



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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US 59 Upgrade Shepherd to Cleveland (Future I-69)

PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Why am I here?

- Review the proposed improvements
- Provide comments and feedback

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?

- Upgrade US 59 to meet interstate standards to provide system connectivity to I-69
- Enhance safety and improve mobility
- Provide more efficient hurricane evacuation

What problems are we trying to address?

- Existing US 59 does not meet interstate standards
- Traffic congestion

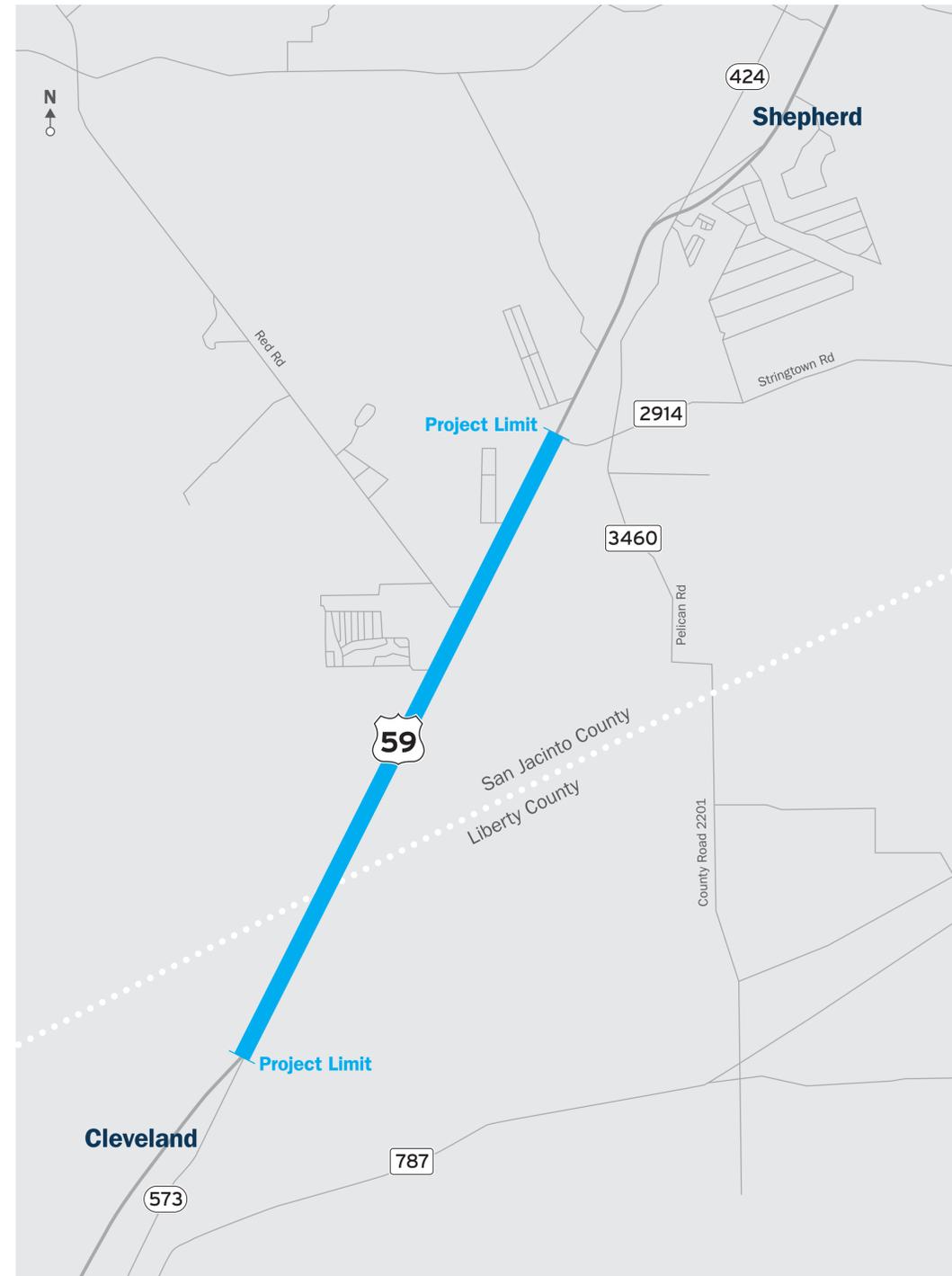


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Project Location



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Project Background

- Federal legislation has authorized the development of the I-69 system in Texas along specified U.S. routes, including US 59
- Using the I-69 Implementation Strategy Report, the Lufkin and Beaumont Districts are coordinating and managing the development of I-69 in San Jacinto and Liberty Counties
- The proposed project was identified as the next project in San Jacinto and Liberty Counties to develop due to its proximity to an existing interstate
- Construction funding was identified in the December 2017 revision of TxDOT's Unified Transportation Program (UTP)



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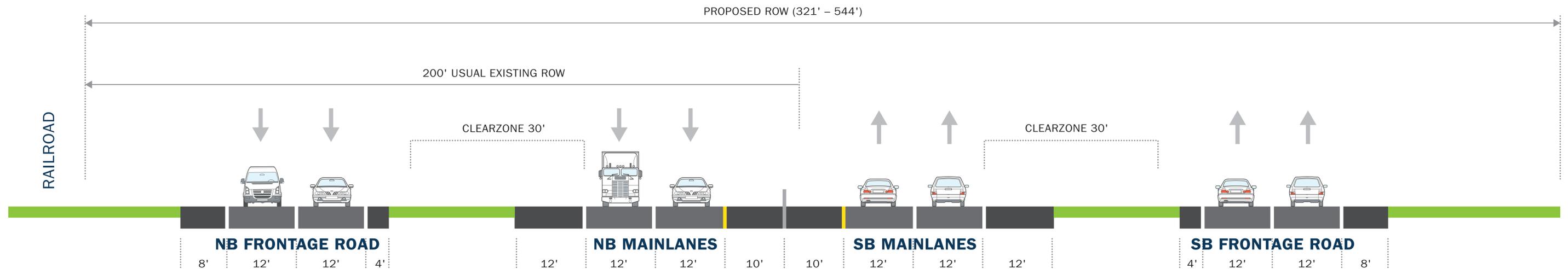
Proposed Improvements

- Construction of new US 59 northbound and southbound main lanes and southbound frontage road – access to the main lanes will be allowed via entrance and exit ramps
- Reconstruction of existing northbound US 59 travel lanes to become northbound frontage road
- Construction of overpasses with U-turns at Red Road and just south of San Jacinto/Liberty County Line
- Safety lighting would be included on entrance and exit ramps



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Proposed Typical Section



- Four 12-foot wide main lanes (two in each direction) with center barrier, 10-foot wide inside shoulders and 12-foot wide outside shoulders
- Northbound and southbound frontage roads with two 12-foot wide lanes, 4-foot inside shoulder, 8-foot outside shoulder
- Proposed right-of-way (ROW) width varies from 321 feet to 544 feet
- Typical ROW width is 421 feet
- Sidewalk and curb provided along southbound frontage road from Performance Truck to Fern Road



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Next Steps and Timelines

- Schematic and environmental documentation approval is anticipated in summer 2019
- TxDOT is working to complete the ROW map and parcel descriptions, so the ROW acquisition process can begin in summer 2019
- ROW acquisitions, relocations and demolition is anticipated to take approximately 3 years to complete. Once ROW has been cleared, utility adjustments would begin and are expected to be complete in winter 2022
- Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2023 and is anticipated to be complete in 2027



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 - www.txdot.gov
and enter “US 59 Shepherd-Cleveland” in the search area
 - <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/drivenbytexas/lufkin.htm>
- Contact the TxDOT Lufkin District Office with any questions at **(936) 633-4469**
- District Newsletter:
<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/district/lufkin/newsletter.html>
- Comment deadline: **May 29, 2019.**



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