



PUBLIC HEARING

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

From FM 2914

to 0.65 miles south of SL 573

San Jacinto/Liberty Counties



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.

Public Hearing Notice Advertisement

- TxDOT Website – Online Notice: April 25, 2019
 - <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/lufkin/051419.html>
- Cleveland Advocate and La Lengua: April 24, 2019
- San Jacinto News: April 25, 2019
- El Perico: April 28, 2019
- Letters (adjacent properties) – April 29, 2019
- Twitter – May 8, 2019

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 within the project area does not meet criteria for an Interstate.

The criteria includes:

- Controlled access – access to main lanes only allowed via ramps
- Roadway Geometrics - horizontal curvature and grades to meet 70mph design speed
- Main lane shoulders - minimum 4-foot inside shoulder and 10-foot outside width
- 30-foot horizontal clear zone requirements

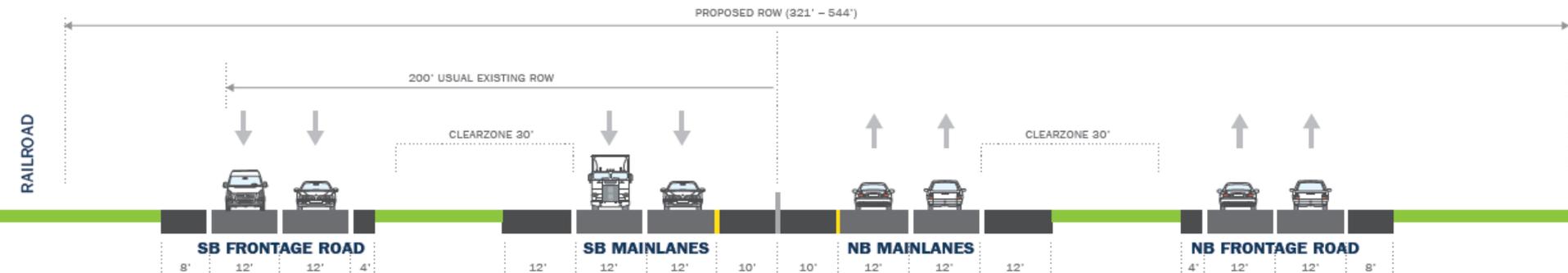
Project Purpose

Bring US 59 between Shepherd and Cleveland up to current interstate design standards providing system connectivity, enhanced safety, increased mobility and a more efficient hurricane evacuation route.

US 59 Upgrade Shepherd to Cleveland Project

- Major Design Features
 - Controlled access section with two-lane northbound and southbound frontage roads and two-lane northbound and southbound US 59 main lanes with center barrier
 - Overpasses with u-turns at Red Road and just south of the San Jacinto and Liberty County Line
 - Sidewalks along the southbound frontage road in the Cleveland area and safety lighting on entrance and exit ramps
- Anticipated Right of Way
 - Proposed right-of-way (ROW) width varies from 321 feet to 544 feet
 - Approximately 120 acres from 38 parcels
- Construction cost is estimated at \$116 million

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 shoulders and 8-foot outside shoulders
- 6-foot wide sidewalks would be provided along the southbound frontage road in the Cleveland area
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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*

- May 2019 – July 2019: Compile and consider public input from tonight's hearing and the public comment period and finalize schematic and environmental documentation.
- Spring 2019 – Summer 2021: Complete right of way (ROW) map and parcel descriptions; obtain ROW appraisals; acquire ROW and conduct relocations; and demolish acquired structures.
- Summer 2019 – Early 2023: Prepare detailed engineering plans, relocate utilities and obtain necessary environmental permits.
- Spring 2023 – Spring 2027: Take bids on the proposed project and begin construction. Construction is anticipated to take approximately 4 years.

**Subject to change.*

Public Hearing Comments

All comments must be submitted by May 29, 2019

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:

<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/lufkin/051419.html>

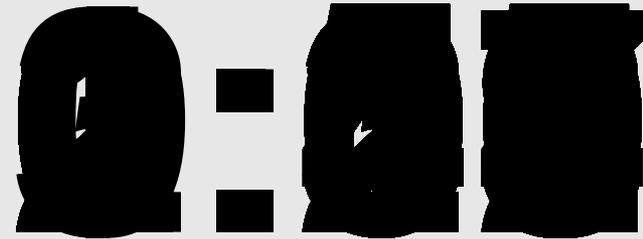


Elected Officials Comment Session



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- 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

