

US 59 UPGRADE

SHEPHERD TO CLEVELAND (FUTURE I-69)

SAN JACINTO AND LIBERTY COUNTIES



Lufkin and Beaumont Districts
May 2019

Project Background

Due to its proximity to existing Interstate 69 (I-69), the US 59 Upgrade Shepherd to Cleveland project was identified as the next project in San Jacinto and Liberty Counties to develop. This proposed project is dedicated to upgrading US 59 to meet interstate standards between FM 2914 in Shepherd and the north end of the Cleveland relief route. The proposed project would involve the construction of northbound and southbound frontages roads and two overpasses converting this section of US 59 to a controlled access freeway.



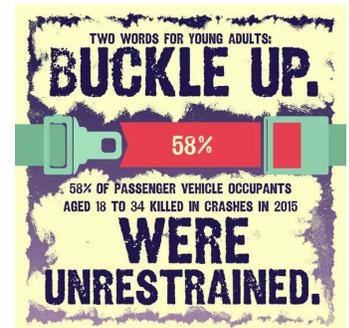
The proposed improvements are anticipated to:

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



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Project and Funding Summary

The proposed project would provide:

- A controlled access freeway section with two-lane northbound and southbound frontage roads and two-lane northbound and southbound US 59 mainlanes with center barrier. Controlled access means there will not be direct access to the mainlanes. Access to the mainlanes is allowed via entrance and exit ramps.
- Overpass with u-turns at Red Road and just south of the San Jacinto/Liberty County Line.
- Sidewalks along the southbound frontage road in the Cleveland area.
- Safety lighting on entrance and exit ramps.
- Construction funding has been identified. The \$116 million project is currently scheduled to begin construction in 2023 and is anticipated to be complete in 2027.



Next Steps

- Schematic and environmental document approval is anticipated in summer 2019.
- TxDOT is working to complete the right-of-way (ROW) map and parcel descriptions, so the ROW acquisition process can begin in spring/summer 2019.
- TxDOT will begin development of engineering plans, specifications and estimates (PS&E) and environmental permits in summer 2019. PS&E and environmental permits should be complete in late 2022/early 2023.
- 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.



TxDOT Lufkin District Project Updates

Upcoming Construction Projects

- **US 59 Corrigan Relief Route** – project involves the construction of a new location controlled access roadway west of Corrigan. TxDOT received approval of the schematic and environmental studies in March 2018. ROW appraisals began in late 2018 with right-of-way (ROW) acquisitions starting early 2019. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2022.
- **US 59 Diboll Relief Route** – project involves the construction of a new location controlled access roadway east of Diboll. TxDOT is currently working on engineering plans, acquiring necessary permits and purchasing ROW. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2020.
- **US 59 Upgrade in Lufkin between Moffett Rd and SH 103** – project involves upgrading existing US 59 to a controlled access roadway by adding frontage roads. TxDOT has begun ROW mapping and preparation of engineering plans, and ROW acquisitions are underway. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2020.
- **US 59 Upgrade in Redland between SL 287 and FM 2021** – project involves upgrading existing US 59 to a controlled access roadway by adding frontage roads. TxDOT received environmental approval in January 2019. TxDOT has started ROW appraisals and acquisitions are anticipated to begin early 2019. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2022.
- **US 59/SL 224 South Interchange** – project involves upgrading existing US 59 by constructing new US 59 direct connectors at SL 224 and frontage roads along SL 224 between SH 7 and US 59. TxDOT is currently working on engineering plans, purchasing ROW, and relocating utilities. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2019.



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How Can You Get Involved?

- **Attend the Public Hearing**

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

4 - 5:45 p.m. Open House

6 - 7 p.m. Public Hearing

Shepherd High School Cafeteria

1 Pirate Lane

Shepherd, TX 77371

- Visit the Project webpage at <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/lufkin/us59-shepherd-cleveland.html> or visit www.txdot.gov and enter "US 59 Shepherd-Cleveland" in the search area
- Comments must be received on or before **May 29, 2019**, to be part of the official hearing record. Verbal and written comments may be presented at the hearing, or submitted in person or by mail to:
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