street to your left and you can't miss the cute little house with the fenced yard that has lights every where. Right past that house, keep looking to the left and toward the back you will see the home shining bright in the night with lots of colorful lights.

Back on the right, the Smith home has lighted yard art (old tractor) and bright white lights hanging every where. Next, across the road back in the pasture, a house is outlined in wonderful Christmas colors and you can't miss how the Jimmy Puley family has decorated their pond's floating deck and their home. Back on the right, the Swander's yard is once again full of Christmas delights. Glance back behind that and the Aichey home has some wonderful red and



SNOW!!! - A fine blanket of snow covered the nativity scene at the First Baptist Church of Goodrich on Friday morning.

white lights shining in the dark. Back on FM 2665, you can't miss all the bright colorful lights on the right at the next home covering the gates and outlining the fence.

Back in Goodrich on FM 1988, the Goodrich First Baptist Church has their nativity scene out front, which was used in the Livingston Parade Saturday. Just as it was in the Goodrich Parade Dec. 2.

Next is my forever favorite, the Gates home. I visit every year until I see Mrs. Gates has her activity set out and then I know it's time to head back to the decorations. Turn right on Loop 393 and on the right is colorful lights outlining Susan Ryman's fence.

On up the road a bit, the Nelson home is outlined in bright blue lights and colorful lights outline their walkway. Right next to that, the Stephens home has a porch outlined in white and bright colorful lights.

On up some more, you can't miss Norma Jean Sherman's colorful lights. Turn around and go back south on Loop 393, Goodrich City Hall is loaded with lights and it looks wonderful. Down the loop by the old barns are more it Santa's Shack where Santa will be making appearances from snow through Christmas at certain times, which will be posted.

Down on the right, the little house on the corner of Loop 393 and FM 1988 West is decorated with a wonderful white tree and white wreaths. Next, Gokey's Old Town Emporium has a beautiful lighted forest of Christmas trees and the shop windows are all full of festive designs.

Back behind the empotium, you can see beautiful lights peeking out in the dark of night from that home. Across the street, despite her injury, Nia Gokey has her home outlined in Christmas lights and a

giant wreath out front. Down to the end of the loop, the Christmas lighted display is open to the public (donations may be required).

This is all I have seen this week, due to the fact I was super busy getting my shop ready for our annual Christmas open house, but now that I have that event behind me, I will have more time to go out on my hunt for Christmas decorations and lights. Please remember to leave your lights on until at least 9 p.m. or later if possible, because with my work schedule it's late when I make my rounds to see the lights.

I can't travel every road every night, so the best way to make sure I see your lights is to email me at goodrichnews@yahoon.com and tell me your name, your address and that you have Christmas decorations outside or email me about someone else's Christmas lights that you think I need to see. It's time - let's make our community glow!

The coming Saturday, Dec. 16, there is a very special event coming up in Goodrich. The Goodrich First Baptist Church is doing something new this Christmas season. They will be performing a Christmas-themed play entitled "Bethlehem Speaks" written by Rochelle Livingston. This will be a one-night-only performance on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m. and refreshments will be served afterward in the fellowship hall of the church. Everyone is not only invited, but welcomed to come to this free Christmas event. The Goodrich First Baptist Church is located on FM 1988 across from the Goodrich school.

Goodrich School News
Important Dates:
Christmas New Years Winter Break for Goodrich ISD students will be from early

release at 12:45 p.m. on Dec. 20 until classes resume on January 8 (that's a long break).

Dec. 12 & 13 - Santa Store is open 11:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Dec. 12 - Basketball - HIS G B at Shepherd 6 p.m.

Dec. 12 - Reading Club

Dec. 14 - Holiday Luncheon in cafeteria

Dec. 14 - Regular School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 15 - 4th grade Writing CBA

Dec. 15 - Basketball Girls at Trinity 6 p.m.

Dec. 15 - Basketball - HIS Boys at Pinewood Academy 7:30 p.m.

Unalaska First Baptist Church choir will present a Christmas cantata on Friday, December 15th at 7:00pm. The church is located at 465 S FM 356. All are welcome.

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News Around Town

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US 59 Corrigan Relief Route (Future I-69) Public Hearing

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Open House: 4 - 5:45 p.m.

Public Hearing: 6 - 7:00 p.m.

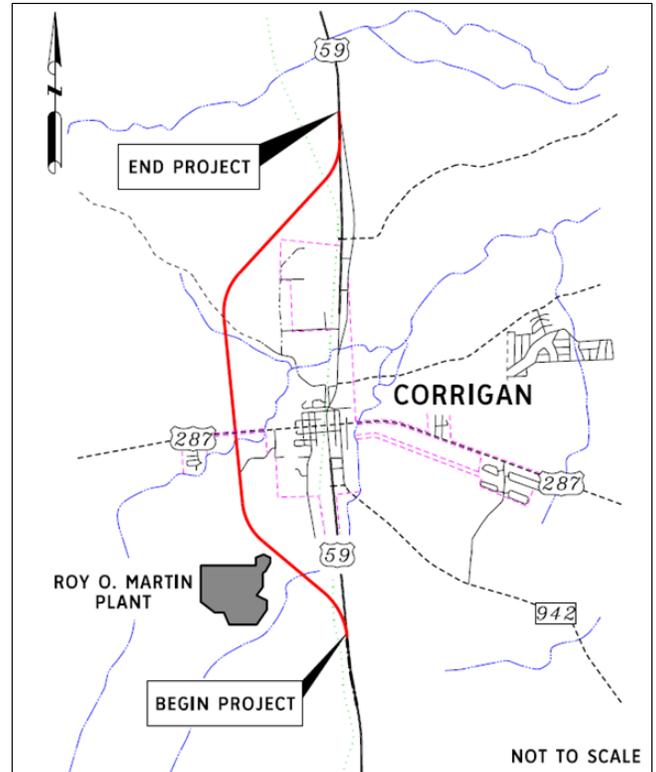
Corrigan-Camden High School Cafeteria
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Proposed Improvements

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More Information:

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Ruta de Alivio de US 59 de Corrigan (Futuro I-69) Audiencia Pública

Jueves, 14 de Diciembre de 2017

Exhibición: 4 – 5:45 p.m.

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Cafeteria de la escuela Corrigan-Camden High

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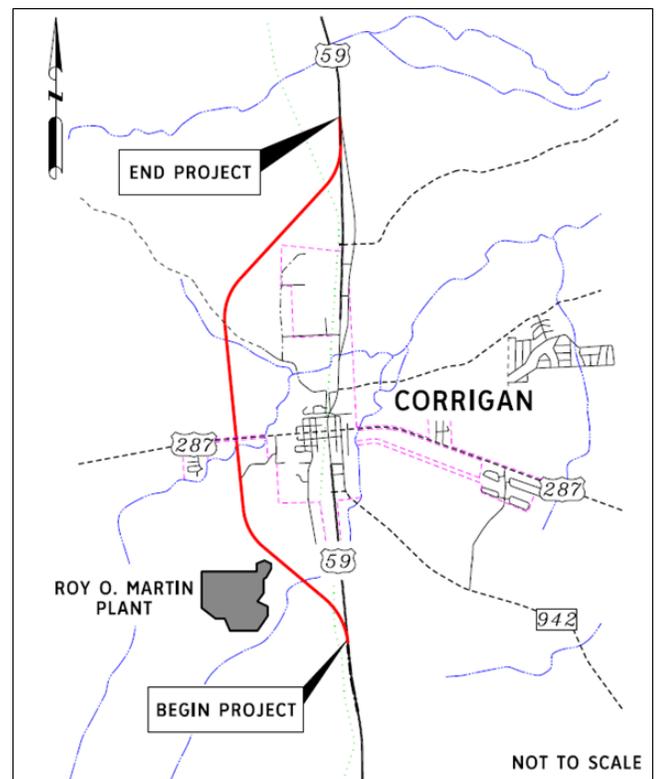
Mejoramientos Propuestos

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Entre las 4 p.m. y las 5:45 p.m. habrá una exhibición que se llevará a cabo en formato casual donde podrán ir y venir y platicar uno a uno con personal de TxDOT con respecto al proyecto. A las 6 p.m. comenzará la presentación formal de la audiencia.

Para Más Información:

Para obtener más información o si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor visite el sitio web de TxDOT en <http://www.txdot.gov/drivenbytexans/us-59-polk.htm> o comuníquese con Jennifer Adams, Gerenta del Proyecto del I-69 al Jennifer.Adams@txdot.gov, (936) 633-4469 o visite <https://twitter.com/txdotlufkin>. Si planea asistir a la exhibición pública y tiene necesidades de comunicación o capacidades especiales, por favor llame a Rhonda Oaks, Oficial de Información Pública de TxDOT antes del 12 de diciembre, al (936) 633-4395.



La revisión ambiental, consultas y otras acciones requeridas por las leyes ambientales federales aplicables para este proyecto están siendo o han sido, llevadas a cabo por TxDOT en virtud de 23 U.S.C. 327 y un Memorando de Entendimiento fechado el 16 de diciembre de 2014, y ejecutado por FHWA y TxDOT.

You are receiving this notice for the sole purpose of notifying all Corrigan area property owners about this upcoming public hearing opportunity. The mailing list was procured through the Polk County Appraisal District.

El unico proposito de este aviso es para notificar a todos los duenos de propeidad en el area de Corrigan de la proxima audiencia publica. La lista de duenos ha sido procurado por el Distrito de Tasacion de Polk County.

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El Departamento de Transportación de Texas (TxDOT) será anfitrión de una audiencia pública sobre la ruta de alivio de US 59 (Próxima I-69). Podría comunicarse con el personal de TxDOT y presentar sus preguntas entre 4 pm y 5:45 pm. Una presentacion formal comenzara a las 6 pm.



1805 N. Timberland Drive
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Questions or comments? Please contact:

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Sign up for project updates by visiting www.txdot.gov. Enter "US 59 Corrigan" in the search area.

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US 59 CORRIGAN RELIEF ROUTE (FUTURE I-69) PUBLIC HEARING

Where:

Corrigan-Camden High School Cafeteria 504 S. Home
St.
Corrigan, TX 75939 ([Map](#))

When:

Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017
Open House: 4 – 5:45 p.m.
Public Hearing: 6 – 7:00 p.m.

TxDOT is hosting a public hearing regarding the [US 59 Corrigan Relief Route \(future I-69\)](#). This event is being held to display the planned improvement, and receive comments on the proposed project. Between 4 p.m. and 5:45 p.m., the meeting will be a come-and-go format where you can review displays, the schematic and environmental documentation. TxDOT staff will also be available to visit with you one-on-one regarding the project. At 6:00 p.m., TxDOT will begin the formal public hearing presentation.

Visit the [project page](#) for more information. Contact Information

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6 p.m. Public Hearing

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Description: TxDOT held an open house meeting on August 5, 2015, to seek public input on the previously studied alternatives. Results of the meeting found that approximately 70% of respondents supported further development of the W2 alternative.

The proposed project would include constructing new US 59 northbound and southbound main lanes, ramps, and overpasses. It would:

- Bring US 59 up to interstate standards for possible future I-69 designation
Improve safety
Enhance mobility along the US 59 corridor
Provide a more efficient hurricane evacuation route

The construction date will be set once funding becomes available.

For additional information or if you have any questions, please visit US 59 Corrigan Relief Route (Future I-69) project page.

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For public comments to be part of the official record, the public can provide verbal comments at the public hearing following the presentation or submit written comments to the Lufkin District on or before December 29, 2017.

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PUBLIC HEARING
US 59 CORRIGAN RELIEF ROUTE (FUTURE I-69)
CORRIGAN-CAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL
DECEMBER 14, 2017
6:00 P.M.

1 MS. MORRIS: Okay. We're going to go ahead and
2 get started. My name is Kelly Morris. I'm the Director of
3 Transportation, Planning, and Development for the Texas
4 Department of Transportation.

5 Before we begin tonight's presentation, please
6 silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

7 In case of an emergency, the exits are located
8 at the doors you just came through to my left and your
9 right. Also, in the event of bad weather or tornado, we
10 will shelter in place in this room.

11 Finally, the restrooms are located just outside
12 the doors in the hallway and down the hallway to your right
13 and just to the left past the gym door

14 Today is Thursday, December 14th, 2017 and the
15 time is 6:01 p.m. We will now open the public hearing. And
16 on behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation, I would
17 like to thank you for your interest and participation in
18 this public hearing. We would also like to thank the
19 Corrigan-Camden High School for the use of the facility.

20 As you entered tonight you were asked to
21 register at the sign-in table. If you have not already done
22 so, please register before you leave tonight so we have a
23 record of your participation in this public hearing. If you
24 are interested in speaking during the formal comment period
25 and you have not filled out the speaker registration card,

1 please raise your hand and one will be provided to you.

2 Julie Bovien is right there in the back of the room. So if
3 you would like to fill out a speaker comment card, then feel
4 free to raise your hand, and she will provide you one.

5 We would also like to welcome and recognize the
6 elected official here in attendance tonight. With us we
7 have Representative White, Judge Murphy. She was here
8 earlier. She may not be that room. Billy Stafford with
9 the City of Corrigan, Commissioner Fergus, County
10 Commissioner precinct three. The City Manager, Mr.
11 Heardman. And Ms. Gibson, the Mayor of Corrigan. And Ms.
12 Baldwin with the city council.

13 If there is any other elected official present
14 tonight, please raise your hand and be recognized. Each of
15 you will be given the opportunity to speak prior to the
16 public comment period.

17 Prior to December 16th, 2014, the Federal
18 Highway Administration, FHWA, reviewed and approved
19 documents prepared under the National Environmental Policy
20 Act, known as NEPA. However, on December 16th, 2014, TxDot
21 received responsibility from FHWA for reviewing and
22 approving certain assigned NEPA environmental documents.

23 The notices of this public hearing were
24 advertised in the publications noted on this slide.

25 The purpose of this public hearing is to

1 present the proposed construction of the US 59 Corrigan
2 relief route, the preliminary findings of the environmental
3 assessment, and to receive your comment to the proposed
4 project.

5 Public comment session will begin following the
6 presentation, and because of the guidelines for public
7 hearing and the public comments period, we are constrained
8 in responding to comments and questions during the comment
9 period. We appreciate your understanding in this and will
10 be available afterwards to answer any additional questions
11 you may have.

12 This official public hearing will adjourn after
13 all the verbal comments have been heard.

14 Now, I'd like to introduce Mr. Tony Kirkendal,
15 the project engineer, who will discuss the engineering for
16 the proposed US 59 Corrigan relief project.

17 MR. KIRKENDAL: All right. Thank you, Kelly.
18 The proposed project limits for the US 49 Corrigan relief
19 project are from three miles south of 287 to 3.4 miles north
20 of U.S. 2287, a distance of about 6.4 miles.

21 US 59 through Corrigan does not meet current
22 interstate design standards and is an uncontrolled access
23 highway with crossover turning movement. Meanwhile, traffic
24 in the area is projected to increase 37 percent from 2019 to
25 2039.

1 In addition, the interstate 69 committee report
2 and recommendations noted, and quote. It said, Corrigan is
3 the worst congestion spot north of Houston on US 59 with log
4 trucks from local mills adding to the congestion.
5 Therefore, the proposed project is needed.

6 The US 59 project will provide many beneficial
7 improvements. However, the purpose of the proposed project
8 is to bring US 59 in the Corrigan area up to current
9 interstate design standard by making US 59 a controlled
10 access roadway within the project length. The project's
11 purpose will also provide for reduced congestion and
12 increased mobility.

13 The proposed project being presented tonight
14 was designed to meet interstate standards for possible
15 future designation as I 69 and would construct a new
16 location controlled access relief route west of US 59.

17 Controlled access means there is no direct
18 access to the US 59 main lanes. Access to the main lines is
19 allowed via entrance and exit ramps. There are no
20 continuous frontage roads proposed.

21 The relief route, which consists of four lanes,
22 two in each direction. This construction would include
23 overpasses on the north and south end at Union Pacific
24 Railroad, US 287, and Union Springs Road.

25 The schematic design includes an approximate

1 one half mile extension of Industrial Road to US 59,
2 including the northbound exit ramp to Industrial Road.

3 The proposed right-of-way would vary from 300
4 feet minimum along the proposed main lane section all the
5 way to 800 feet maximum at the overpasses.

6 This is a depiction of the typical features of
7 the proposed project. The proposed U.S. 59 Corrigan relief
8 route would typically consist of four 12-foot wide travel
9 lanes, two in each direction, six-foot wide inside
10 shoulders, and six-foot wide outside shoulders that could
11 accommodate bicycles. There will be an 88-foot wide grassy
12 median and open ditches.

13 The typical proposed right-of-way does vary.
14 High pass safety lighting has been planned at ramp
15 locations.

16 This completes the engineering and design
17 portion of the presentation. I would like to now introduce
18 Tom Allemand, who will present the findings of the
19 environmental cite.

20 MR. ALLEMAND: Good evening. Thank you, Tony.
21 A draft environmental assessment, the EA, was prepared to
22 proposed project in compliance both the Texas Department of
23 Transportation environmental rules and the National
24 Environmental Policy Act, NEPA. It is available tonight for
25 your review.

1 The purpose of the EA is to study the potential
2 environmental consequences of the proposed project and
3 determine whether such consequences warrant preparation of
4 an environmental impact statement.

5 The draft EA sets out to accomplish four
6 objectives. Compare the build and no build alternatives,
7 present existing conditions, evaluate potential impact, and
8 summarize coordination with the public and resource
9 agencies.

10 The no build alternative and build alternative
11 were considered for the this project. The no build
12 alternative would leave the existing US 59 roadway as is,
13 with no improvement. Normal routine maintenance would
14 continue. The no build alternative would not meet or
15 satisfy the stated purpose of the proposed project of
16 bringing US 59 up to interstate standards in the Corrigan
17 area.

18 The build alternative would identify and
19 develop using information from alignment studies, public
20 involvement efforts, and environmental studies. This
21 alternative, as proposed, would satisfy the needed purpose
22 of the proposed project and avoid and/or minimize potential
23 adverse impacts to the extent practicable.

24 As part of the environment assessment process,
25 natural, cultural, and social resources were identified --

1 were evaluated for potential impact as a result of the
2 proposed project.

3 In the following slide I'll highlight and
4 discuss the resources that were determined to have potential
5 impact resulting from the proposed project.

6 The proposed project would require
7 approximately 358 acres new right-of-way and the
8 displacement of three single-family residences. The
9 proposed project would convert approximately two acres of
10 industrial, approximately 82 acres of residential,
11 approximately four acres of pasture, and approximately
12 270 acres of pine plantation for transportation use.

13 Community features that we found to be
14 potentially impacted included travel pattern and visual
15 impact.

16 Some traffic intended businesses through town
17 may experience reduced business. However, travel time for
18 local traffic would decrease and mobility in the area would
19 increase. The congestion would be reduced. It is
20 anticipated this would allow local residents to travel
21 throughout the town easier and thus access to these
22 businesses would be improved.

23 Due to the construction of new elevated
24 structures and roadway in a rural setting, visual and
25 aesthetic impacts are anticipated. It is the policy of

1 TxDOT to build visually pleasing travel ways, coupling
2 beauty with functional capabilities.

3 During construction, the contractor would also
4 be directed to locate digging areas away from digging
5 sensitive areas where practical and where land is available.
6 Construction activity would be limited to daylight hours to
7 eliminate the need to use high wattage lighting sources
8 during night hours to the maximum deemed practicable.
9 Reseeding and re vegetation would take place in areas
10 disturbed during construction.

11 A traffic noise analysis will be done along the
12 project length and increased noise levels are predicted to
13 occur. The proposed project will result in a traffic noise
14 impact to five representing receivers. Noise barriers were
15 evaluated and were not found to be reasonably feasible.
16 Therefore, no abatement measures were proposed from the
17 proposed findings.

18 The vegetation would be disturbed by the
19 construction of the project within the existing and proposed
20 right-of-way. TxDOT will minimize impact to native
21 vegetation to the maximum extent practicable.

22 Construction of the new roadway would impact
23 wildlife populations as a result habitat modifications,
24 fragmentation, and loss as well as operation and maintenance
25 of the roadway. However, there are numerous proposed bridge

1 structures that would provide areas for wildlife to cross.

2 During construction and post construction, best
3 management practices would be implemented, including
4 contracted draining, erosion and sedimentation control, and
5 reseeding and vegetation in certain areas according to TxDOT
6 standard.

7 53 water features, including streams, wells,
8 and ponds were identified on the proposed right-of-way. All
9 of these features are considered potentially jurisdictional
10 water for the U.S. within the project limits. It is not
11 known at this time how these waters will be impacted.
12 However, it is anticipated that the project would require a
13 Section 404 individual permit with the Corps of Engineers.

14 Our house is focused on potential impact on
15 local economy, including traffic dependent businesses along
16 existing US 59 that may be affected by the new location of
17 the route. All other resources are not included in this
18 analysis due to the lack of potential substantial direct and
19 indirect impact.

20 One of the key concerns in regards to the
21 relocation of the relief route, particularly in smaller
22 towns and cities, is the potential impact on local
23 businesses. The main concern for these businesses is that
24 motorist traveling through Corrigan would be offered the
25 expediency and convenience of the proposed relief route in

1 lieu of driving through the existing US 59 where these
2 businesses are located. This may result in the loss of
3 sales and revenue due to the reduced traffic in the area.
4 The magnitude and duration of this potential impact is not
5 known at this time. However, facility is anticipated to
6 increase local economic activity.

7 Any increase in regional and local economic
8 activity is likely to result in an increase in population,
9 which is also likely to result in an increase in
10 corresponding traffic, local traffic. Increased traffic and
11 economic activity may benefit the businesses potentially
12 affected by the proposed relief route. Therefore, the
13 overall effect to the local economy is not anticipated to be
14 substantial.

15 Throughout the environmental process, TxDOT has
16 conducted public involvement activities and coordinated with
17 the resource agencies. Public involvement efforts of the
18 proposed project started in the late 1990s. Public
19 workshops were held on August 22nd, 1996, November 19th,
20 1996, July 17th, 1997, and May 11th, 2000. The most recent
21 public meetings were conducted on August 5th, 2014, and
22 December 12th, 2015.

23 TxDOT coordinated with the Texas Parks and
24 Wildlife Department. This concluded on April 19th, 2017.
25 The Texas Historical Commission for Archeology, this

1 concluded December 3rd, 1998 and recently, April 20th, 2017.
2 Section 106 travel consultation concluded on May 15th, 2017.
3 And coordination with the Texas Commission on Environmental
4 Quality concluded on November 13th, 2017. Additional
5 coordination with the TCQ and the Corps of Engineers will be
6 required prior to construction.

7 In the next step of the environmental process
8 all comments received tonight, as well as written comments
9 received on or before December 29th, 2017, will be included
10 in the official public hearing record and will be addressed
11 in the public hearing summary. The comments received will
12 be used to help finalize the schematic design for the
13 proposed project.

14 The EA and schematics are available for public
15 review, after this public hearing, at the TxDOT Lufkin
16 District office, the Livingston area office, and Corrigan
17 city hall. In addition, should you wish to obtain a copy
18 for your personal use, paper copies may be purchased for the
19 cost of reproduction.

20 This completes the environmental portion of the
21 presentation. I would like to now introduce Shelly Mathis,
22 who will discuss the right-of-way acquisition and relocation
23 process.

24 MS. MATHIS: Thank you, Tom.

25 The Texas Department of Transportation will be

1 responsible for acquiring the necessary right-of-way for the
2 project. Once an approved right-of-way map is approved,
3 state certified appraisers will be hired to appraise the
4 individual parcels.

5 During the appraisal process, each land owner
6 will be mailed a letter identifying the appraiser. Also, a
7 copy of the landowner's bill of rights will be sent
8 certified mail to all affected property owners.

9 The appraiser will contact the land owners in
10 order to set up an appointment to inspect the property. It
11 is highly recommended that landowners meet with this
12 appraiser. This will allow the landowners to point out
13 improvements, such as sprinkler systems, septic systems, as
14 well as other property improvements. The landowner can also
15 provide the appraiser with informations regarding tenants
16 or easement holders.

17 Once an appraisal is completed, the TxDOT
18 representative will make an appointment to meet with the
19 landowner and present a copy of the appraisal and written
20 offer for the property.

21 If you are displaced or have personal property
22 that is displaced by the project, you will be notified of
23 your eligibility for relocation assistance.

24 Relocation eligibility begins upon the delivery
25 of the initial offer to purchase right-of-way, and no person

1 lawfully occupying real property will be required to move
2 from their home, farm, or business without at least 90 days
3 written notice.

4 Make sure you pick up your brochure that's
5 entitled the State purchase of right-of-way. It will give
6 you more information about the process that we go through to
7 acquire property. It is located back around the corner.
8 And at that table we have some other brochures available as
9 well.

10 This concludes the right-of-way portion of the
11 public hearing. And at this time I would like to hand the
12 hearing back over to Ms. Kelly Morris.

13 MS. MORRIS: Thank you, Shelly.

14 Before we move into the public comment session,
15 I would like to discuss the project development schedule.

16 The public comment period, for this public
17 hearing, ends on December 29th, 2017 and all comments
18 received will be compiled and considered in the finalization
19 of the environmental analysis and schematic design.

20 TxDOT anticipates reaching a decision on the
21 approval of the US 59 Corrigan relief route environmental
22 assessment by Spring 2018. Right-of-way appraisals would
23 begin shortly thereafter. The overall right-of-way process,
24 including acquisition and relocation, are anticipated to
25 take two years.

1 In 2020 TxDOT will begin detailed engineering
2 plans and utility relocation. And these activities are
3 anticipated to be completed by early 2022.

4 In the December update to TxDOT's 2018 Unified
5 Transportation Program, the US 59 Corrigan relief route is
6 recommended for funding in 2022. The UCP was presented to
7 the Texas Transportation Commission for approval earlier
8 today.

9 At this time we will move to the public comment
10 portion of the hearing.

11 There are several ways to comment on the
12 proposed project. You can provide a verbal comment during
13 the public comment session and hearing. You will need to
14 fill out a speaker registration card first.

15 If you need one, again, just raise your hand
16 and a staff member will hand you one. When you've filled
17 out the card, hand the card back to the staff member or
18 raise your hand and we will pick them up.

19 When I call your name, please proceed to the
20 microphone and clearly state your name and who you may
21 represent, then speak our comment.

22 Please limit your speaking time to three
23 minutes so that everyone who wishes to speak may have an
24 opportunity to do so.

25 As I mentioned earlier, because of the

1 guidelines of the public hearings and the public comment
2 period, we are constrained in responding to comments and/or
3 questions during the comment period. We appreciate your
4 understanding of this. And we will be here after the
5 meeting to answer any questions that you may have.

6 If you do not wish to speak tonight, you may
7 also submit your comments in writing. There are comment
8 forms for providing written comments available tonight at
9 the sign-in table.

10 We have provided comment boxes, if you choose
11 to leave your completed comment form tonight; or your
12 comments may also be mailed or sent electronically to the
13 addresses shown on this slide and provided to you in your
14 handout.

15 Written comments must be E mailed or post
16 marked by December 29th, 2017. Both written and verbal
17 comments will be considered equally.

18 Is there anyone who wishes to turn in a comment
19 card or speaking registration card?

20 First I would like to begin the public comment
21 session by introducing your elected official who wish to
22 comment. Let's see. First we have Ms. Baldwin, with the
23 city council of Corrigan. And next we will have Ms. Gibson,
24 the Mayor of Corrigan. If you could just proceed to the
25 microphone and speak your name.

1 MS. BALDWIN: I don't have any comments, but I
2 do think this a worthwhile project for Corrigan and we want
3 the benefits like they said. But it is a step in the right
4 direction, because the congestion is really, really bad.
5 Thank you.

6 MS. MORRIS: I apologize, but could you say
7 your name? I'm sorry. I asked Ms. Baldwin and Ms. Gibson
8 both at the same time.

9 Ms. Baldwin: Okay. My name is Shirley
10 Baldwin.

11 MS. MORRIS: Thank you, ma'am. Ms. Gibson.

12 MS. GIBSON: My name is Joanna Gibson. I have
13 mixed emotions. I know this is going to affect a lot of our
14 citizens and people around the surrounding area as far as
15 their property goes. And our businesses I feel are going to
16 suffer from this. But I do realize that we have a
17 significant traffic congestion problem and we have been
18 having some major issues with that recently.

19 We had a meeting a couple weeks ago with TxDOT
20 and think it is going to help our traffic congestion.

21 MS. MORRIS: Thank you. Are there any other
22 elected officials that would like to speak? If so, just
23 raise your hand and we'll get you a speaker registration
24 card.

25 Now, I'd like to provide an opportunity for

1 those who have registered to speak on the proposed project.
2 Again, you have three minutes to make your comments. When I
3 announce your name, please come to the microphone and
4 clearly state your name and whom you may represent.

5 There is a timer located on the screen which
6 will indicate the beginning your three minutes. After three
7 minutes you will be asked to be seated so the next speaker
8 can make his other her comment. Unused time may not be
9 given to another speaker. If you have additional comments,
10 please complete the written comment form that was provided
11 to you.

12 Now, I'm going to ask for -- and apologize I if
13 I misspeak on this name. Ms. Kershtwick.

14 MS. KERSHTWICK: I don't need to speak.

15 MS. MORRIS: Okay. Thank you.

16 Is there anyone else who would like to speak
17 tonight?

18 Okay. I would like to thank everyone for their
19 comments. As I said earlier, staff will be on hand to
20 answer any additional questions you may have afterwards.

21 We will now close the public hearing. It is
22 exactly 6:28 p.m. and the hearing is adjourned. Please
23 drive safely.

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF NACOGDOCHES)

I, Gary Harris, CSR, State of Texas, do hereby certify
that the above and foregoing contains a true and correct
transcription of all portions of the proceedings requested
in writing, all of which were reported by me.

WITNESS MY OFFICIAL HAND this the 21st day of August,
2017.

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F. COMMENTS RECEIVED



PUBLIC COMMENT FORM
US 59 Corrigan Relief Route (Future I-69)
Public Hearing
Corrigan-Camden High School
Dec. 14, 2017

(optional contact information)

NAME: Kacee Kirschvink

ADDRESS: 6 Dawson ^{woods} Ct., The Woodlands, Tx

PHONE: 318-828-0350 77354

(Texas Transportation Code, §201.811(a)(5)): check each of the following boxes that apply to you:

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- I could benefit monetarily from the project or other item about which I am commenting.

The are two points I would like to have considered as part of the Schematic design process.

① Please Consider a Lease-back option for Relocations, so residents can stay in their homes as long as possible after acquisition

② Please seriously consider acquiring non-useful property that is adjacent to the property being required when

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it is deemed to have little or no value once the Right-of-way property is acquired.





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(optional contact information)

NAME: Angela Rice

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PHONE: 436-398-5890

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I work for Polk county but will benefit not immediately
but in the long term. project looks good
right now.

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(optional contact information)

NAME: WILLIAM OWENS

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PHONE: 936-465-661

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WE Need It.

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(optional contact information)

NAME: WALT WILSON
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PHONE: 936 465 3355

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Your Website on this Project
is very well done

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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.

From: Jennifer Adams <Jennifer.Adams@txdot.gov>
Date: December 18, 2017 at 11:08:31 AM CST
To: "Thomas Kuykendall (TKuykendall@civilcorp.us)" <TKuykendall@civilcorp.us>, "Allemand, Tom (tom.allemand@aecom.com)" <tom.allemand@aecom.com>
Subject: FW: TxDOT Internet E-Mail

Good morning,

Please find below electronic comment to be addressed and incorporated into the Public Hearing Summary.

Thanks
Jennifer

-----Original Message-----

From: jimwilsonrail@gmail.com [<mailto:jimwilsonrail@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 9:50 AM
To: Jennifer Adams; Kelly Morris
Subject: TxDOT Internet E-Mail

Name: Mr. Jim Wilson<jimwilsonrail@gmail.com>
Address:
4855 Magnolia Cove Drive #440
Kingwood, TX 77345

Phone:
(630) 240-1809

Requested Contact Method: Email

Reason for Contact: Customer Service
Complaint: No

Comment: Re: Corrigan Texas I-69 expansion options. I would be in favor of option E2a as it eliminates two overpasses over the Union Pacific Railroad. My logic for this is that any time you bridge over a railroad when you do not have to, you are opening yourself to potential damage to the bridge from a derailment.

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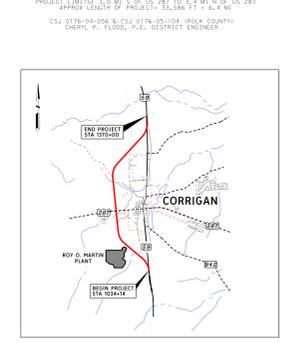
G. FIGURES



Attachment A

Preliminary Schematic Design

STATE OF TEXAS PRELIMINARY DESIGN SCHEMATIC US 59

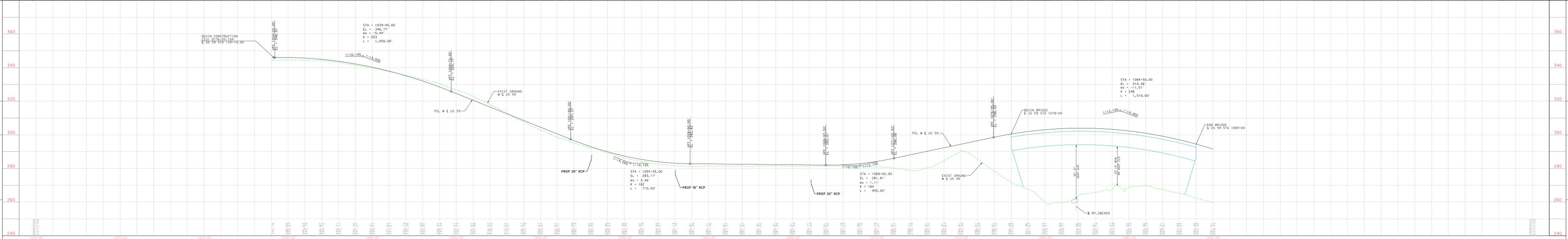
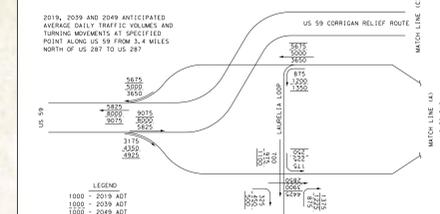
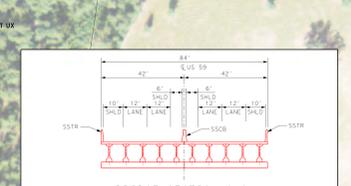
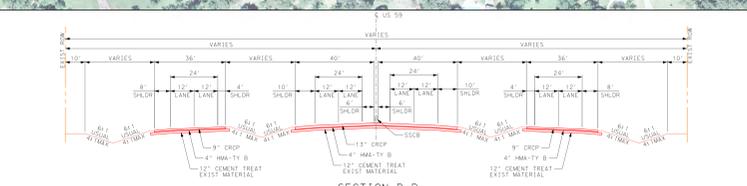
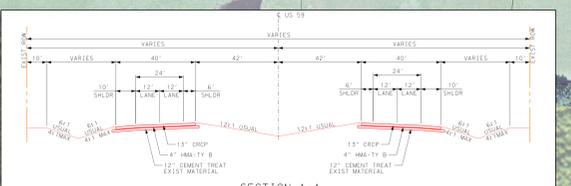
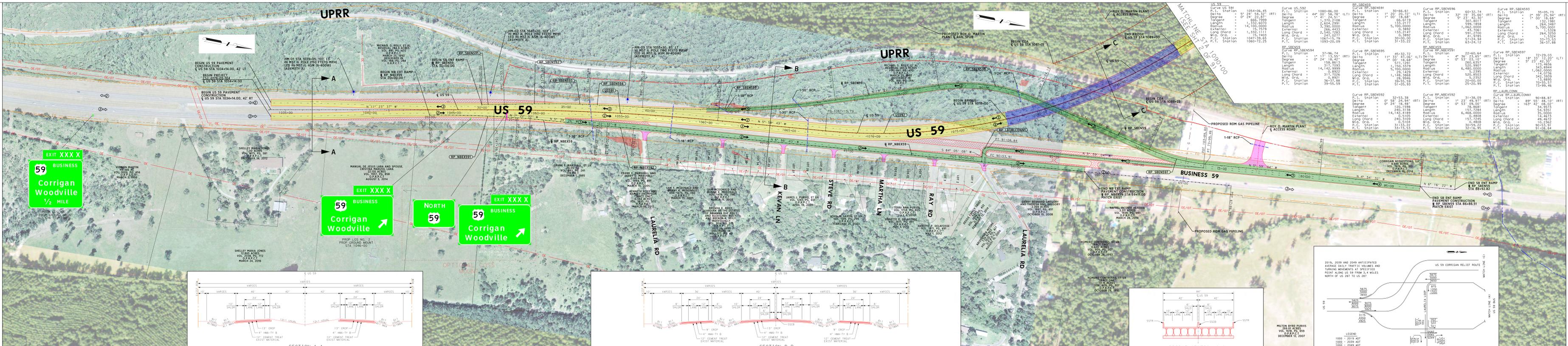


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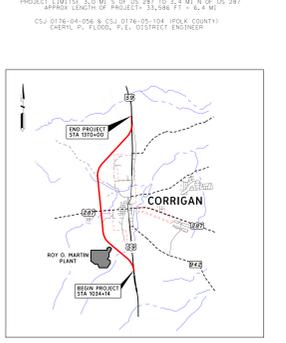
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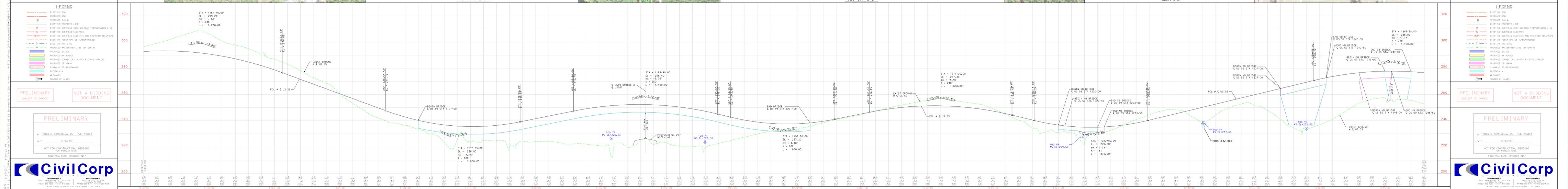
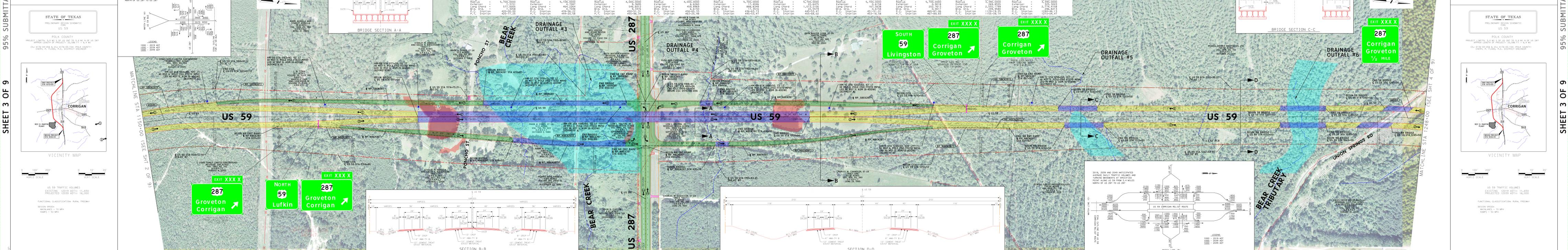
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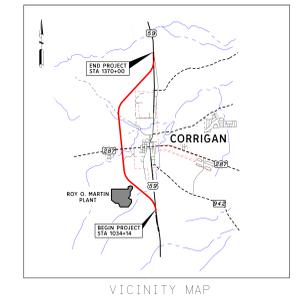
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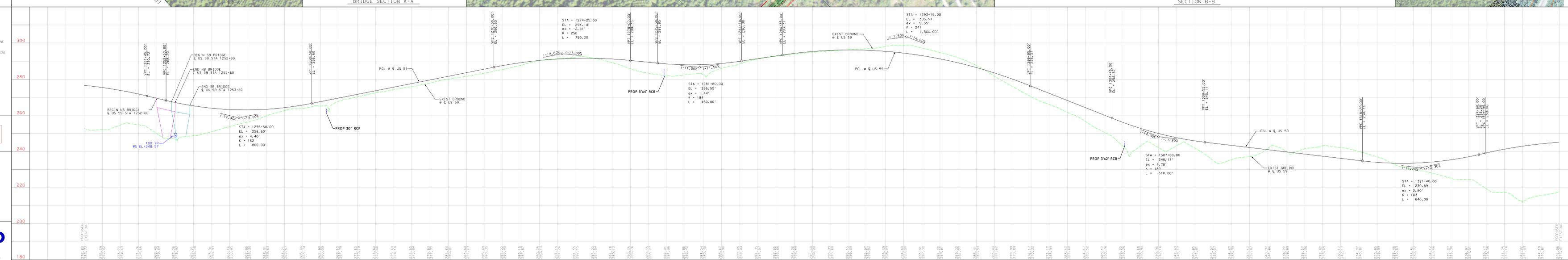
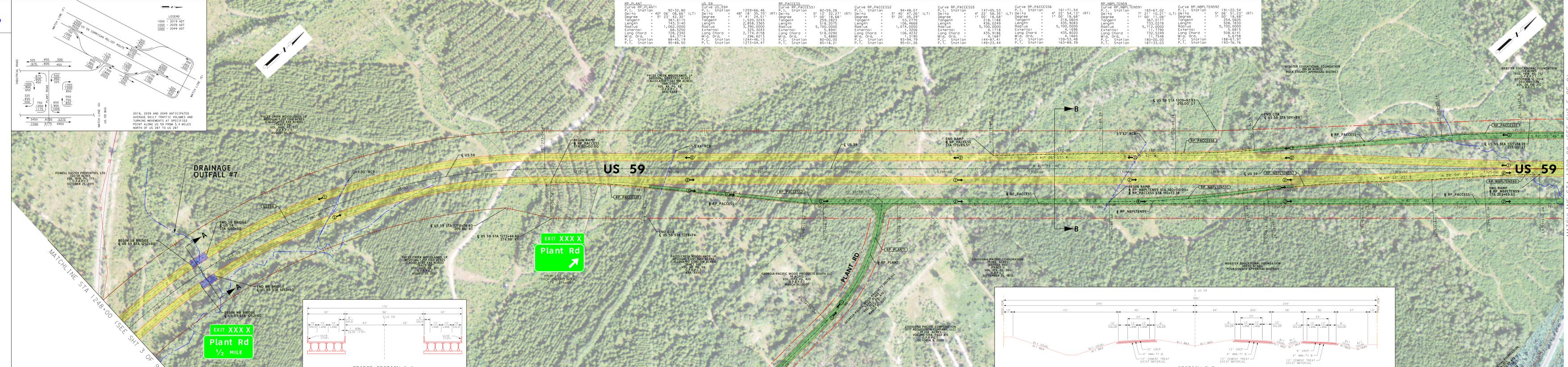
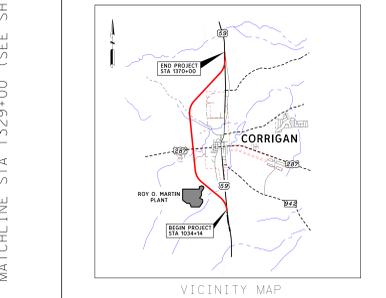


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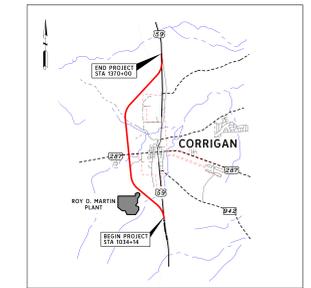
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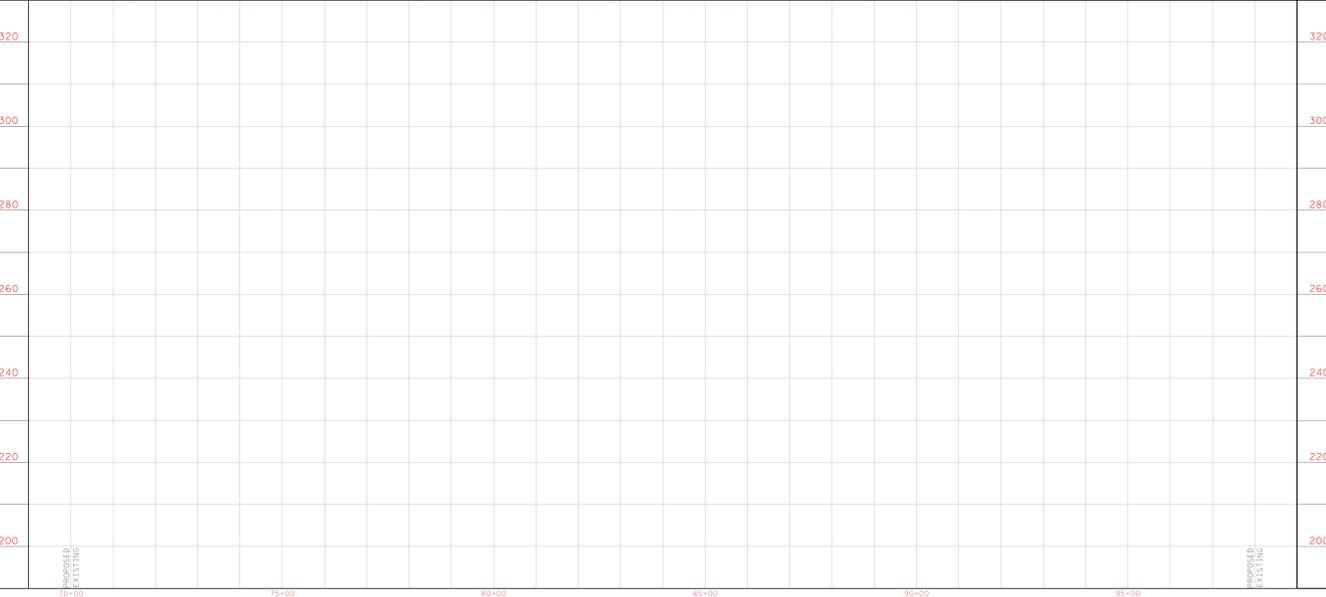
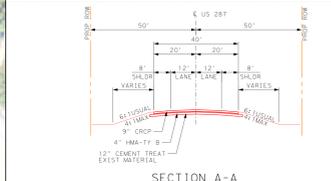
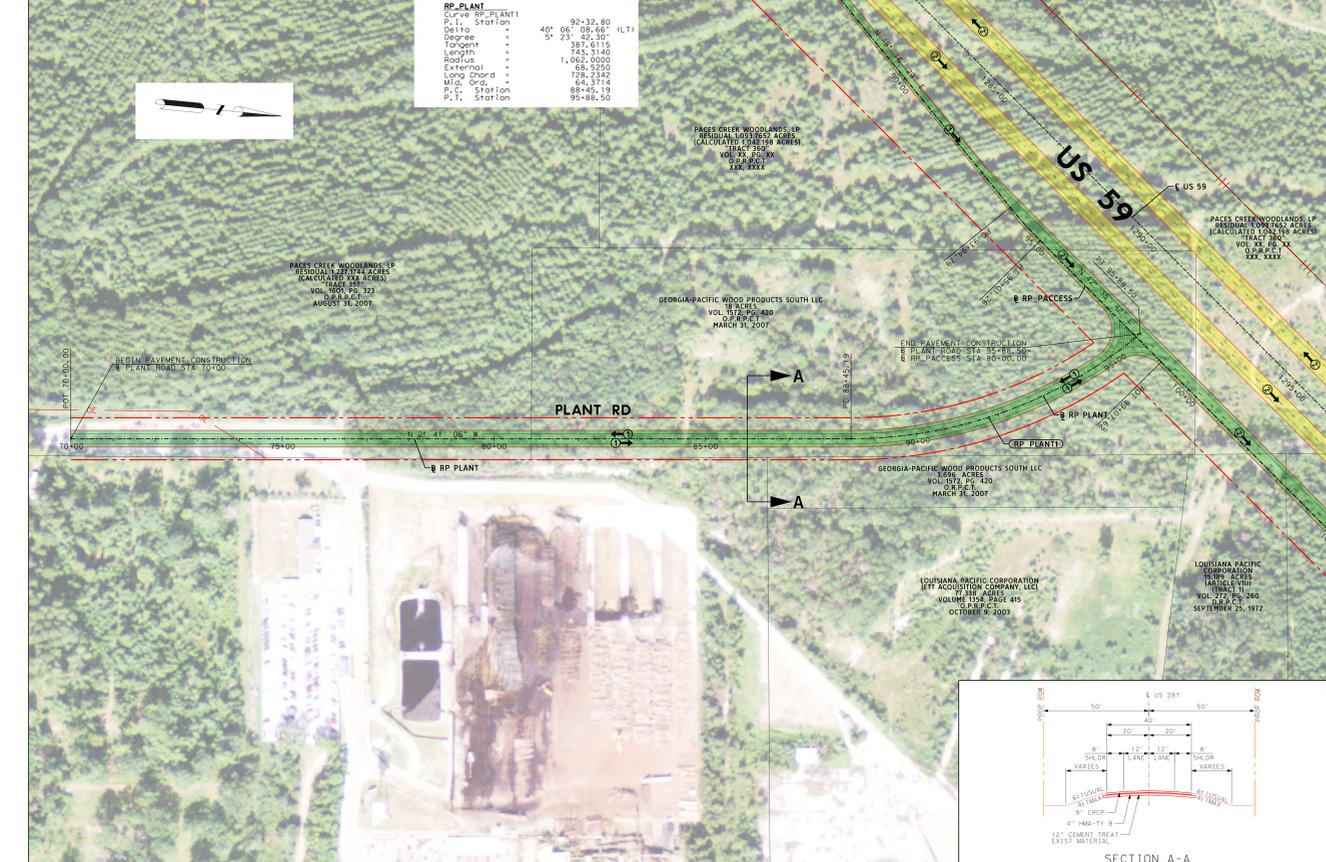
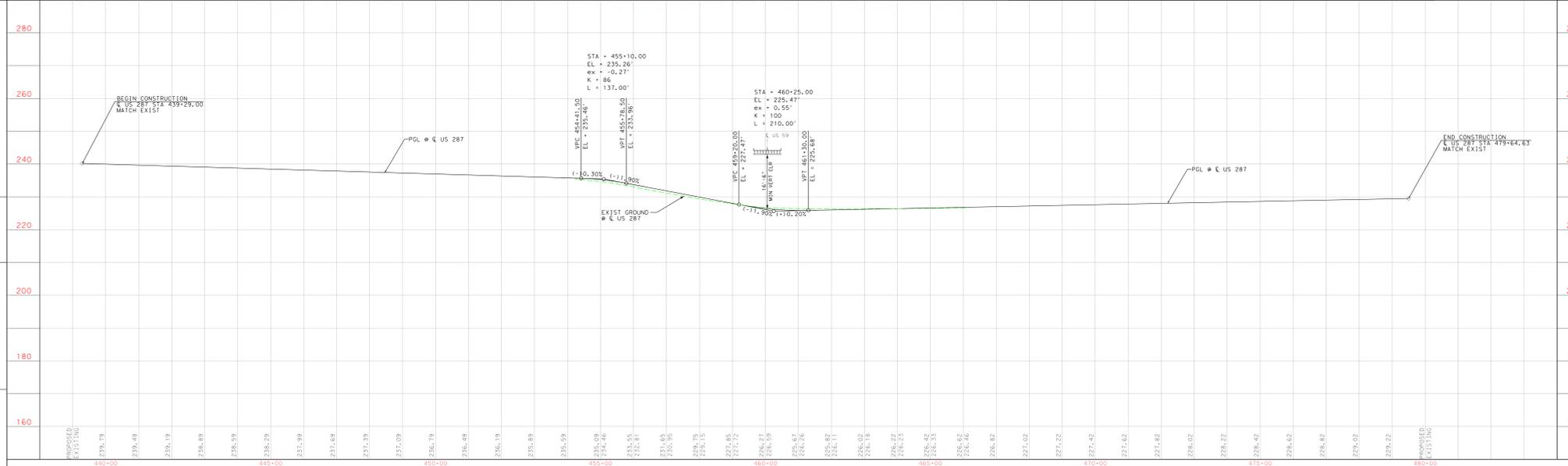
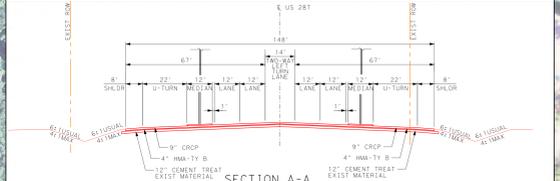
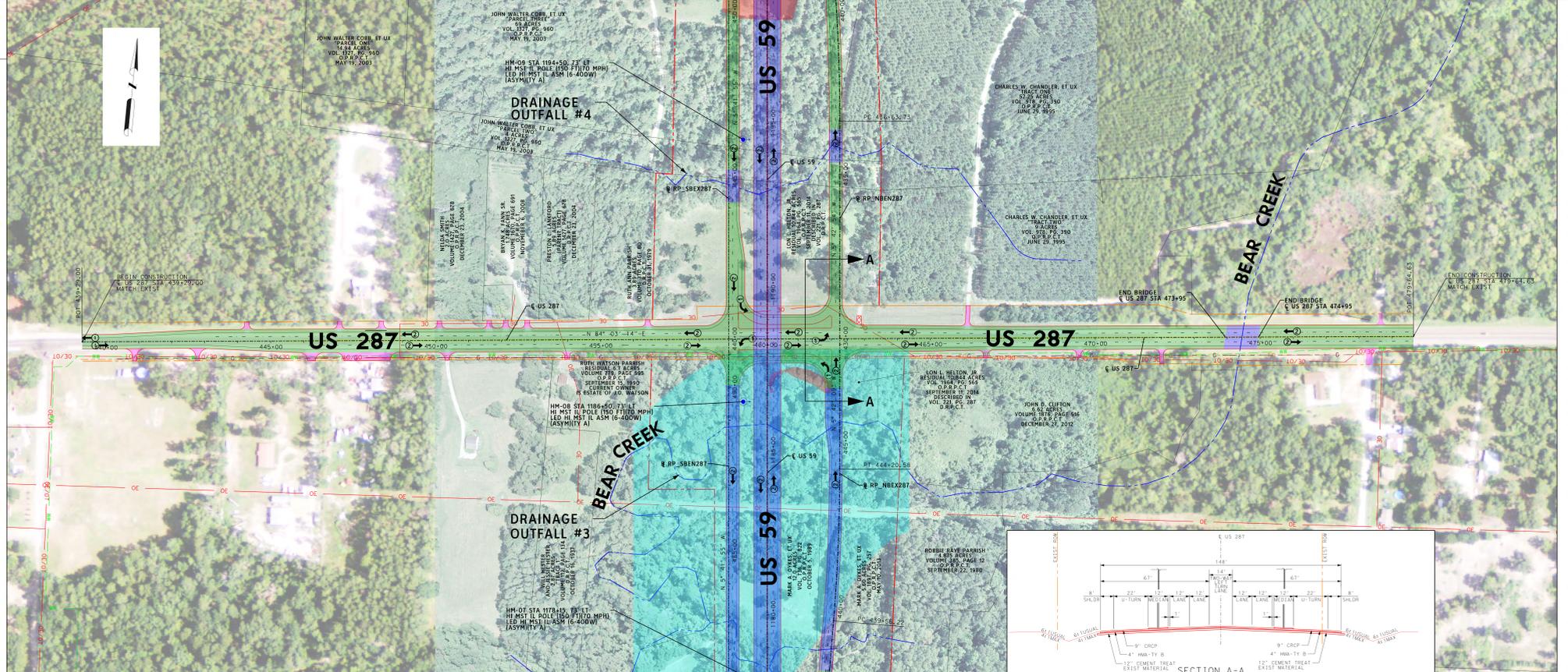


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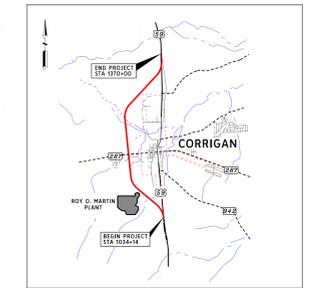
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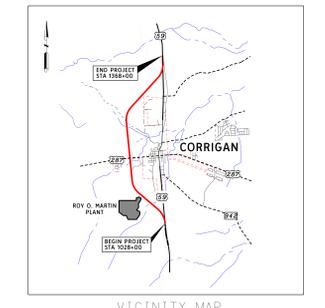
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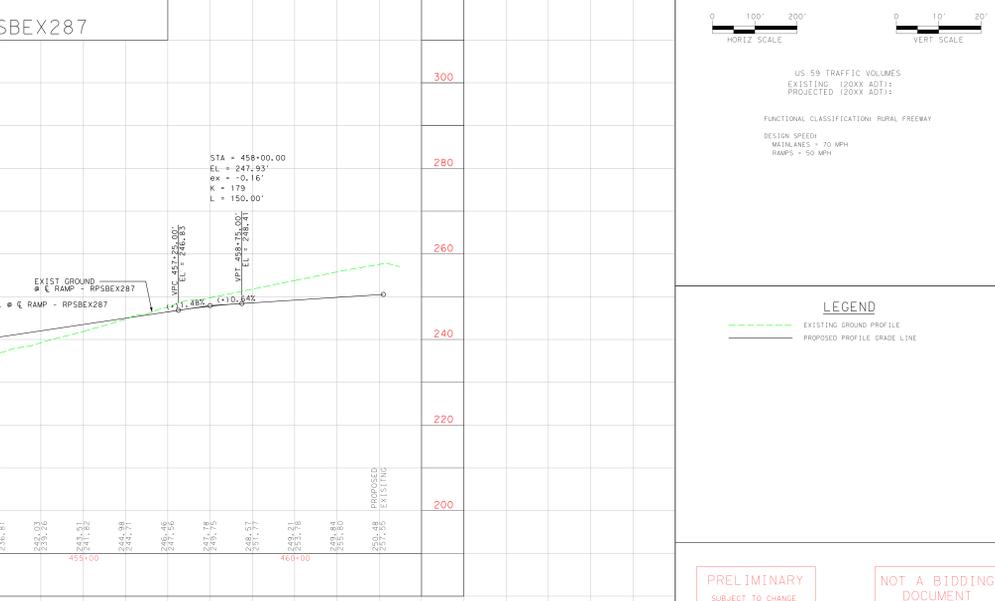
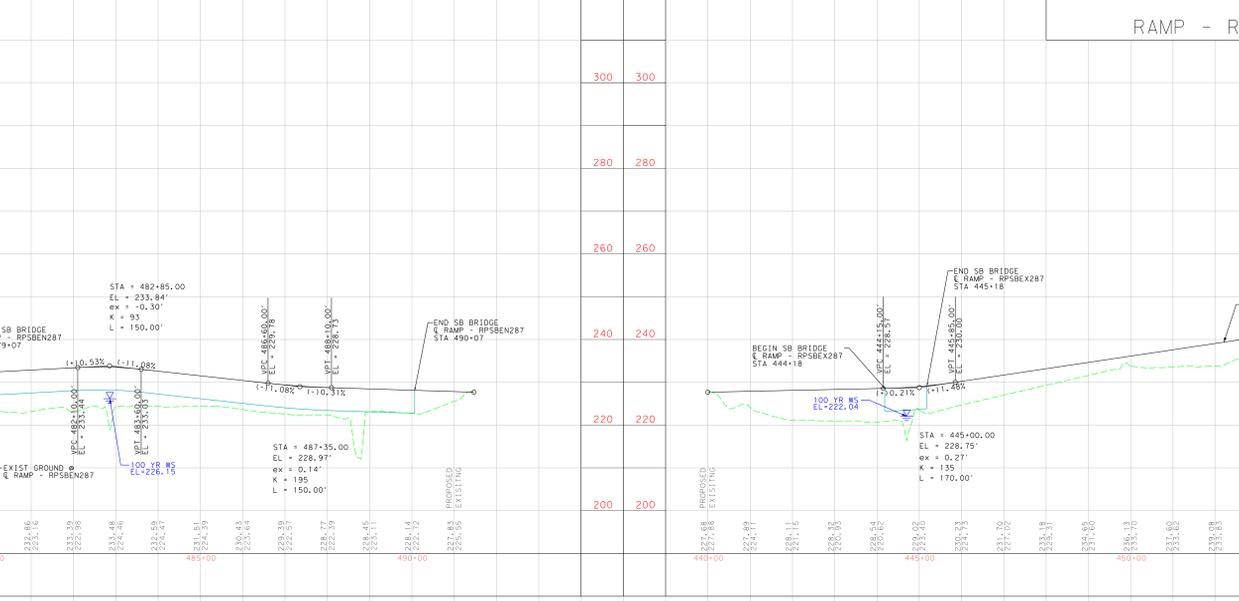
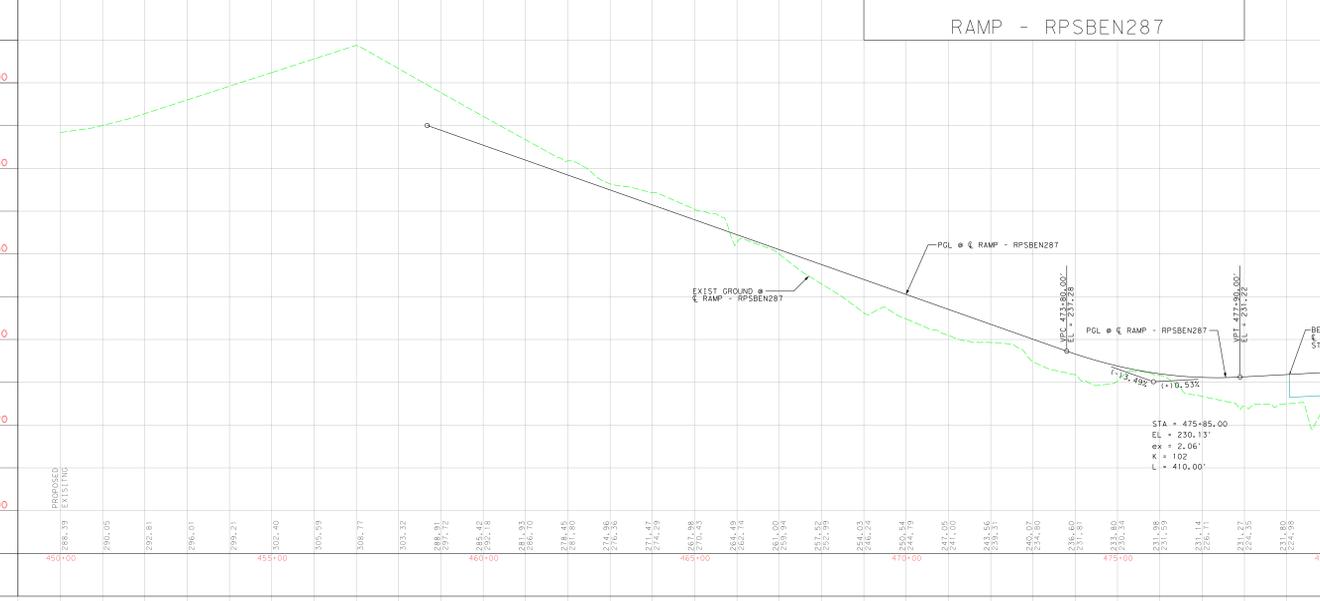
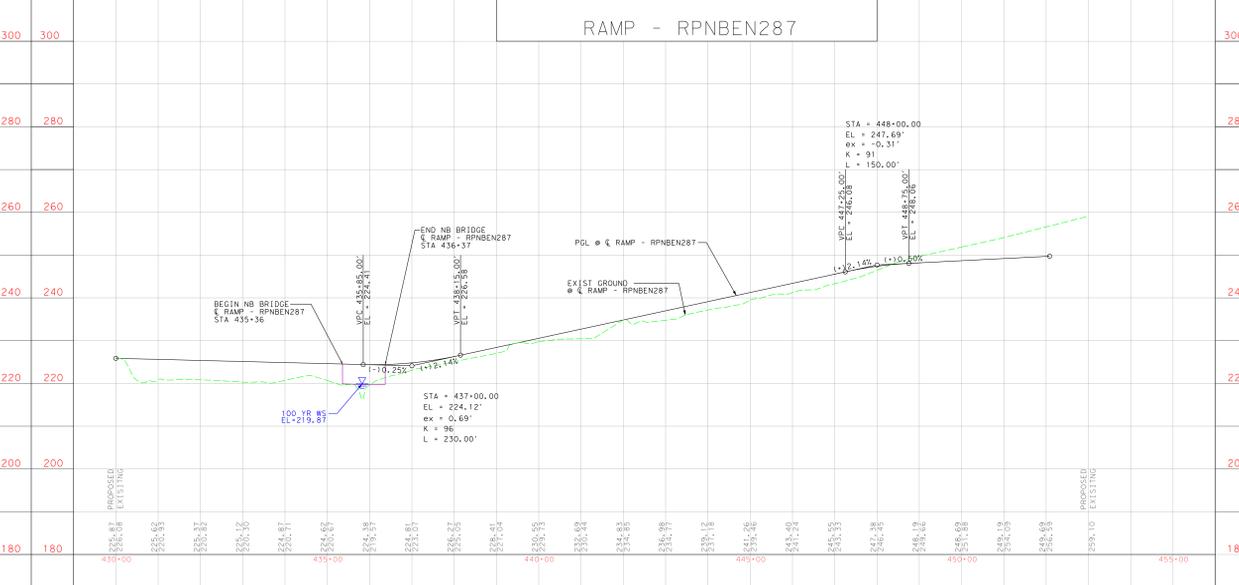
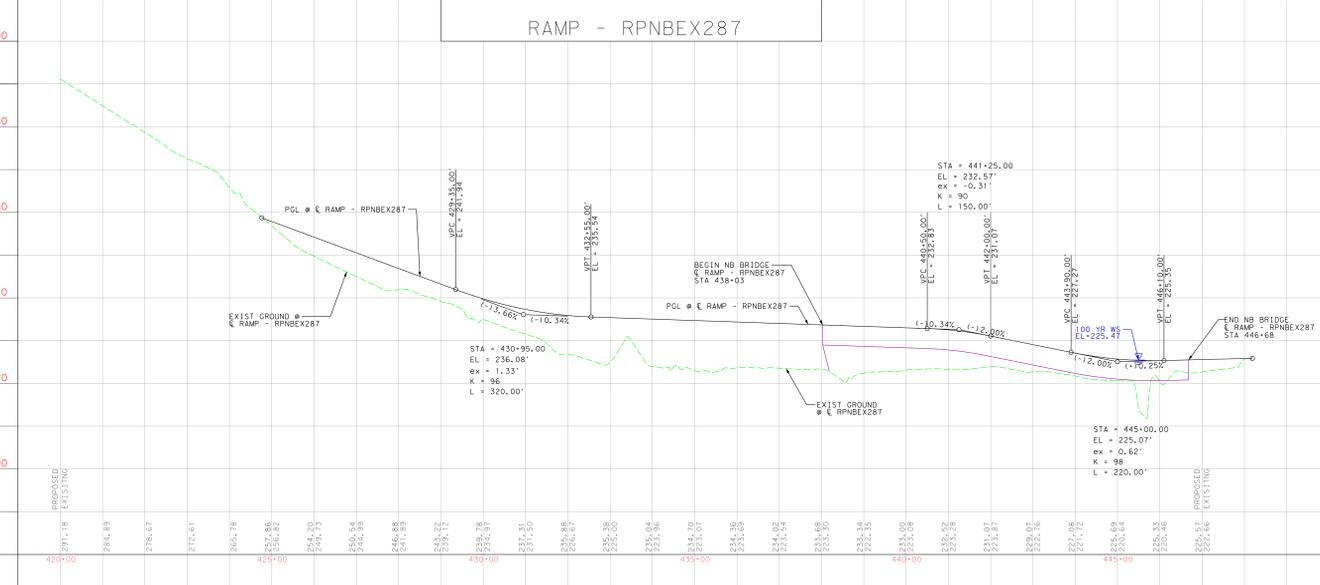
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RAMPS - 50 MPH

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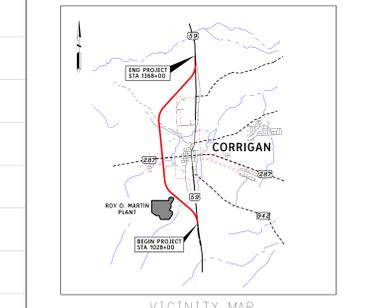
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Attachment B

Public Hearing Photographs



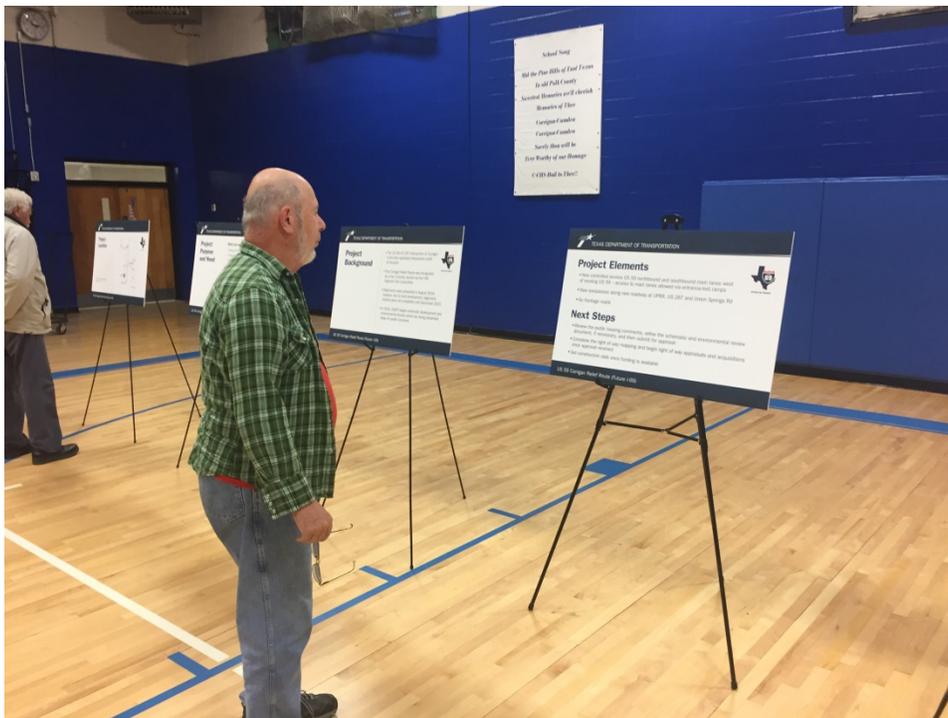
Sign-in table at the entrance of Camden-Corrigan High School.



Informational exhibits showing US 59 project details.



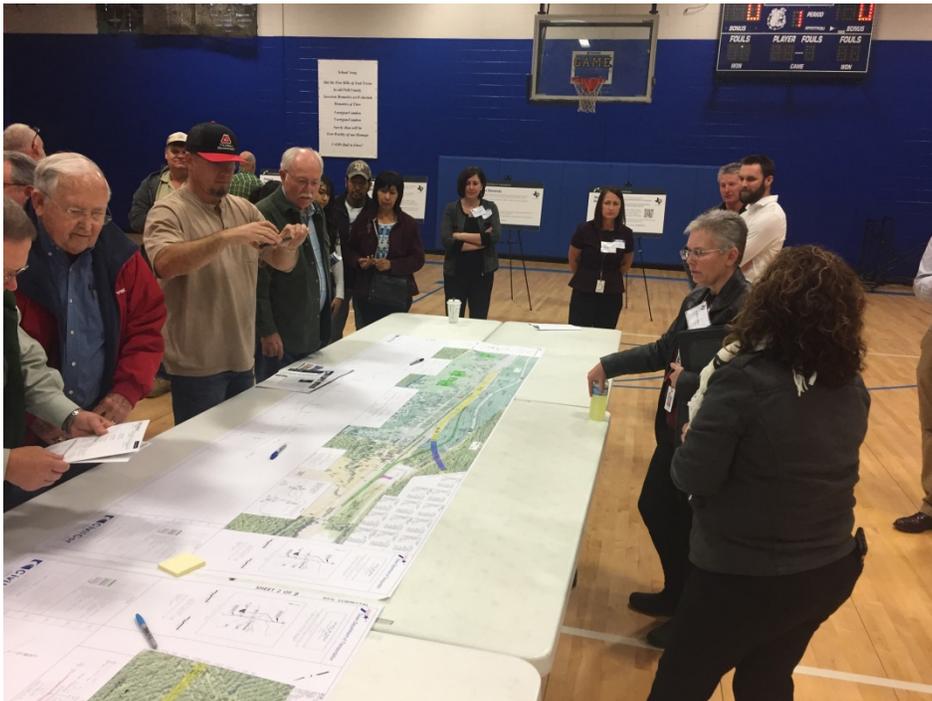
Overall layout of gymnasium, including schematics and exhibit boards.



Members of the public examining the US 59 exhibit boards.



Public Hearing attendees discussing project schematics with TxDOT and consultant staff.



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Public Hearing attendees discussing project schematics with TxDOT and consultant staff.



Public Hearing attendees reviewing project schematics.



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Set up for US 59 Public Hearing and public comment session.



The Public Hearing presentation and public comment session was opened by Kelly Morris, TxDOT Director of TP&D.



View of the Public Hearing presentation and public comment session.



The Public Hearing speakers deliver the presentation to attendees.



View of the Public Hearing presentation and public comment session.



Attachment C

Public Hearing Handouts

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



LUFKIN DISTRICT

December 2017



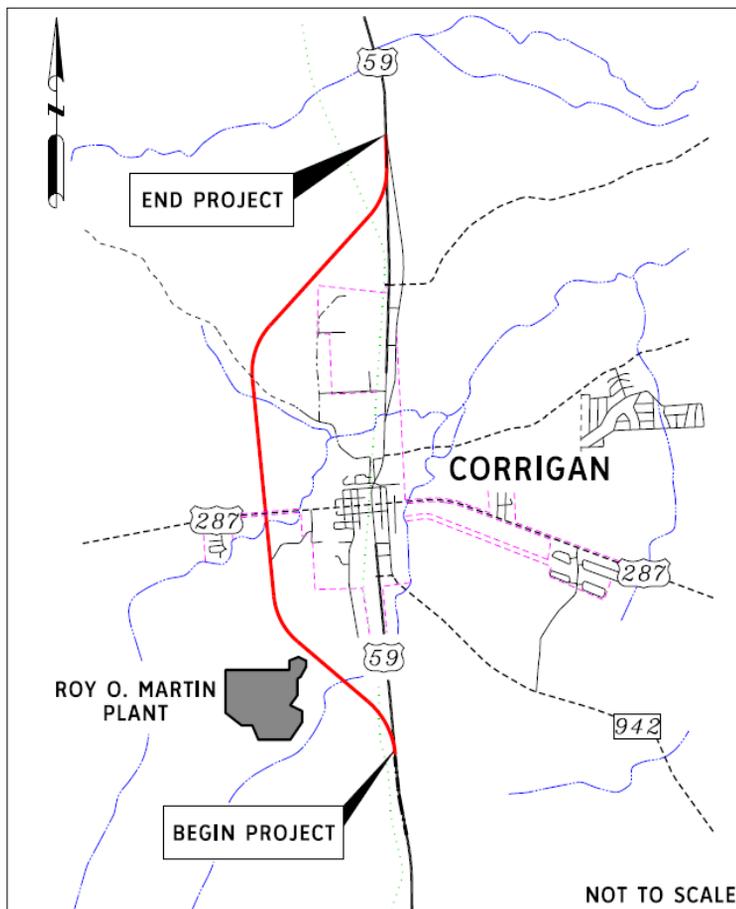
Project Background

This project is dedicated to bringing US 59 in Corrigan, TX up to interstate standards. Due to the development along existing US 59 within Corrigan, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) performed alternative analyses and public involvement in the late 1990's. Due to budget constraints, the environmental studies and schematic development were stopped in early 2000's.

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.

TxDOT held an open house in August 2014 where approximately 70% of respondents supported the previously identified W2 alternative for further development. Shortly thereafter, TxDOT had to make adjustments to the W-2 alternative south of US 287 to avoid impacting the new Roy O. Martin plant. TxDOT presented the revised alignment (W-2a) to the public in December 2015 and began schematic development and environmental studies in 2016.

Project Location



This map shows the proposed alignment 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.
 - Newly constructed overpasses along the relief route at Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), US 287 and Union Springs Rd.
 - Frontage roads are not proposed.
- The relief route would be designed to meet interstate standard for possible future designation as I-69. It would also reduce congestion, improve mobility, and promote public safety.
- In 2012, \$5 million was allocated for project development services, including environmental studies, schematic design, and right of way acquisition.
- Current estimate for the total project cost (right of way and construction) is approximately \$160 million.

Next Steps

- TxDOT will review the public hearing comments, refine the schematic and environmental review document if necessary, and submit the schematic and environmental review document for approval.
- Once TxDOT receives approval of the schematic and environmental review document, TxDOT will begin right of way appraisals and acquisitions.
- The construction date will be set once funding becomes available.

Polk County Project Updates

Upcoming Construction Projects

- **US 59 overlay** – scheduled to take bids March 2018 – this project involves resurfacing northbound US 59 lanes from SL 393 to approximately 2 miles north of SL 393.
- **Holly-Grove Road Bridge Replacement** – scheduled to take bids April 2018 – this project involves replacing an existing bridge at Menard Creek.
- **Improving guardrail and safety treating fixed objects** - scheduled to take bids May 2018 – FM 2610, FM 2665, FM 3277, and FM 350.

Projects Currently under Construction

- **US 59 overlay:** This project involves resurfacing the existing US 59 lanes from SL 393 south to the Trinity River. The project was awarded to Moore Brothers for \$2,215,251 and is anticipated to be completed Winter 2017.
- **Bluewater Road at Blue Branch:** This county road bridge replacement was awarded to Longview Bridge and Road for \$885,751. It is anticipated to be complete in Winter 2017.
- **US 59 at Bear Creek** - This upgrade bridge rail and approach project was awarded to CDM Holdings for \$813,304.98 with completion anticipated in early 2018.
- **Rock Island Road at Bundix Creek:** This county road bridge replacement was awarded to Drewery Construction for \$1,091,491. It is anticipated to be complete in Spring 2018.
- **Wells Landing at Kickapoo Creek:** This county road bridge replacement was awarded to CDM Holdings for \$1,452,873. It is anticipated to be complete in Summer 2018.

Get Involved

- US 59 Corrigan Relief Route Public Hearing: December 14, 2017
Comments must be submitted to the Lufkin District Office on or before December 29, 2017.
- Learn more and sign up to receive email updates by visiting the online project page; visit www.txdot.gov and enter: US 59 Corrigan in the search area. Or, access quickly by scanning the following Quick Response (QR) code with your phone or tablet:



Contact the Lufkin District:
Jennifer Adams
1805 N. Timberland Drive
Lufkin, TX 75901
(936) 633-4469
Jennifer.Adams@txdot.gov



Attachment D

Exhibit Boards



WELCOME



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US 59 Corrigan Relief Route (Future I-69)

Public Hearing

December 14, 2017

Why am I here?

- Review the planned improvement
- Provide comments on the proposed project

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 Dec. 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.



Project Purpose and Need

What are we trying to do?

- Bring US 59 up to interstate standards
- Improve safety
- Enhance mobility



What problems are we trying to address?

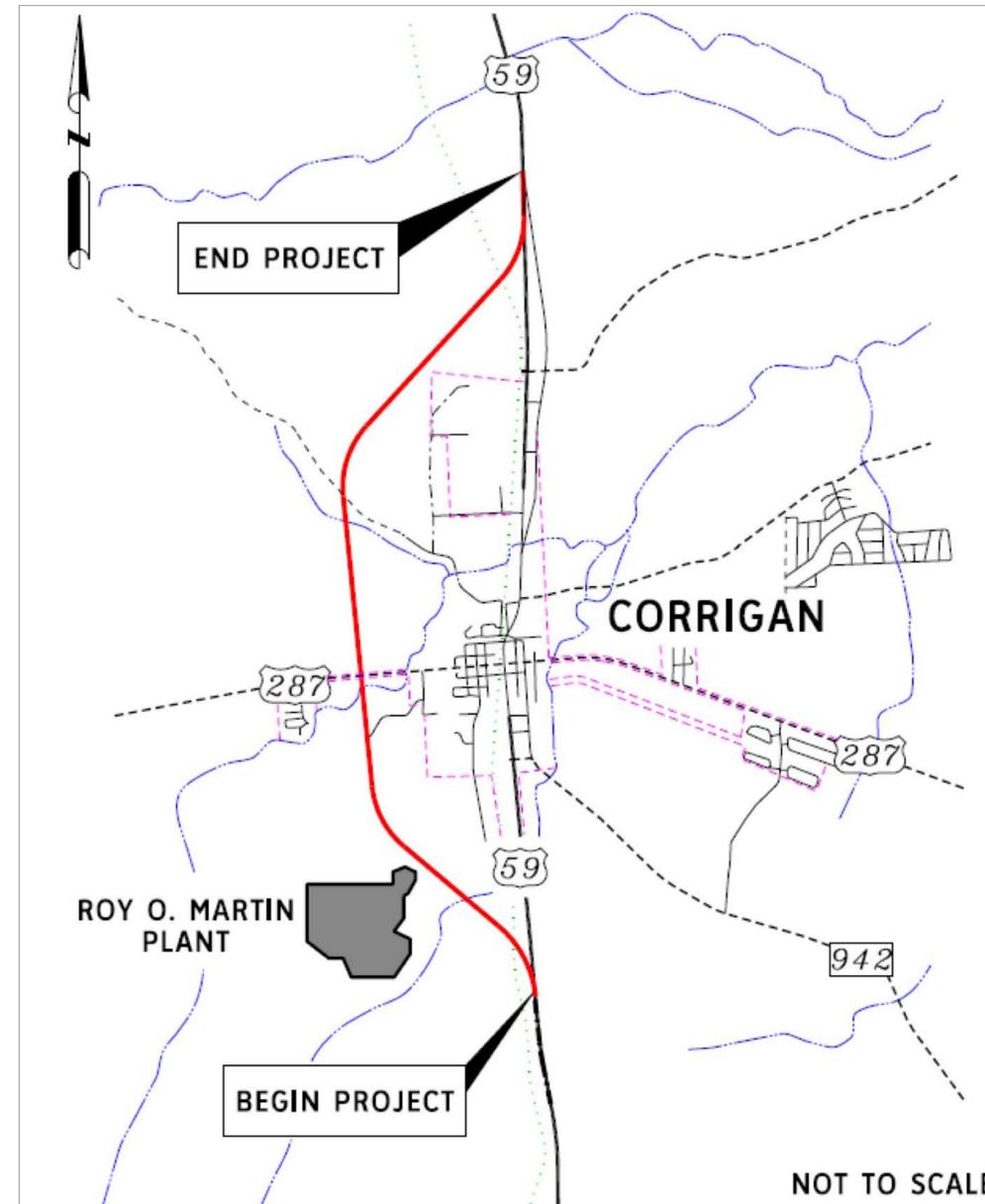
Existing US 59 does not meet:

- Controlled access criteria for an Interstate
- Min. design speed criteria (70 mph rural; 50 mph urban)
- Min. shoulder requirements (4 ft. inside; 10 ft. outside)
- Min. median width requirements (36 ft. rural; 10 ft. urban)
- 30 ft. horizontal clear zone



Project Location

This map shows the proposed alignment in red.



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Project Background

- The US 59/US 287 intersection in Corrigan is the first signalized intersection north of Houston
- The Corrigan Relief Route was recognized as a top 5 priority section by the I-69 Segment Two Committee
- Alignments were presented in August 2014; however, due to land development, alignment studies were not completed until December 2015
- In 2016, TxDOT began schematic development and environmental studies which are being presented today for public comment



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Project Elements

- New controlled access US 59 northbound and southbound main lanes west of existing US 59 – access to main lanes allowed via entrance/exit ramps
- New overpasses along new roadway at UPRR, US 287 and Union Springs Rd
- No frontage roads



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Next Steps

- Review the public hearing comments, refine the schematic and environmental review document, if necessary, and then submit for approval
- Complete the right of way mapping and begin right of way appraisals and acquisitions once approval received
- Set construction date once funding is available



How Can I Stay Informed?

- Visit the following websites:
txdot.gov/drivenbytexas/us-59-polk.htm
—or—
txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/lufkin/us59-corrigan-relief.html



- Access the project website quickly by scanning with your phone or tablet using the Quick Response (QR) reader:



- Contact the TxDOT Lufkin District Office with any questions at (936) 633-4469
- Follow us on Twitter: [@TxDOTLufkin](https://twitter.com/TxDOTLufkin)



Attachment E
Public Hearing Presentation
December 14, 2017



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





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- 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

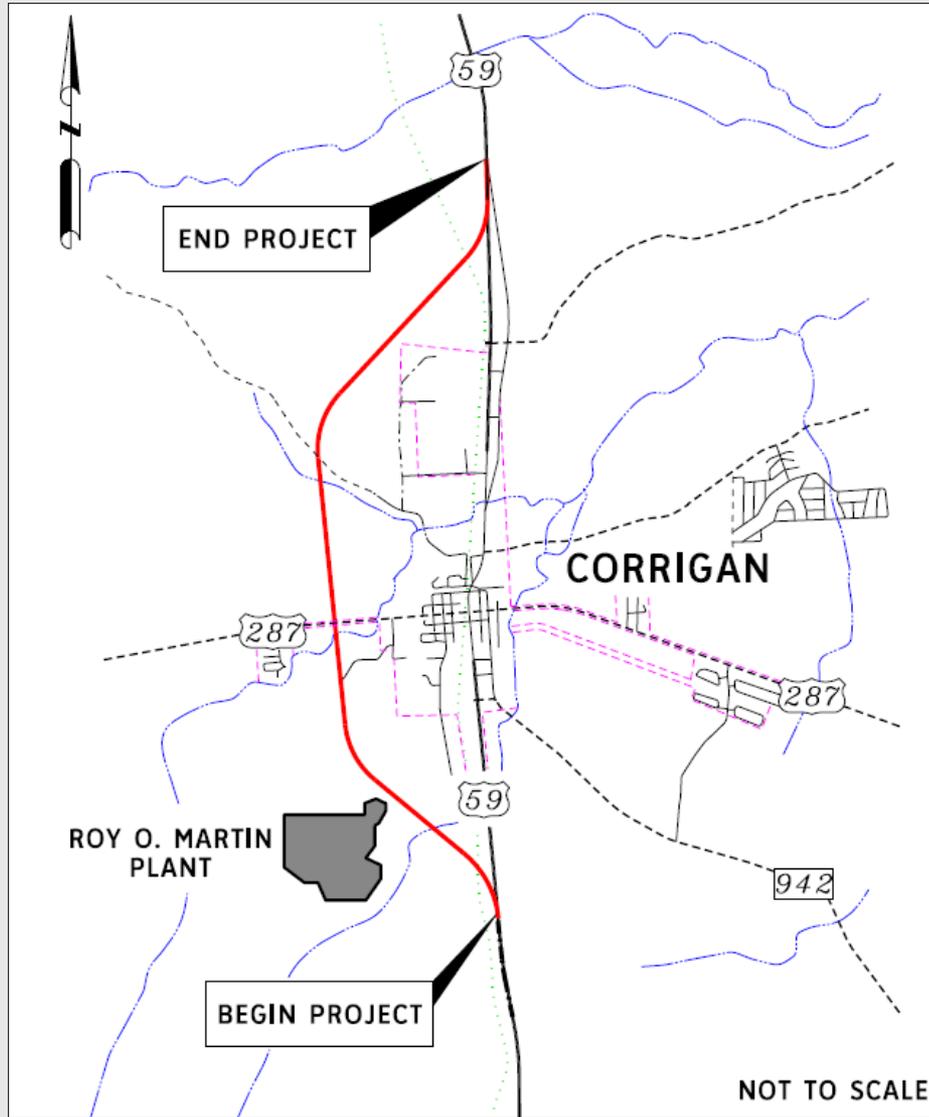


Agenda for Tonight's Public Hearing

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



Proposed Project Location



Project Need

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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- Farmlands
- Community Impacts
- Pedestrian and Bicycle
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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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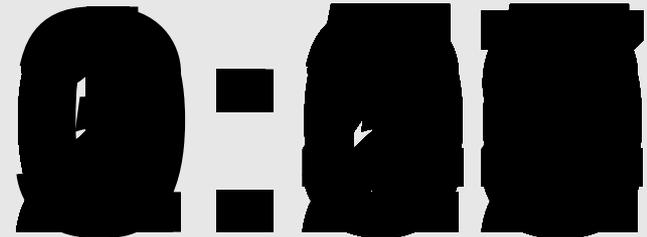
Elected Officials Comment Session





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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