



Documentation of Public Hearing

Project Location

Liberty and San Jacinto Counties

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

CSJ: 0177-02-057 and 0177-03-099

Project Limits

from FM 2914 to 0.65 mile south of SL 573

Hearing Location

Shepherd High School

1 Pirate Lane, Shepherd, Texas 77371

Hearing Date and Time

May 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Open House / 6:30 p.m. Public Hearing

Translation Services

none requested

Presenters

Kelly Morris, P.E., TxDOT Lufkin District

Tina Brown, P.E., Atkins

Alex Amponsah, Atkins

Jodi Watkins, TxDOT Lufkin District

Elected Officials in Attendance

Ernest Bailes, Texas State Representative

Greg Arthur, Liberty County Commissioner

David Brandon, San Jacinto County Commissioner

Donny Marrs, San Jacinto County Commissioner

Otis Cohn, City of Cleveland Mayor

Total Number of Attendees (approx.)

55

Total Number of Commenters

6



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**COMMENT/RESPONSE
MATRIX**

Public Comment and Response Matrix

#	Last Name	First Name	Date Received	Source	Comment Topic (verbatim)	Response
1	Brandon	David	5/14/19	Comment Form	San Jacinto County Commissioner - Concerns with potential flooding and drainage issues on south side - exacerbated by RR (leve)	Using preliminary drainage reports, TxDOT proposes to use flat bottom ditches and bridges to provide the storage capacity needed to detain any increased runoff due to the project within TxDOT's right of way. As TxDOT begins detailed engineering, detailed hydraulic studies will be performed to ensure TxDOT's design will provide the capacity needed.
2	Carson	Jim	5/28/19	Email Comment	The 2025-US 59 overpass congestion creates a severe safety hazard during peak hours of the day. The northbound exit occasionally backs up onto the highway during peak evening hours. Although it is included in the HGAC RTP2045 plan adding it to TxDOT's upcoming I-69 Expansion Project could improve this major bottleneck and possibly save lives.	Please note that the subject of your comment, the FM 2025 overpass, is outside the limits of our current project. Our project begins near Elm Street in Cleveland and extends north to a location south of Shepherd. A project to widen the FM 2025 overpass to add turn lanes was submitted in the H-GAC's recent call-for-projects, but the project did not score high enough to receive funding. TxDOT will continue to seek funding for the project through the H-GAC and through other potential funding sources.
3	Cohn	Otis	5/14/19	Verbal Comment	I'm the mayor of Cleveland. And I just a couple of, I guess, questions. When the design was presented earlier, you talked about two-lane feeder roads on either side; is that not correct? And are those going to be two lanes one way or lanes going both ways? All right. I think this is going to a big boon to both Cleveland and Shepherd. And it's going to get us closer to the development that's coming up 59 already. And I want to thank you-all for moving this into high gear. Thank you.	The proposed project will provide two-lane one-way frontage roads on each side of the roadway.
4	Crockett	Dean	5/28/19	Email Comment	Include an overpass and flyover between Cleveland and the San Jacinto County line. The Union Pacific rail line runs to the East of I-69, cutting off access to land North of Cleveland. This land is slated by the City of Cleveland as an industrial park, and access is key to this economic growth for the area.	An overpass with turnarounds is planned on US 59 south of the San Jacinto County line and this overpass is shown on the current schematic. There is currently no roadway or development east of US 59 and north of SL 573. If future development occurs, access across the railroad to tie into the US 59 frontage roads or any future intersection on US 59 would be the responsibility of the developer.
5	Magee	Timothy	5/28/19	Email Comment	In conjunction with the I69 North Expansion Project, I would like to see TXDOT consider replacing the 2025 overpass/intersection. This intersection is included in HGAC's RTP2045 plan. The overpass is a daily traffic issue, it is already in the plans to be replaced, please consider including it in the I69 North Project.	Please note that the subject of your comment, the FM 2025 overpass, is outside the limits of our current project. Our project begins near Elm Street in Cleveland and extends north to a location south of Shepherd. A project to widen the FM 2025 overpass to add turn lanes was submitted in the H-GAC's recent call-for-projects, but the project did not score high enough to receive funding. TxDOT will continue to seek funding for the project through the H-GAC and through other potential funding sources.
6	Pennington	Robert	5/28/19	Email Comment	Include an overpass & flyover in the North end of Cleveland, South of the San Jacinto County Line providing access over Union Pacific RR. This access corresponds with the City of Cleveland Comprehensive plan. The area will provide access for truck traffic from an industrial development complex in the Northeast quadrant of the UP and BNSF lines.	An overpass with turnarounds is planned on US 59 south of the San Jacinto County line and this overpass is shown on the current schematic. There is currently no roadway or development east of US 59 and north of SL 573. If future development occurs, access across the railroad to tie into the US 59 frontage roads or any future intersection on US 59 would be the responsibility of the developer.

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**PUBLIC HEARING
OFFICER CERTIFICATION**



Public Hearing Certification

Project Name: US 59 Upgrade Shepherd to Cleveland (Future I-69)
County Name: San Jacinto and Liberty Counties
Control Section Job Numbers (CSJ): 0177-02-057 and 0177-03-099
Project Limits From: FM 2914
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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 May 14, 2019 at Shepherd High School in Shepherd, 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 consistency with the goals and objectives of urban planning, as dictated by the community has been considered.
 - E. Requirements of Texas Administrative Code, Title 43, Part 1, Chapter 2, Subchapter E, Section 2.107 have been met.
- Select if assigned under NEPA Assignment MOU.

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Key D. Mims, P.E. 5/14/2019
 TxDOT Representative Name Date

C.

NOTICES

Letters & Emails
Elected officials, property
owners, and local
stakeholders

April 29, 2019

Council Member Jennifer Bergman
907 E Houston
Cleveland, TX 77327

Dear Council Member Bergman,

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The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, such the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact Rhonda Oaks, District Public Information Officer at (936) 633-4395 or at Rhonda.Oaks@txdot.gov. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

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MEJORAS A LA CARRETERA US 59 DE SHEPHERD A CLEVELAND
DE FM 2914 a 0.65 millas al sur de SL 573
CSJs: 0177-02-057 y 0177-03-099
Condados San Jacinto y Liberty, Texas

El Departamento de Transportación de Texas (Texas Department of Transportación o TxDOT por sus siglas en inglés) como la agencia líder, propone mejorar la carretera US 59 existente por medio de la construcción de vías de acceso laterales y pasos a desnivel desde FM 2914 al sur de Shepherd, Condado San Jacinto hasta 0.65 millas al sur de SL 573 en Cleveland, Condado Liberty, Texas. Este aviso comunica al público que un borrador de evaluación medioambiental (EA) está disponible para revisión del público y que TxDOT estará conduciendo una audiencia pública respecto al proyecto propuesto. La audiencia se llevará a cabo el martes 14 de mayo, 2019 en la Cafetería de Shepherd High School, 1 Pirate Lane, Shepherd, TX 77371. Los despliegues informativos estarán disponibles para verse a las 4:00 p.m. y la audiencia formal empezará a las 6:00 p.m. El propósito de la audiencia es presentar la planeación de las mejoras y recibir comentarios del público con respecto al proyecto propuesto.

El proyecto propuesto de 6.62 millas de longitud hará que la carretera US 59, cumpla con los criterios de las carreteras interestatales a través de la construcción, en dirección norte y sur, de vías laterales de dos carriles de 12 pies de ancho, y, a través de la reconstrucción de los carriles principales existentes de US 59, para que incluya 2 carriles de circulación de 12 pies de ancho en cada dirección, con una barrera intermedia. El proyecto propuesto convertirá la carretera en una carretera de acceso controlado lo que significa que no habrá acceso directo a los carriles principales. El acceso a los carriles principales será permitido a través de rampas de entrada y salida. El proyecto propuesto también incluirá la construcción de dos pasos a desnivel con vueltas en U en Red Road y, justo al sur de la Línea Divisoria entre los Condados San Jacinto y Liberty.

La anchura del derecho de vía existente (right-of-way o ROW por sus siglas en inglés) varía entre una anchura típica de 200 pies a 830 pies cerca de la Intersección entre el US 59 y SL 573 en Cleveland. La anchura del ROW propuesto varía entre 321 y 544 pies a lo largo del área del proyecto. El proyecto propuesto potencialmente desplazaría 5 residencias, una iglesia, y 11 estructuras comerciales. La información acerca del Programa Estatal de Asistencia para Reubicación (Relocation Assistance Program) de TxDOT, beneficios y servicios para los desplazados, al igual que la información sobre los programas tentativos para la adquisición y construcción del ROW, pueden obtenerse de la oficina de distrito de TxDOT ubicada en la dirección escrita más abajo. La asistencia de reubicación está disponible para las personas y negocios que potencialmente sean desplazados.

Dentro del ROW propuesto existe la presencia de humedales que serán impactados por las mejoras propuestas. Por esto, se requerirá que TxDOT obtenga autorización bajo la Section 404 de el Clean Water Act del United States Army Corps of Engineers. En conformidad con la Orden Ejecutiva 11990, no se pudieron encontrar alternativas aplicables para evitar impactar los humedales. El proyecto propuesto también cruzará zonas de inundación; por esto, se requerirá la coordinación con el administrador local de las zonas de inundación. El proyecto queda sujeto a y cumplirá con la Orden Ejecutiva 11988 de Administración de Zonas de Inundación (Floodplain Management).

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April 26, 2019

Jen Yun & Chuen Lan Wang



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April 26, 2019

Mr. Roderick Hainey
Director of Public Works
City of Cleveland
1100 Nevell St.
Cleveland, TX 77327

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We hope that you can attend. If you need additional information on the study or have any questions, please contact Jennifer Adams, I-69 Project Manager, at the letterhead address above, by email at Jennifer.Adams@txdot.gov or phone at (936) 633-4469. You can also visit the TxDOT website for more information on the US 59 Upgrade Shepherd to Cleveland and other Future I-69 projects under development at <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/lufkin.html>.

Sincerely,

Cheryl P. Flood, P.E.
District Engineer
Texas Department of Transportation, Lufkin District

Enclosure

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and
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Condados San Jacinto y Liberty, Texas

El Departamento de Transportación de Texas (Texas Department of Transportation o TxDOT por sus siglas en inglés) como la agencia líder, propone mejorar la carretera US 59 existente por medio de la construcción de vías de acceso laterales y pasos a desnivel desde FM 2914 al sur de Shepherd, Condado San Jacinto hasta 0.65 millas al sur de SL 573 en Cleveland, Condado Liberty, Texas. Este aviso comunica al público que un borrador de evaluación medioambiental (EA) está disponible para revisión del público y que TxDOT estará conduciendo una audiencia pública respecto al proyecto propuesto. La audiencia se llevará a cabo el martes 14 de mayo, 2019 en la Cafetería de Shepherd High School, 1 Pirate Lane, Shepherd, TX 77371. Los despliegues informativos estarán disponibles para verse a las 4:00 p.m. y la audiencia formal empezará a las 6:00 p.m. El propósito de la audiencia es presentar la planeación de las mejoras y recibir comentarios del público con respecto al proyecto propuesto.

El proyecto propuesto de 6.62 millas de longitud hará que la carretera US 59, cumpla con los criterios de las carreteras interestatales a través de la construcción, en dirección norte y sur, de vías laterales de dos carriles de 12 pies de ancho, y, a través de la reconstrucción de los carriles principales existentes de US 59, para que incluya 2 carriles de circulación de 12 pies de ancho en cada dirección, con una barrera intermedia. El proyecto propuesto convertirá la carretera en una carretera de acceso controlado lo que significa que no habrá acceso directo a los carriles principales. El acceso a los carriles principales será permitido a través de rampas de entrada y salida. El proyecto propuesto también incluirá la construcción de dos pasos a desnivel con vueltas en U en Red Road y, justo al sur de la Línea Divisoria entre los Condados San Jacinto y Liberty.

La anchura del derecho de vía existente (right-of-way o ROW por sus siglas en inglés) varía entre una anchura típica de 200 pies a 830 pies cerca de la Intersección entre el US 59 y SL 573 en Cleveland. La anchura del ROW propuesto varía entre 321 y 544 pies a lo largo del área del proyecto. El proyecto propuesto potencialmente desplazaría 5 residencias, una iglesia, y 11 estructuras comerciales. La información acerca del Programa Estatal de Asistencia para Reubicación (Relocation Assistance Program) de TxDOT, beneficios y servicios para los desplazados, al igual que la información sobre los programas tentativos para la adquisición y construcción del ROW, pueden obtenerse de la oficina de distrito de TxDOT ubicada en la dirección escrita más abajo. La asistencia de reubicación está disponible para las personas y negocios que potencialmente sean desplazados.

Dentro del ROW propuesto existe la presencia de humedales que serán impactados por las mejoras propuestas. Por esto, se requerirá que TxDOT obtenga autorización bajo la Section 404 de el Clean Water Act del United States Army Corps of Engineers. En conformidad con la Orden Ejecutiva 11990, no se pudieron encontrar alternativas aplicables para evitar impactar los humedales. El proyecto propuesto también cruzará zonas de inundación; por esto, se requerirá la coordinación con el administrador local de las zonas de inundación. El proyecto queda sujeto a y cumplirá con la Orden Ejecutiva 11988 de Administración de Zonas de Inundación (Floodplain Management).

El borrador EA, los mapas mostrando la ubicación y diseño del proyecto, programas tentativos de construcción y otra información pertinente al proyecto están archivados y disponibles para su inspección de Lunes a Viernes entre las horas de 8:00 a.m. y 5:00 p.m. en la Oficina de Distrito en Lufkin de TxDOT, 1805 N. Timberland Dr., Lufkin, TX 75901, (936)634-4433 y en www.txdot.gov, palabra clave de búsqueda "US 59 Shepherd-Cleveland". Esta información también estará disponible para su inspección durante la audiencia. Se solicitan comentarios verbales y por escrito del público con respecto al proyecto y pueden ser presentados durante la audiencia, en persona, o por correo, enviándolos a la Oficina de Distrito de Lufkin de TxDOT. Los comentarios deben recibirse para el o antes del 29 de mayo del 2019 para que sean parte del archivo oficial de la audiencia.

La audiencia se conducirá en inglés. Se exhorta a las personas interesadas en asistir a la audiencia y que tengan necesidades especiales de comunicación o acomodo – tal como la necesidad de un intérprete–, a que se pongan en contacto con Rhonda Oaks al (936)633-4395 o a Rhonda.Oaks@txdot.gov. Las peticiones deben hacerse por lo menos dos días antes de la audiencia. Se hará cualquier esfuerzo razonable para satisfacer esas necesidades.

Si usted tiene cualquier pregunta o preocupación de carácter general respecto al proyecto propuesto o sobre la audiencia, por favor póngase en contacto con Jennifer Adams, Gerente del Proyecto I-69, al (936) 633-4469 o en Jennifer.Adams@txdot.gov.

La revisión medioambiental, consultas y otras acciones requeridas por la Ley Medioambiental Federal pertinente para este proyecto están siendo, o han sido, efectuadas por TxDOT conforme a 23 U.S.C. 327 y el Memorandum of Understanding fechado 16 de diciembre, 2014, y formalizado por FHWA y TxDOT.



US 59 UPGRADE SHEPHERD TO CLEVELAND (FUTURE I-69) PUBLIC HEARING

Where:

Shepherd High School Cafeteria

[1 Pirate Lane](#)

[Shepherd, TX 77371](#)

When:

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

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

Public Hearing: 6-7 p.m.

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Can't Make the Meeting?

Learn more about the public hearing by visiting the [online meeting page](#), which allows you to see all the exhibits, schematic and submit your comments online. This information will be available after the in-person Public Hearing begins. Comments must be received on or before **Wednesday, May 29, 2019**, to be a part of the official meeting record.

Contact Information

Please note: This email is an automated notification, which is unable to be monitored. We're happy to help you with any questions or concerns you may have. Please contact the Lufkin District at (936) 633-4469 at any time about this project.

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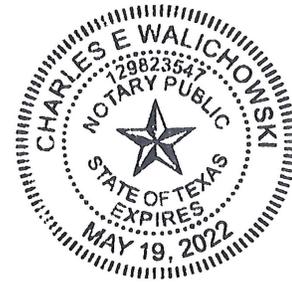
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FROM THE COVER

Clinic

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know that you have it, you could be spreading it to everyone around you, infecting others," she said.

"The virus then spreads like wildfire and can cause an epidemic within a community in days," she said. As recently as late Friday, there were at least 465 recent cases in 19 states including Texas.

"I only know of six in Houston, but none reported here (in Liberty)," Rasy said.

The partnership for the clinic came from a simple desire to reach out to the community and help.

"The idea came from First Liberty National Bank who wanted to do this for the community and Liberty-Dayton Regional Medical Center CEO Matt Thornton agreed immediately to facilitate the free clinic," Rasy said.

FLNB will sponsor the first 50 of the expensive shots and Liberty-Dayton RMC will partner with KSHV for the next 50.

"FLNB has said if there was a need for more, they would pay for the next 50 giving us a total of 150 free available vaccines," the nurse said.

While there are no reported cases of the rubella or red measles in Liberty County, Rasy said the county is certainly not immune to the virus.

"Most already have the vaccine, but there is a group of anti-vaxxers who may have changed their mind and are ready to take it," she said.

For those who have already had the vaccination, Rasy said they didn't need a booster or anything additional.

"It's not like the tetanus shot where you may have to have a booster," she said.

The day the clinic was announced, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) sent an email to health providers across the country cautioning the potential for outbreaks during the holidays.

The CDC has vaccination rates that they prefer for each community to have and the Houston area is at 87 percent of the required 90 percent.

"That's actually not too bad, but with Houston being a hub for travelers and visitors to the area, that's why this is critical to get the information out to us as many as possible," she said.

The country's largest outbreak is in New York City.

Some of the symptoms of the virus include a cough and a runny nose.

"With a lot of us suffering from severe allergies, it would be easy for someone to misdiagnose the virus," the nurse said.

Red eyes, and then a rash that starts at the head and then spreads to the rest of the body accompanied by a fever are also considered



Santiago Mejia / The Chronicle
Carmen Sanchez of San Bruno receives the MMR vaccine from LVN Sara Gaytan on April 17, 2019.

tell-tell signs of the virus.

"If a patient comes in and we know that they have a rash that began at the head, they are immediately put into isolation until it's absolutely determined not to be the measles," she said.

The National Vaccine Center's latest reports said that as of November 30, 2018, there have been more than 93,179 reports of measles vaccine reactions, hospitalizations, injuries and deaths following measles vaccinations made to the

federal Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS), including 459 related deaths, 6,936 hospitalizations, and 1,748 related disabilities. Over 50% of those adverse events occurred in children three years old and under.

"We think it is important for everyone to have access to these potentially lifesaving vaccines. If you have never had an MMR vaccine and would like to receive one or if you have children that have never had this

vaccine and would like to have them vaccinated, we strongly encourage you to participate in this free event," Rasy said.

The TVFC (Texas Vaccines for Children) program will also be on site to serve the vaccine needs for all children who qualify.

Qualifications for TVFC are as follows include being Medicaid-eligible, underinsured, uninsured, or American Indian or Alaska Native. Even if your child does not meet the qualifications

for TVFC, they can still receive the MMR vaccine for no charge through the clinic on Saturday.

The clinic begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday at the Liberty-Dayton Rural Health Clinic, 1353 N. Travis in Liberty and ends at noon.

Patrons should use the Travis Street entrance into the clinic. For more information, please call 936-936-975, Ext. 139

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Abuse

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pressed concern over having to face her abuser in front of a courtroom full of strangers.

While respecting the victim's wishes and trying to assure justice was delivered, Pickett offered a plea deal. His plea offer included a plea of guilty to aggravated sexual

assault of a child, allow the forensic interview to be played for the judge instead of the victim testifying, and the defendant admitting to possessing the images of child pornography.

Judge Mark Morefield recused himself and Mayes was appointed in his place.

Clymer accepted the plea with all the stipulations and pled guilty to Judge Mayes on April 17, 2019.

In his arguments before the

judge, Pickett presented the videotaped interview of the child, and called to the stand officers who investigated the case, the defendant's wife and Special Agent Minh Lu from the FBI office in Houston.

At the conclusion of the prosecutor's case, the evidence showed that the abuse occurred over a period of 7 years and the Clymer had in his possession hundreds of images of child pornography.

The only witness called by the defense was Clymer's mother who asked for mercy for her son, testifying he was a hard worker as a diesel mechanic and volunteer firefighter for the city of Liberty. She also said he helped lead his son's Cub Scouts troop.

With the verdict already settled, Pickett asked Mayes in pronouncing his sentence, to send a message to the citizens of Liberty County—especially the victim in

this case—that these vile acts were serious and wouldn't be tolerated.

The evidence before him, Mayes sentenced Clymer to 60 years in the Texas Department of Corrections. Clymer will be available for parole after completing 30 years of his sentence. Mayes expressed hope for the victim's future and wish for overcoming the horrific events.

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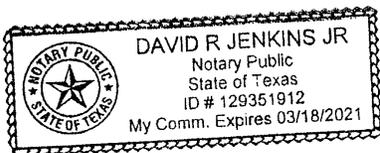
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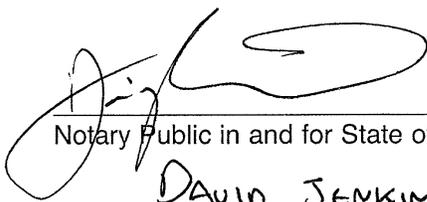
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Signed: 
Roy Reyes

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 26 day of April, 2019.

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Notary Public in and for State of Texas
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Exposición de estudiantes de artes gráficas...

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Los hermanos Villalobos: la música mexicana...

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la energía del rock and roll con los sonidos tradicionales de El país natal de los hermanos, según Scott Shattuck, decano asociado del Colegio de Bellas Artes y director de la serie.
"Me sorprendió el estilo de actuación ardiente y el encanto contagioso de los Hermanos Villalobos cuando los escuché en vivo", dijo Shattuck. "Desde entonces, me he estado muriendo por traerlos de su sede en la ciudad de Nueva York a SFA y presentar a las audiencias de Nacogdoches la diversión y la pasión que traen a sus conciertos".
Las actuaciones virtuosas del conjunto han encantado a las audiencias de América Latina, India, Rusia y Canadá y en más de 30 estados de los EEUU. Se han presentado en lugares históricos y en eventos como el Carnegie Hall, el Lincoln Center, el New Victory Theatre en Broadway, el Latin Premios Grammy, Festival de Jazz de Montreal, el 60° aniversario de las Naciones Unidas y el 66° Congreso de la FIFA en la Ciudad de México.
Los Villalobos Brothers recientemente estrenaron su Proyecto Sinfónico, realizando conciertos agotados con la Orquesta Sinfónica de San Francisco y la Sinfónica de Walla Walla. El conjunto ha colaborado con músicos legendarios, incluidos los ganadores del Grammy Bruce Springsteen, Dolly Parton, Ana Tijoux, Antonio Sánchez, Regina Carter, Sierra Hull y Dan

Artes Aplicadas prepara a los estudiantes para el empleo como artistas gráficos de nivel de entrada con los conocimientos y habilidades necesarios para realizar la edición de escritorio, fotografía, diseño de computadoras, artes gráficas, imágenes digitales, diseño web y producción de video.
Para obtener más información sobre el Programa de Artes Gráficas del Angelina College en Lufkin, llame al 936-633-5233.

¿Que toma para satisfacer su sed espiritual?

"Lo que ahora vivo en el cuerpo, lo vivo por la fe en el Hijo de Dios, quien me amó y dio su vida por mí" Gálatas 2:20b (NVI).
Nacer de nuevo, ¡qué experiencia tan maravillosa! Recibir la vida abundante de Cristo, ver cómo el entendimiento es iluminado cada día más al pasar tiempo en comunión con Dios ya sea meditando en Su Palabra, en oración o asistiendo a la reunión, hace que se cumpla en nosotros también la declaración de Pablo del texto bíblico.
Aprender a vivir la vida natural echando mano a los recursos sobrenaturales que Dios ha provisto para cada uno de nosotros,

es maravilloso.
Jesucristo es el autor y consumidor de la fe. Jesucristo te demostró Su amor dando Su vida por ti para que tus pecados sean perdonados, para hacerte libre de la ley del pecado y de la muerte que te dominaban. Jesucristo, ¡resucitó! Hay poder en Su Nombre, Nombre que

está por encima de todo nombre. Anímate, fortalécete hoy en la fe; no estás solo. Tómate de cada promesa que en Jesucristo son sí y amén.

Vive este día y cada día por fe en el Señor Jesús. Ya basta de vivir por vista, es decir, por lo que los sentidos, sentimientos o apariencias te muestran; comienza a vivir gobernado por tus convicciones.

¡Escoge vivir por la fe en el Hijo de Dios que te ama y dio Su vida por ti! Devocional por: Visión de Futuro. Aliento Cotidiano.



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Borrador de la Evaluación Medioambiental Disponible para Revisión Pública y Audiencia Pública

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El Departamento de Transportación de Texas (Texas Department of Transportation o TxDOT por sus siglas en inglés) como la agencia líder, propone mejorar la carretera US 59 existente por medio de la construcción de vías de acceso laterales y pasos a desnivel desde FM 2914 al sur de Shepherd, Condado San Jacinto hasta 0.65 millas al sur de SL 573 en Cleveland, Condado Liberty, Texas. Este aviso comunica al público que un borrador de evaluación medioambiental (EA) está disponible para revisión del público y que TxDOT estará conduciendo una audiencia pública respecto al proyecto propuesto. La audiencia se llevará a cabo el martes 14 de mayo, 2019 en la Cafetería de Shepherd High School, 1 Pirate Lane, Shepherd, TX 77371. Los despliegues informativos estarán disponibles para verse a las 4:00 p.m. y la audiencia formal empezará a las 6:00 p.m. El propósito de la audiencia es presentar la planeación de las mejoras y recibir comentarios del público con respecto al proyecto propuesto.

El proyecto propuesto de 6.62 millas de longitud hará que la carretera US 59, cumpla con los criterios de las carreteras interestatales a través de la construcción, en dirección norte y sur, de vías laterales de dos carriles de 12 pies de ancho, y, a través de la reconstrucción de los carriles principales existentes de US 59, para que incluya 2 carriles de circulación de 12 pies de ancho en cada dirección, con una barrera intermedia. El proyecto propuesto convertirá la carretera en una carretera de acceso controlado lo que significa que no habrá acceso directo a los carriles principales. El acceso a los carriles principales será permitido a través de rampas de entrada y salida. El proyecto propuesto también incluirá la construcción de dos pasos a desnivel con vueltas en U en Red Road y, justo al sur de la Línea Divisoria entre los Condados San Jacinto y Liberty.

La anchura del derecho de vía existente (right-of-way o ROW por sus siglas en inglés) varía entre una anchura típica de 200 pies a 830 pies cerca de la Intersección entre el US 59 y SL 573 en Cleveland. La anchura del ROW propuesto varía entre 321 y 544 pies a lo largo del área del proyecto. El proyecto propuesto potencialmente desplazaría 5 residencias, una iglesia, y 11 estructuras comerciales. La información acerca del Programa Estatal de Asistencia para Reubicación (Relocation Assistance Program) de TxDOT, beneficios y servicios para los desplazados, al igual que la información sobre los programas tentativos para la adquisición y construcción del ROW, pueden obtenerse de la oficina de distrito de TxDOT ubicada en la dirección escrita más abajo. La asistencia de reubicación está disponible para las personas y negocios que potencialmente sean desplazados.

Dentro del ROW propuesto existe la presencia de humedales que serán impactados por las mejoras propuestas. Por esto, se requerirá que TxDOT obtenga autorización bajo la Section 404 de el Clean Water Act del United States Army Corps of Engineers. En conformidad con la Orden Ejecutiva 11990, no se pudieren encontrar alternativas aplicables para evitar impactar los humedales. El proyecto propuesto también cruzará zonas de inundación; por esto, se requerirá la coordinación con el administrador local de las zonas de inundación. El proyecto queda sujeto a y cumplirá con la Orden Ejecutiva 11988 de Administración de Zonas de Inundación (Floodplain Management).

El borrador EA, los mapas mostrando la ubicación y diseño del proyecto, programas tentativos de construcción y otra información pertinente al proyecto están archivados y disponibles para su inspección de Lunes a Viernes entre las horas de 8:00 a.m. y 5:00 p.m. en la Oficina de Distrito en Lufkin de TxDOT, 1805 N. Timberland Dr., Lufkin, TX 75901, (936)634-4433 y en www.txdot.gov, palabra clave de búsqueda "US 59 Shepherd-Cleveland". Esta información también estará disponible para su inspección durante la audiencia. Se solicitan comentarios verbales y por escrito del público con respecto al proyecto y pueden ser presentados durante la audiencia, en persona, o por correo, enviándolos a la Oficina de Distrito de Lufkin de TxDOT. Los comentarios deben recibirse para el o antes del 29 de mayo del 2019 para que sean parte del archivo oficial de la audiencia.

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Si usted tiene cualquier pregunta o preocupación de carácter general respecto al proyecto propuesto o sobre la audiencia, por favor póngase en contacto con Jennifer Adams, Gerente del Proyecto I-69, al (936) 633-4469 o en Jennifer.Adams@txdot.gov.

La revisión medioambiental, consultas y otras acciones requeridas por la Ley Medioambiental Federal pertinente para este proyecto están siendo, o han sido, efectuadas por TxDOT conforme a 23 U.S.C. 327 y el Memorandum of Understanding fechado 16 de diciembre, 2014, y formalizado por FHWA y TxDOT.

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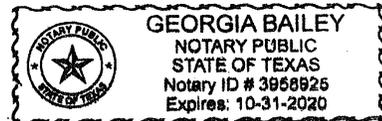
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The German medal

Finding strange things in strange places

TEXAS TALES
By Mike Cox



There are big mysteries ranging from the most weighty of cosmic questions to the whereabouts of famous people who have disappeared without a trace. And then there are little mysteries.

For instance, how did a German medal dated 1852 end up in a farmer's pasture near Lometa in Lampassas County? One side of the commemorative coin, in German, was the inscription: "Remembrance of German Exposition Industrial Products of Berlin." On the other side were these words: "Forward with German diligence and German energy. Be united."

In 1936, as Texas celebrated the centennial of independence from Mexico, Bronte resident Bill Martin told a reporter that his father had found the medal 30 years before.

The unnamed journalist said in his article that the medal probably was lost during an unsuccessful attempt to establish a German colony farther up the Colorado River than the better known German enclave around Fredericksburg. The project was abandoned in 1852, and the old land grant sold at auction by the sheriff of Bexar County, which at that time included that part of the state.

While how the medal got to the Lometa area will never be known, it's easy to learn more about the Berlin event where the medal was obtained. Held in the Zeughaus, Berlin's old arsenal, the Allgemeine



Deutsche Gewerbe-Ausstellung attracted 3040 exhibitors, 685 from Berlin. An estimated 260,000 people attended, including, presumably, whoever lost the souvenir in distant Texas.

Guadalupe County farmer Bernard Pankau found a small mystery on his farm near Seguin in 1938. He noticed an old knife that had been unearthed, presumably following a heavy rain, in a washout. When he picked up the knife, he said, a small gold coin fell from it.

How a coin could fall from a knife the finder did not explain in a brief story carried in the Guadalupe Gazette-Bulletin on May 12 that year. Less than a half-inch in diameter, the coin bore the legend, "California Gold 1849." Thirteen stars stood out on one side of the coin, a representation of Lady Liberty on the other.

The article offers no description of the knife or any further detail, leaving readers to ponder all the possibilities. One thing's a bit more certain: The value of such a coin today, depending on a more accurate identification, would start at about \$400.

A primary ingredient of any mystery is the passage of time.

In 1936, Dr. R.S. Sutton of Bartlett knew exactly where a silver Swiss watch once owned by Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna could be found—in the good doctor's personal collection.

The timepiece, manufactured in 1820 and distributed out of London, bore the manufacturer's number of 41442. Enclosed in a silver case, it had four gold bonds around its outer edge. Engraved on the outside of the case was "El Salvador" and the inner case has the words, "Cylindre Quatre Rubis."

The watch was taken from the body of Gen. Manuel Fernando Caswillon, who had been killed in the battle by two Texas scouts who later said they thought he was Santa Anna trying to escape. (Actually, having failed to keep his men from abandoning their artillery in panicked flight, the veteran officer had stood with arms crossed over his chest, waiting to be killed.) Santa Anna had given the watch to the general.

Scout Jim Dottery kept the watch as a souvenir of the battle. (The roster of Texans who participated in the battle, plus those who were in the area but did not

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US 59 UPGRADE SHEPHERD TO CLEVELAND

From FM 2914 to 0.65 mile south of SL 573

CSJs: 0177-02-057 and 0177-03-099

San Jacinto and Liberty Counties, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), as the lead agency, is proposing to upgrade existing US 59 by constructing frontage roads and overpasses from FM 2914 south of Shepherd in San Jacinto County to 0.65 mile south of SL 573 in Cleveland in Liberty County, Texas. This notice advises the public that a draft environmental assessment (EA) is available for public review and that TxDOT will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed project. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at Shepherd High School Cafeteria, 1 Pirate Lane, Shepherd, Texas 77371. Displays will be available for viewing at 4:00 p.m. with the formal hearing starting at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to present the planned improvements and to receive public comment on the proposed project.

The proposed 6.62 miles long project would bring US 59 up to interstate standards by constructing northbound and southbound frontage roads with two 12-foot wide lanes and reconstructing the existing US 59 main lanes to include two 12-foot wide travel lanes in each direction with median barrier. The proposed project would become a controlled access freeway which means there would not be direct access to the main lanes. Access to the main lanes would be allowed via entrance and exit ramps. The proposed project would also include the construction of two overpasses with U-turns at Red Road and just south of the San Jacinto/Liberty County Line.

Existing right-of-way (ROW) width varies from typical width of 200 feet to 830 feet near the US 59/SL 573 intersection in Cleveland. The proposed ROW width varies from 321 feet to 544 feet through the project area. The proposed project would potentially displace five residences, one church, and 11 commercial structures. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program, benefits and services for displacees, as well as information about the tentative schedules for ROW acquisition and construction can be obtained from the TxDOT district office at the address listed below. Relocation assistance is available for potentially displaced persons and businesses.

Wetlands are present within the proposed ROW and will be impacted by the proposed improvements. Therefore, TxDOT would be required to obtain authorization under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act from the United States Army Corps of Engineers. In accordance with Executive Order 11990, no practicable alternatives were identified that would avoid impacts to wetlands. The proposed project would also cross floodplains; therefore, coordination with the local floodplain administrator would be required. The project is subject to and will comply with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management.

The draft EA, maps showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the TxDOT Lufkin District Office, 1805 N. Timberland Dr., Lufkin, TX 75901, (936) 634-4433, and at www.txdot.gov keyword search "US 59 Shepherd-Cleveland". This information also will be available for inspection at the hearing. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be presented at the hearing, or submitted in person or by mail to the TxDOT Lufkin District Office. Comments must be received on or before May 29, 2019 to be part of the official hearing record.

The hearing will be conducted in English. Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication or accommodation needs, such as the need for an interpreter, are encouraged to contact Rhonda Oaks, District Public Information Officer at (936) 633-4395 or at Rhonda.Oaks@txdot.gov. Requests should be made at least two days prior to the hearing. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the hearing, please contact Jennifer Adams, I-69 Project Manager, at (936) 633-4469 or at Jennifer.Adams@txdot.gov.

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.

Product: Notice of Public Hearing to Improve US 59

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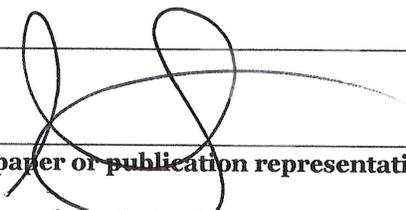
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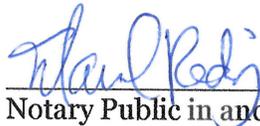
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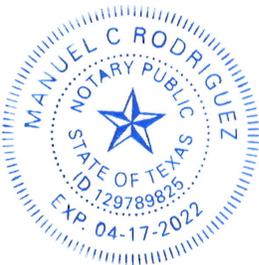
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La quema de Judas



El Perico
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Por Francisco Schwartau
Abril de 2019

Otra de las costumbres que se encuentra muy arraigada en México, es la "LA QUEMA DEL JUDAS", la cual se lleva a cabo el domingo de Resurrección, siendo esta una fiesta o celebración, que muestra el rechazo que hay entre la Comunidad Católica por Judas Iscariote, quien fuera quien traicionara a "CRISTO" y lo vendiera a los Romanos para ser Cruzificado.

Cabe mencionar, que no solo la Comunidad Católica libera su odio, su desprecio, su descontento con la quema del Judas, sino que esta celebración a ido más alla de Judas Iscariote y ahora representa a personas, que se consideran noci-

vas y nefastas. Esta tradición proviene de algunos Pueblos Españoles y varios Pueblos Iberoamericanos la adoptaron y representa el castigo y repudio hacia el mal, la cobardía y la traición que existe entre la gente contra el mal (España, Venezuela, Peru, Bolivia, Mexico, etc).

En esta Quema de los Judas, entre las figuras que mas buscaba la gente para poder llevar a cabo su quema, su apedreo, su destruccion, estaban las de 1.- Donald Trump , 2.- Nicolas Maduro , 3.- Enrique Peña Nieto y así sucesivamente, hasta llegar a la figura del Diabolo.

Es curioso como pueden las personas verter su odio o su desprecio por la imagen de las personas que tanto repudian y como con un acto tan insignificante y sin consecuencias, pueden librar por medio le la quema del Judas, su odio, su desprecio, su coraje, por todas aquellas personas que consideran nefastas y nocivas para su Mundo.

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Postcard



For more information or if you have questions, please visit www.txdot.gov and search:

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Tuesday, May 14, 2019
Martes, 14 de mayo de 2019

4 - 5:45pm Open House
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6-7pm Public Hearing
(Audiencia Pública)

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YOU'RE INVITED!

US 59 UPGRADE SHEPHERD TO CLEVELAND (FUTURE I-69) PUBLIC HEARING

¡Está Invitado! Modernización del US 59 de Shepherd hasta Cleveland (Próxima I-69) Audiencia Pública

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is hosting a public hearing regarding the upgrade of US 59 (Future I-69) to meet interstate standards from FM 2914 south of Shepherd in San Jacinto County to the north end of the Cleveland Relief Route in Liberty County. Come visit with staff one-on-one from 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. to ask questions regarding the project. Formal presentation will begin at 6 p.m.

El Departamento de Transportación de Texas (TxDOT) le invita a una audiencia pública con respecto de modernizar US 59 (Future I-69) para satisfacer los estándares interestatales de FM 2914 al sur de Shepherd en el Condado de San Jacinto hasta el extremo norte de la nuevo proyecto de Cleveland en el Condado de Liberty. Podría comunicarse con el personal de TxDOT y podrá hacer preguntas entre 4 p.m. y 5:45 p.m. la presentación formal comenzara a las 6 p.m.



1805 N. Timberland Drive
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If you plan to attend the public hearing and have special communication or accommodation needs, please call Rhonda Oaks at (936) 633-4395 no later than May 10, 2019, to request assistance.

Si planea asistir a la audiencia pública y tiene necesidades especiales de comunicación o adaptación, llame a Rhonda Oaks al (936) 633- 4395 no más tarde que el 10 de mayo de 2019, para solicitar asistencia.

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PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR US 59 UPGRADE FROM SHEPHERD TO CLEVELAND

Project will upgrade roadway to interstate standards

May 9, 2019

LUFKIN – TxDOT will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 14, in the Shepherd High School Cafeteria, 1 Pirates Lane, Shepherd, TX, to present planned improvements on US 59 and receive public comments on the proposed project.

Schematics for the project will be available for review from 4-6 pm with the Public Hearing beginning at 6 pm. The purpose of this hearing is to present the planned improvements and receive public comments on the proposed project. The US 59 Shepherd-Cleveland upgrade will include constructing frontage roads and overpasses from FM 2914 south of Shepherd in San Jacinto County to just south of SL 573 in Cleveland in Liberty County, TX.

The proposed 6.62 mile project will upgrade this section of US 59 to interstate standards by constructing northbound and southbound frontage roads each with two 12-foot lanes and reconstructing the main lanes of US 59 to include two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction with a median barrier. The project will also call for controlled access to the freeway, meaning access to the main lanes would be allowed only by entrance and exit ramps. The project also includes two overpasses with U-turns at Red Road and just south of the San Jacinto/Liberty County line.

More information regarding the project can be found at www.txdot.gov using the keyword search "US 59 Shepherd-Cleveland." Any general questions regarding the US 59 upgrade can be directed to Jennifer Adams, I-69 Project Manager at (936) 633-4469 or at Jennifer.Adams@txdot.gov.

For more information or for those who have special communication or accommodation needs, contact Rhonda.Oaks@txdot.gov or (936) 633-4395.

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

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This project is dedicated to improving safety and mobility along US 59 (Future I-69) between Shepherd and Cleveland.

TxDOT is proposing to upgrade existing US 59 by constructing frontage roads and overpasses from FM 2914 near Shepherd to the north end of the Cleveland Relief Route. The project would be designed to meet interstate standards for possible future designation as I-69 and would:

- 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 mile 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

An open house was held on [Sept. 27, 2016](#), to gather local input on the proposed improvements to US 59. Over the last two and a half years, TxDOT used findings from various reports and public feedback to refine the schematic and complete environmental documentation.

On May 14, 2019, the Lufkin District will hold a public hearing at the Shepherd High School Cafeteria to present the results of our work and receive public comments on the proposed project.

Next Steps

- The schematic and environmental study approvals are anticipated in summer 2019.
- TxDOT has begun right of way (ROW) mapping and received approval for early acquisition of right of way, which provides the Lufkin District the ability to begin ROW acquisition prior to environmental clearance; therefore, ROW acquisition is estimated to begin spring 2019.
- Construction funding was identified in the December 2017 revision of TxDOT's Unified Transportation Program (UTP). The construction start date has currently been set for spring 2023.

Get Involved

- [Open House - Sept. 27, 2016](#)
- [Public Hearing - May 14, 2019](#)

Downloads

- [Sept. 27, 2016 - Meeting Summary Report](#)
- [Project Location Map](#)

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

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Where:	Shepherd High School Cafeteria (Map) 1 Pirate Lane Shepherd, TX 77371
When:	Tuesday, May 14, 2019 Open House: 4 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Public Hearing: 6-7 p.m.
Purpose:	TxDOT is hosting a public hearing regarding the upgrade of US 59 (future I-69) to meet interstate standards from FM 2914 south of Shepherd in San Jacinto County to the north end of the Cleveland Relief Route in Liberty County. An open house will be held from 4 – 5:45 p.m. in a come and go format. During the open house, the public is invited to view displays, maps, environmental documentation and discuss the proposed project with staff. The Public Hearing will begin at 6 p.m., which includes a presentation on the proposed project, environmental studies and right of way process. Comments must be received on or before Wednesday, May 29, 2019, to be a part of the official meeting record.
Description:	<p>TxDOT held an open house meeting on September 27, 2016 to seek public input on a conceptual layout. The Lufkin District then used public feedback to develop the schematic and conduct environmental studies.</p> <p>The proposed project would include the construction of frontage roads and reconstruction of the US 59 main lanes to meet interstate standards for potential future designation as I-69. The project would also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve safety• Enhance mobility along the US 59 corridor• Provide a more efficient hurricane evacuation route <p>The construction funding was allocated in the December revision of the 2017 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) with proposed construction to start in Spring 2023.</p> <p>For additional information or if you have any questions, please visit US 59 Upgrade Shepherd to Cleveland (Future I-69) project page.</p>

Special The public meeting will be conducted in English. Persons who have special

Accommodations: communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact TxDOT's Public Information Offices at (713) 802-5076. Requests should be made at least five working days prior to the public meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate these needs.

Memorandum of Understanding: 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.

- Downloads:**
- [Notice](#)
 - [Notice \(Español\)](#)
 - [Project Location](#)
 - [Schematics](#)
 - [Draft Environmental Assessment](#)
 - [Right-of-Way Overview](#)
 - [Relocation Booklet](#)

Contact: TxDOT Public Information Officer
1805 N. Timberland Drive
Lufkin, TX 75901

(936) 634-4395
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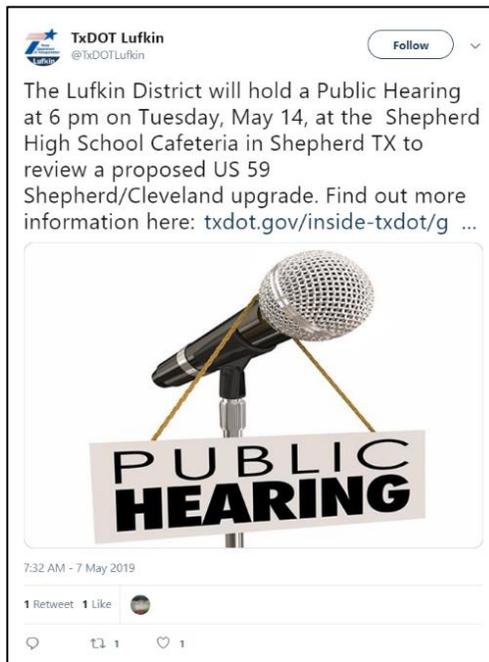
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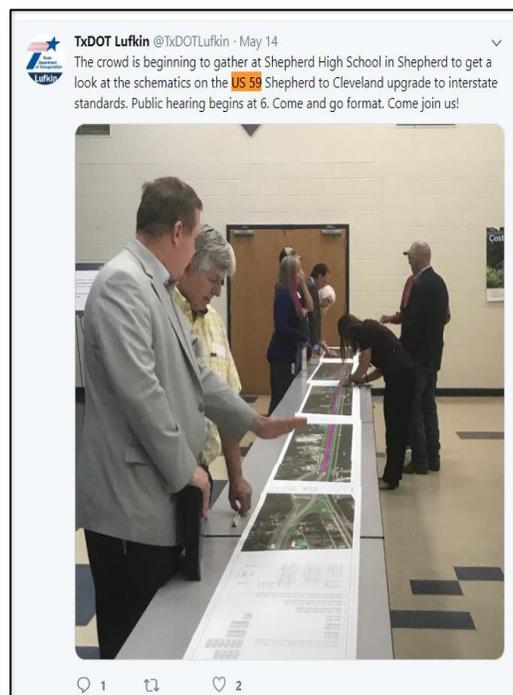
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Twitter Post on 05/07/2019



Twitter Post on 5/14/2019



Facebook Post on 5/01/2019

 Texas Department of Transportation added an event.
May 1 at 11:04 AM · 🌐



**Open House
&
Public Hearing**

TUE, MAY 14
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1 person interested

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Modernización del US 59 de Shepherd hasta Cleveland (Futuro I-69) Audiencia Pública

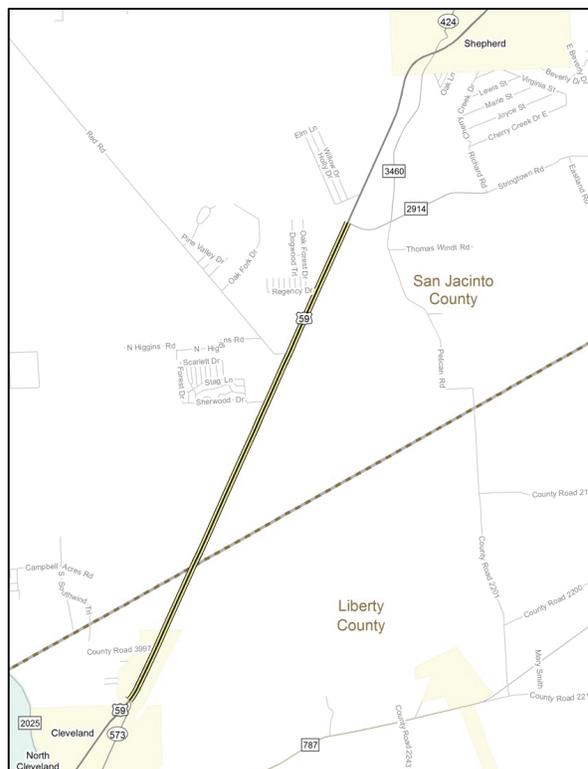


Propuesto de Mejoramiento:

El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT) está organizando una audiencia pública sobre la actualización de la US 59 (Future I-69) para cumplir con los estándares interestatales de FM 2914 al sur de Shepherd en el Condado de San Jacinto al extremo norte de la Cleveland Relief Route en Liberty Condado.

Este proyecto mejoraría la US 59 existente mediante la construcción de carreteras de fachada y pasos elevados desde FM 2914 cerca de Shepherd hasta el extremo norte de la Ruta de Ayuda de Cleveland. El proyecto se diseñaría para cumplir con los estándares interestatales para una posible designación futura como I-69 y:

- Mejorar la seguridad y la movilidad a lo largo de la US 59;
- Proporcionar una ruta de evacuación de huracanes más eficiente; y
- Proporcionar conectividad del sistema al I-69, que es una carretera nacional de 1,600 millas que conecta Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana y Texas. La I-69 también proporciona acceso a puertos interiores y puertos marítimos a lo largo de la costa del golfo.



Martes, 14 de mayo de 2019

Exhibición: 4 – 5:45 p.m.

Audiencia Pública: 6 - 7 p.m.

**Cafetería de la escuela Shepherd
High School
1 Pirate Lane
Shepherd, TX 77371**

Para Más Información:

Para más información, visite el sitio de TxDOT en www.txdot.gov palabra clave "US 59 Shepherd-Cleveland" o comuníquese con Jennifer Adams, Gerente del Proyecto del I-69 al Jennifer.Adams@txdot.gov, (936) 633-4469. 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, 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.



Shepherd, TX Flyer Distribution List

Woodland Park Nursing and Rehabilitation – 101 Woodland Park Dr.
McClains Food Market – 5450 US-59, Shepherd, TX 77371
Chevron – 6280 US-59, Shepherd, TX 77371
Happy Days Diner – 6230 US-59, Shepherd, TX 77371
U-Haul Neighborhood Dealer – 6100 US-59, Shepherd, TX 77371
Harmony Baptist Church – 1002 FM 223 Rd., Shepherd, TX 77371
Family Dollar – 200 Church St., Shepherd, TX 77371
Good Shepherd Baptist Church – 300 Church St., Shepherd, TX 77371
Puppy Love Grooming – 910 N. Byrd Ave., Shepherd, TX 77371
Nixon Adult Day Center – 931 N. Byrd Ave., Shepherd, TX 77371
Church of Christ – 51 Bell St., Shepherd, TX 77371
Shepherd Public Library – 30 Liberty St., Shepherd, TX 77371
El Tequito Mexican Restaurant – 1301 S. Byrd Ave., Shepherd, TX 77371
Roberts Tire Shop – 1635 S. Byrd Ave., Shepherd, TX 77371
Shepherd Pentecostal Church – 911 N. Byrd Ave., Shepherd, TX 77371
Shepherd South Apartments – 2050 S. Byrd Ave., Shepherd, TX 77371
Shepherd Chamber of Commerce – 10251 TX-150, Shepherd, TX 77371
Shepherd United Pentecostal Church – 11121 TX – 150, Shepherd, TX 77371
Exxon – 10911 TX-150, Shepherd, TX 77371
Shepherd Auto Parts – 10950 TX-150, Shepherd, TX 77371
First Baptist Church - 10850 TX-150, Shepherd, TX 77371
Stop & Drive - 10750 TX-150, Shepherd, TX 77371
Shepherd United Methodist Church – 71 W. 3rd St., Shepherd, TX 77371
First Assembly of God Church – 10621 TX-150, Shepherd, TX 77371
Shepherd Community Center – 10251 TX-150, Shepherd, TX 77371
Shepherd Family Worship Center – 10151 TX-150, Shepherd, TX 77371
The Community & Children's Impact Center – 1020 N. Byrd Ave., Shepherd, TX 77371
Jacobs Gas Station - 12660 US-59, Shepherd, TX 77371

Cleveland, TX Flyer Distribution List

Operation Refuge Pantry - 1625 N Blair Ave, Cleveland, TX 77327
Cleveland Animal Hospital - 1205 N Washington Ave, Cleveland, TX 77327
Liberty Church - 200 FM 2025, Cleveland, TX 77328
Loves Travel Stop - 107 FM 2025, Cleveland, TX 77328
O' Reilly Auto Parts - 909 N Washington Ave, Cleveland, TX 77327
Mobile Vapor - 3654, 400 Belcher St #1, Cleveland, TX 77327
McCoys Building Supplies - 1000 Frontage St South, Cleveland, TX 77327
Brookshire Brothers - 603 E Houston St, Cleveland, TX 77327
Austin Memorial Library - 220 S Bonham Ave, Cleveland, TX 77327
Cruz Tire Services - 315 S Washington Ave, Cleveland, TX 77327
Cleveland Civic Center - 210 Peach Ave, Cleveland, TX 77327
AutoZone Auto Parts - 1217 E Houston St, Cleveland, TX 77327
Sears Hometown Store - 638 E Houston St, Cleveland, TX 77327
Murphy USA - 838 S Washington Ave, Cleveland, TX 77327
Hartz Chicken Buffet - 417 TX-105, Cleveland, TX 77327
China One Super Buffet - 421 W Southline St, Cleveland, TX 77327
Stripes - 1201 E Houston, Cleveland, TX 77327
Cleveland Post Office - 1213 E Houston, Cleveland, TX 77327
NAPA - 1016 E Houston, Cleveland, TX 77327
Cleveland ANEX - 304 Campbell, Cleveland, TX 77327
Casa Del Pueblo - 706 N Washington, Cleveland, TX 77327
El Burrito - 422 W Southline, Cleveland, TX 77327
Family Dollar - 806 E Houston, Cleveland, TX 77327
Walgreens - 101 S Washington, Cleveland, TX 77327
CVS - 108 N Washington, Cleveland, TX 77327
Cleveland City Hall - 907 E Houston, Cleveland, TX 77327
CBS Furniture - 502 N Washington, Cleveland, TX 77327
A Plus Credit Repair - 116 E Houston, Cleveland, TX 77327
Debra Does My Nails and Hair Salon -124 E Houston, Cleveland, TX 77327

Electronic Changeable Message Boards

**US 59 Shepherd/Cleveland
May 14, 2019 Public Hearing
Electronic Changeable Message Signs**



Northbound US 59 (1)



Northbound US 59 (2)



Northbound US 59 (3)



Southbound US 59 (1)



Southbound US 59 (2)



Southbound US 59 (3)

There were two changeable message signs displayed for this meeting, one facing southbound US 59, the other northbound US 59. The signs read: US59/169 SHPRD TO CLEVELND / MAY 14 TH 4-7 PM SHPRD HS.

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Elected Officials



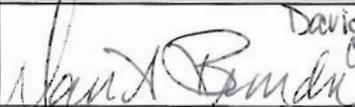
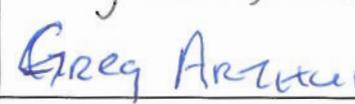
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Name	Office Location and Title	Phone Number
<i>David Brandon</i> <i>Commissioner</i> <i>STCO</i> 	<i>31 Lilly Yeager Ln.</i> <i>Cleveland Texas 77328</i>	<i>936-620-9221</i>
<i>Ernest Bailes, State Rep</i> <i>STCO.</i>	<i>1000 Bailes Dairy Road</i> <i>Shepherd, TX 77371</i>	
<i>Donny Marris, Commissioner</i>		
	<i>1022 CR 2005</i> <i>Liberty TX 77575</i>	<i>Conn Sect 2</i> <i>936-346-1017</i>
<i>Chris Cohn</i>	<i>Mayer of Cleveland</i>	

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Name	Affiliation (if any)	Mailing Address	How did you hear about the Public Hearing?		
DAVID MATLOCK	BETHEL FAMILY WORSHIP		<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Flyer
TIZY JACOB	ANY		<input type="checkbox"/> Online	<input type="checkbox"/> Letter/Notice	<input type="checkbox"/> Postcard
FLOYD HANSON			<input type="checkbox"/> Social Media	<input type="checkbox"/> Road-side Sign	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
VIVEK CHDKYALA	GODRONDONA GENUY SERVICES		<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Flyer
OWEN WANG			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online	<input type="checkbox"/> Letter/Notice	<input type="checkbox"/> Postcard
Amy Brown			<input type="checkbox"/> Social Media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Road-side Sign	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Charlie Rice	Cleveland Chamber		<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Flyer
Donnie Parsons	UNITED BUILT HOMES		<input type="checkbox"/> Online	<input type="checkbox"/> Letter/Notice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard
Sonny Guzman	3 Haunts		<input type="checkbox"/> Social Media	<input type="checkbox"/> Road-side Sign	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____



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Roy Pippin		[REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Family <input type="checkbox"/> Community Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Online <input type="checkbox"/> Letter/Notice <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media <input type="checkbox"/> Road-side Sign <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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Rick Barclay			<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Family <input type="checkbox"/> Community Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Online <input type="checkbox"/> Letter/Notice <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media <input type="checkbox"/> Road-side Sign <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
David [unclear]	SJC Commissioner	[REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Family <input type="checkbox"/> Community Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Online <input type="checkbox"/> Letter/Notice <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media <input type="checkbox"/> Road-side Sign <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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1 MS. MORRIS: Okay. We are going to get
2 started. Good evening everyone. My name is Kelly Morris.
3 I'm the Director of Transportation, Planning, and
4 Development for the Texas Department of Transportation for
5 the Lufkin District.

6 Before we begin tonight's presentation, I would
7 please ask everyone to silence their cell phones and
8 electronic devices.

9 In the case of an emergency, the exits are
10 located at the doors that you came through, which are to my
11 left and your right. And also in the event of the bad
12 weather or tornado, we can shelter in place in this room.
13 And, finally, the restrooms are located just outside the
14 doors in the hallway the left.

15 Today is Tuesday, May 14th, 2019. The time is
16 6:02 p.m. We will now open the public hearing. And, on
17 behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation, I'd like
18 to thank you for your interest and participation in the
19 public hearing. We would also like to thank the Shepherd
20 High School for the use of their facility.

21 As you entered tonight, you were asked to
22 register at our sign-in table. If you have not already done
23 so, please register before you leave tonight so we have a
24 record of your participation at this the public hearing.

25 If you are interested in speaking during the

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1 formal comment period and you have not filled out a speaker
2 registration card, please raise your hand and one of our
3 staff will provide one to you.

4 I would also like to welcome and recognize the
5 elected officials who are in attendance tonight. We us we
6 have David Brandon. He is a San Jacinto County
7 Commissioner. With Mr. Ernest Bailes' office, our state
8 representative, he has his -- where is she at? Has she
9 already gone? I think he had someone from his office that
10 was her to represent his office. And Mr. Donnie Morris, San
11 Jacinto County Commissioner, and Greg Arthur, Liberty County
12 Commissioner.

13 And are there any other elected officials
14 present today? Please raise your hand to be recognized.

15 Each of you will be given an opportunity to
16 speak prior to the public comment period, if you wish to do
17 so.

18 Okay. Prior to December 16th, 2014 the Federal
19 Highway Administration reviewed and approved documents
20 prepared by the National Environmental Policy Act, know as
21 NEPA. However, on December 16th, 2014 TxDOT assumed
22 responsibility from FHWA to review and approve certain
23 assigned NEPA environmental document.

24 The notices of the public hearing were
25 advertised by the method noted on this slide.

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1 The purpose of the public hearing is to present
2 the proposed construction of the upgrade of US 59 from
3 Shepherd to Cleveland, the preliminary findings of the
4 environmental technical report, and to receive your comment
5 on the proposed project.

6 The public comment session will begin following
7 the presentation. Because of the guidelines for public
8 hearings and the public comment period, we cannot respond to
9 comments or questions during the provided comment period.
10 We appreciate your understanding this. And we will be
11 available afterwards to answer any questions that you may
12 have.

13 The official public hearing will adjourn after
14 all verbal comments have been heard.

15 Now, I'd like to introduce Tina Brown, the
16 Project Engineering Coordinator, who will discuss the
17 engineering of the proposed project.

18 MS. BROWN: Thank you, Kelly. The project
19 limits from FM 2914 to .65 miles south of State Loop 573, a
20 distance of approximately 6.62 miles.

21 US 59, within the project area, does not meet
22 current interstate design standards. It is not an access
23 controlled highway, meaning that crossroads and driveways
24 may intersect the main lanes and there are crossovers in the
25 median. Meanwhile, traffic in the area is projected to

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1 increase by approximately 54 percent from 2016 to 2043.

2 The US 59 project is expected to provide a
3 beneficial improvement. However, the purpose of the
4 proposed project is to bring US 59, between Shepherd and
5 Cleveland, up to current interstate and environmental
6 standards by making it a controlled access roadway within
7 the project limits.

8 The project purpose will not only provide
9 system connectivity for future I 69, but also enhance
10 safety, increase mobility, and provide a more efficient
11 hurricane evacuation route.

12 The proposed project being presented tonight
13 was designed to meet interstate standards for possible
14 future designation as I 69. It will provide a controlled
15 access freeway section, two-lane northbound and southbound
16 US 59 main lanes with a center barrier, and two-lane
17 northbound and southbound frontage roads.

18 It will also include the construction of two
19 overpasses with U turns, one at Red Road and one just south
20 of the San Jacinto-Liberty County line. Sidewalks along the
21 southbound frontage road in the Cleveland area and safety
22 railing at entrance and exit ramps.

23 The proposed right-of-way varies from 321 feet
24 along the proposed main-lane section to 544 feet maximum at
25 the tie-in near State Loop 573. Typical right-of-way is 421

1 feet. Approximately 120 acres of right-of-way would be
2 acquired from 38 parcels. Current construction cost
3 estimated at 116 million.

4 This depiction provides more details on the
5 typical features of the proposed project. The US 59 upgrade
6 project would consist of four 12-foot wide main lanes, two
7 in each direction with a center barrier, ten-foot inside
8 shoulders, and 12-foot outside shoulders. Northbound and
9 southbound frontage roads that consist of two 12-foot lanes,
10 four-foot inside shoulders and eight-foot outside shoulders
11 that could accommodate bicycles, and six-foot sidewalks to
12 be provided along the southbound frontage roads in the
13 Cleveland area.

14 Open draining ditches will be used to convey
15 farm water run off, and we propose to construct a new wide
16 drainage ditch between the southbound frontage road and the
17 proposed right-of-way to insure any additional runoff is
18 maintained within the TxDOT right-of-way.

19 As mentioned earlier, the proposed right-of-way
20 will vary from 321 feet to a maximum of 544 feet at the
21 tie-in near State Loop 573. Safety lighting has been
22 planned at ramp locations.

23 This completes the engineering and design
24 portion of the presentation. I would like to now introduce
25 Alex Amponsan that will present the findings of the

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1 environmental study.

2 MR. AMPONSAN: Thank you, Tina. Technical
3 reports and environmental documents prepared for the US 59
4 project comply with TxDOT environmental review rules and the
5 National Environmental Policy Act. They are available
6 tonight for your review.

7 As part of the environmental review process,
8 natural, cultural, and social resources are evaluated for
9 potential impact as a result of the proposed project.

10 In the following slides I will highlight and
11 discuss the resources that were determined to have potential
12 impact resulting from the proposed project and requiring
13 further examination.

14 Community impact. It is anticipated that there
15 will be a five single-family residences displaced. The
16 displacements are spread throughout the project area. There
17 are 11 businesses that will be impacted or displaced by the
18 proposed project. Some of the businesses indicated they
19 will be relocating, either to a new location or continue
20 operating, after reconstructing, on the remaining property.

21 Converting the existing roadway to a controlled
22 access freeway would change access and travel patterns.
23 Currently a vehicle can turn directly onto US 59 from
24 intersecting driveways or off of side roads.

25 The proposed project would require vehicles to

1 utilize frontage roads and exit-entrance ramps to access US
2 59 and adjacent properties. These changes in access and
3 travel patterns are anticipated to add approximately five
4 minutes to travel time.

5 Existing and predicted traffic noise levels
6 were modeled for receiver locations. The traffic noise
7 models indicate that the proposed project would result in
8 traffic noise impact at three receiver locations.

9 Noise abatement measures, such as traffic
10 management, alteration of horizontal and/or vertical
11 alignment, buffer zones, and traffic noise barriers were
12 considered. None of the measures considered would meet the
13 criteria to both feasible and reasonable. Therefore, no
14 noise abatement measures are proposed for the project. A
15 copy of the traffic analysis, including traffic noise
16 contours, will be provided to local officials.

17 Vegetation and wildlife. The proposed project
18 would have no affect on threatened or endangered species.

19 Vegetation would be disturbed by the
20 construction within the proposed right-of-way. TxDOT will
21 minimize that impact to the indigent vegetation to the
22 extent practicable.

23 TxDOT agrees with the Texas Parks and Wildlife
24 to implement best management practices to further minimize
25 the impact on the vegetation and wildlife in the project

1 area. These best management practices include avoidance
2 areas, contractor training, erosion and sediment control,
3 along with reseeding and re vegetating the disturbed areas
4 according to TxDOT standards.

5 Waters of the US. Forty-eight water features,
6 including streams, wetlands, and ponds were identified
7 within the proposed project right-of-way. All of these
8 features are considered potential jurisdictional waters of
9 the US. It is anticipated the project would require a
10 Section 404 permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers.

11 Archeological resources. TxDOT performed a
12 desktop phase study of available background information,
13 which indicated that further field investigation is
14 warranted. Due to the level of disturbance associated with
15 the survey activity, TxDOT is committed to do conduct a
16 required archeological survey when ownership of the property
17 is obtained by the State. No construction may occur until
18 the archeological survey has been completed.

19 Section 106 tribal coordination was initiated
20 on May 14, 2018, with Federally recognized tribes with an
21 interest in the proposed project areas. No issues or
22 objections were received.

23 Historical property. TxDOT historians
24 determined there are no effected historical none
25 archeological properties in the project area and project

1 activities have no potential for adverse effect. Individual
2 project coordination with the State historic preservation
3 officer is not required.

4 Hazardous material. An initial cite assessment
5 identifies four locations that will require follow-up
6 assessment. These follow-up assessments will be performed
7 after TxDOT has purchased the property prior to
8 construction.

9 This completes the environmental portion of the
10 presentation. I would now like to introduce Jody Watkins,
11 who will discuss the right-of-way acquisition and relocation
12 process.

13 MS. WATKINS: Thank you, Alex.

14 The Texas Department of Transportation will be
15 responsible for acquiring the necessary right-of-way for
16 this project.

17 Once an approved right-of-way is produced,
18 State certified appraisers will be hired to appraise the
19 individual parcels. During the appraisal process, each
20 landowner will be mailed a letter identifying the appraiser.
21 Once a copy of the -- I'm sorry. Also a copy of the
22 landowner bill of rights will be sent, certified mail, to
23 all affected property owners.

24 The appraiser will contact the landowner and
25 set up an appointment to inspect the property. It is highly

1 recommended the landowners meet with the appraiser. This
2 will allow the landowner to point out sprinkler systems,
3 septic systems, as well as other property improvements. The
4 landowner can also provide the appraiser information
5 regarding tenants or lienholders.

6 Once appraisals are completed, the TxDOT
7 representative will make an appointment to meet with the
8 landowner to present a copy of the appraisal and a written
9 offer for the for the property.

10 If you are displaced or have personal property
11 that is displaced by the project, you will be notified of
12 your eligibility for relocation assistance. Relocation
13 eligibility begins upon the delivery of the original written
14 offer to purchase right-of-way, and no person lawfully on
15 the property will be required to move from their home, farm,
16 or business without at least 90-days notice.

17 Please make sure you pickup the brochure that
18 will say purchase of right-of-way. It give you more
19 information about the process we go through to acquire
20 property. They are located at the table as you leave.

21 This concludes the right-of-way portion of the
22 public hearing. At this time I would like to hand the
23 hearing back offer to Kelly.

24 MS. MORRIS: Thank you, Jodi.

25 Before we move to the public comments section,

1 I would like to discuss the protect development schedule.
2 The environmental documentation schematics are available for
3 public review here and on the public hearing website. In
4 addition, should you wish to obtain a copy for your personal
5 use, paper copies may be purchased for the cost of
6 reproduction.

7 The public comment period for the public
8 hearing ends on May 29th, 2019. All comments received will
9 be compiled and considered in the finalization of the
10 environmental documentation and schematic design.

11 A summary of today's proceedings, along with
12 responses to comments received, will be posted on the
13 project web page once completed.

14 The TxDOT anticipates approval of the the
15 environmental documentation in the summer of 2019. The
16 Lufkin District has also obtained approval to begin the
17 early acquisition process, which allows for the purchase.
18 Of right-of-way prior to environmental clearance. No
19 right-of-way has been acquired through the early acquisition
20 process to date.

21 The early acquisition process would provide the
22 Lufkin District the tool to keep project development on
23 track, should environmental clearance take longer than
24 anticipated. The over-all right-of-way process, including
25 mapping, appraisal, acquisition, relocation, and demolition,

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1 is anticipated to take approximately two years and be
2 complete in the summer of 2021.

3 TxDOT will begin detailed engineering plans
4 this summer, which will provide the initial information
5 needed to obtain necessary environmental permitting and to
6 relocate utilities. These activities are anticipated to be
7 completed in early 2023.

8 Construction funding has been allocated and the
9 proposed project is tentatively scheduled in the spring of
10 2023. TxDOT anticipates construction to be complete in the
11 spring of 2027.

12 At this time I we will move to the public
13 comment portion of the hearing. There are several ways to
14 comment on the proposed project.

15 You can provided a verbal comment during the
16 public comment session this hearing. You will need to fill
17 out a speaker registration card first. If you need one,
18 please just raise your hand and a staff member will hand one
19 to you. Once you have filled out the card, hand the card to
20 the staff member or raise your hand and we will pick them
21 up.

22 When we call your name, please proceed to the
23 microphone and clearly state your name and who you may
24 represent, then speak your comment. Please limit your
25 speaking time to three minutes so that everybody who wishes

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1 to speak may have an opportunity to do so.

2 As I mentioned earlier, because of the
3 guidelines for public hearings and public comment periods,
4 we cannot respond to comments and/or questions during the
5 comment period. We appreciate your understanding in this.
6 And we will be here after the meeting to answer any
7 questions you may have.

8 If you do not wish to speak tonight, you may
9 submit your comments in writing. There are comment forms
10 provided for written comments available tonight at the
11 sign-in table. We have provided comment boxes, if you
12 choose to leave your completed form tonight. Or your
13 comments may also be mailed or sent electronically to the
14 address shown on the slide and provided to you in the
15 handouts.

16 Written comments must be e mailed or postmarked
17 by Wednesday, May 29th, 2019. Both written and verbal
18 comments will be considered equally.

19 First I would like to begin the public comment
20 session by introducing any elected officials who wish to
21 comment. Do we have any elected officials that would like
22 to comment tonight?

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Do I come up here?

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MS. MORRIS: Yes, sir.

MR. COHEN: And are those going to be two lanes one way or lanes going both ways?

MS. MORRIS: The lanes are two lanes in each direction. And I'm sorry that I cannot answer questions during the comment period. I would be happy to talk to you as soon as the hearing gets wrapped up.

MR. COHEN: All right. I think this is going to a big boon to both Cleveland and Shepherd. And it's going to get us closer to the development that's coming up 59 already. And I want to thank you-all for moving this into high gear.

MS. MORRIS: Thank you, sir.

MR. COHEN: Thank you.

1 MS. MORRIS: Do we have any other elected
2 officials who would to speak?

3 Now I'd like to provide an opportunity for
4 those who registered to speak on the proposed project.
5 Again, you will have three minutes to make your comments.
6 When I announce your name, please come to the microphone and
7 clearly state your name and who you may represent. A timer
8 is located on the screen which will indicate the beginning
9 of your three minutes. After three minutes, you will be
10 asked to be seated so the next speaker can make his or her
11 comment. Unused time may not be given to another speaker.
12 If you have additional comments, please complete the written
13 comments form provided to you.

14 And now I like to call on any speakers that
15 have filled out the verbal comment registration card in the
16 order that they signed up.

17 Would anyone who has not filled out the card
18 like to speak? Okay.

19 And now I would like to conclude the public
20 hearing. It is 6:25 p.m. I hope that everyone has safe
21 travel heading out.

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COMMENTS RECEIVED

Comments Received at Open House

Emailed Comments

Subject: RE: I-69 (Hwy 59) Corridor

jim_carson@sbcglobal.net [REDACTED] >

Tue, May 28, 2:30 PM

to Jim Carson ▾

The 2025-US 59 overpass congestion creates a severe safety hazard during peak hours of the day. The northbound exit occasionally backs up onto the highway during peak evening hours. Although it is included in the HGAC RTP2045. plan adding it to TxDOT's upcoming I-69 Expansion Project could improve this major bottleneck and possibly save lives.

Thank Your

Jim Carson
VP & Chief Operating Officer
Greater Cleveland Chamber of Commerce.

From: Jim Carson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2019 3:37 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: I-69 (Hwy 59) Corridor
Importance: High

TxDOT is bringing the I-69 North Expansion Project into the final draft stages. This project is scheduled to start in 2023 and will span from the north end of Cleveland into San Jacinto County. Details of the project can be found on the Project's Website (<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/lufkin/us59-shepherd-cleveland.html>).

The window for Public Contacts will close on 5/28/2019. We are encouraging local businesses to submit a comment regarding this expansion project and any ideas you would like to be considered. You can send your comment directly to the Chamber by email (by 5/28) and we will compile all of the comments and send them to our local TxDOT Representative. All comments will be reviewed and replied to by TxDOT.

Please feel free to contact the Chamber if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Jim Carson
Greater Cleveland Chamber of Commerce

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to Jennifer Adams, Kelly Morris

Tue, May 28, 1:42 PM (6 days ago)

Name: Mr. Dean Crockett [REDACTED]
Address:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Phone:
[REDACTED]

Requested Contact Method: Email

Reason for Contact: Customer Service
Complaint: No

Comment: Project ID: 017703099

Include an overpass and flyover between Cleveland and the San Jacinto County line. The Union Pacific rail line runs to the East of I-69, cutting off access to land North of Cleveland. This land is slated by the City of Cleveland as an industrial park, and access is key to this economic growth for the area.

Subject: Re: I-69 (Hwy 59) Corridor

Timothy Magee [REDACTED]

Tue, May 28, 1:38 PM

to Jim Carson ▾

In conjunction with the I69 North Expansion Project, I would like to see TXDOT consider replacing the 2025 overpass/intersection. This intersection is included in HGAC's RTP2045 plan. The overpass is a daily traffic issue, it is already in the plans to be replaced, please consider including it in the I69 North Project.

Thank You

Timothy Magee
Lead Pastor
Cornerstone Church

Tue, May 28, 11:45 AM (6 days ago)

[REDACTED]
to Jennifer Adams, Kelly Morris

Name: Mr. Robert Pennington [REDACTED]

Address:

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Phone:

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Requested Contact Method: Email

Reason for Contact: Customer Service

Complaint: No

Comment: Include an overpass & flyover in the North end of Cleveland, South of the San Jacinto County Line providing access over Union Pacific RR. This access corresponds with the City of Cleveland Comprehensive plan. The area will provide access for truck traffic from an industrial development complex in the Northeast quadrant of the UP and BNSF lines.

Verbal Comments

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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



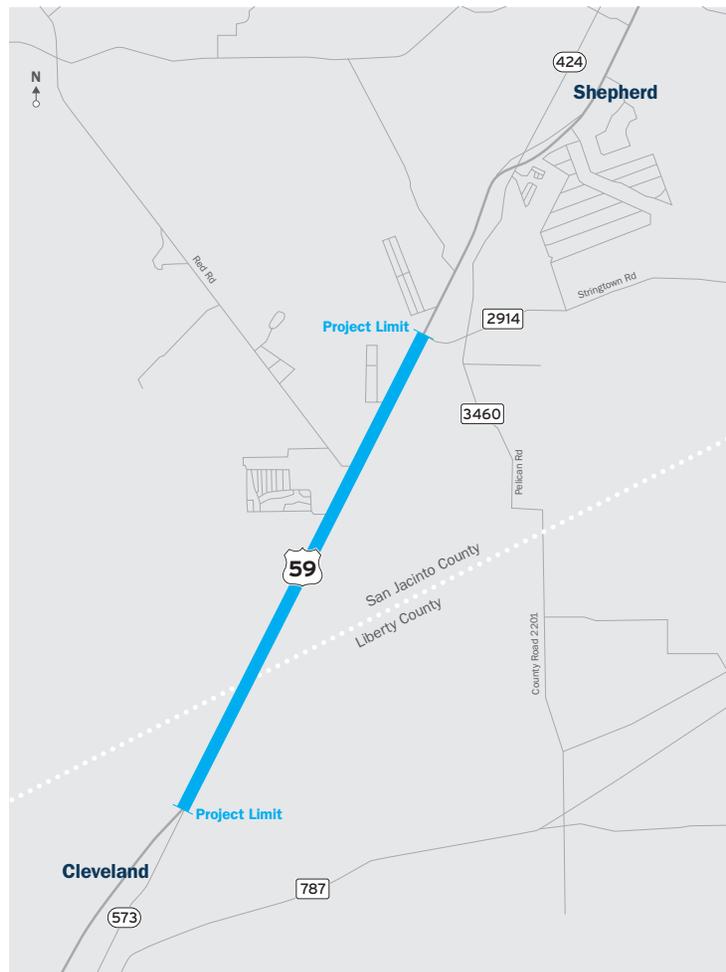
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Project Location



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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



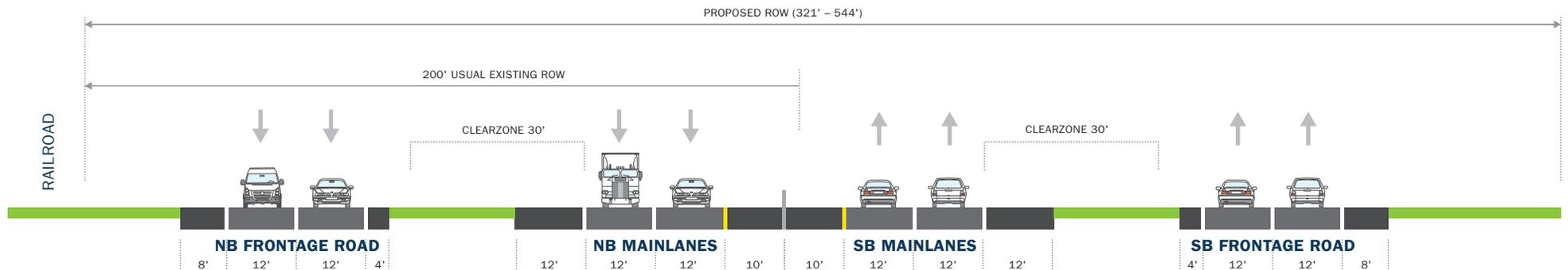
- Construction of new US 59 northbound and southbound main lanes and southbound frontage road – access to the main lanes will be allowed via entrance and exit ramps
- Reconstruction of existing northbound US 59 travel lanes to become northbound frontage road
- Construction of overpasses with U-turns 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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How Can I Stay Informed?



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

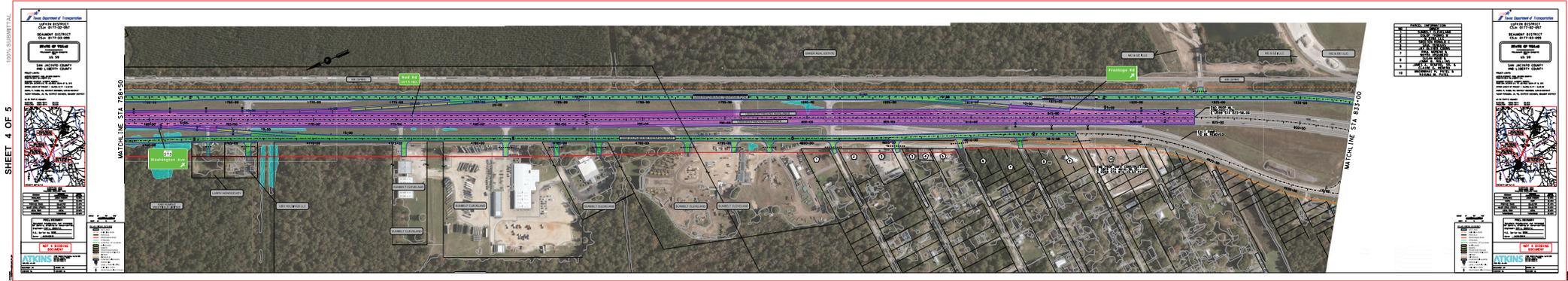


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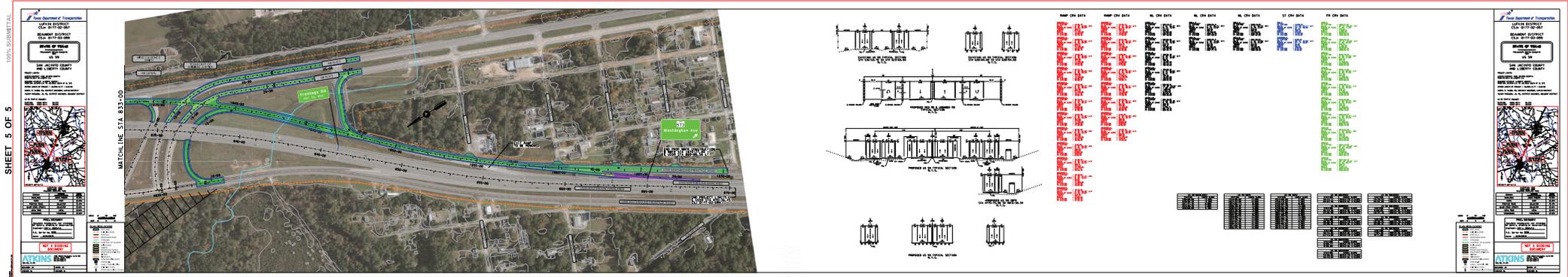
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Schematics

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Presentation



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



May 14, 2019

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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.



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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



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Agenda for Tonight's Public Hearing

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



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Proposed Project Location



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Project Need and Purpose

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.



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Proposed Project Overview

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



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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
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- 6-foot wide sidewalks would be provided along the southbound frontage road in the Cleveland area
- Proposed right-of-way width varies from 321 feet to 544 feet

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Right of Way Acquisition and Relocation

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

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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
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 - 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



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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)
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Thank You

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Handouts

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SHEPHERD TO CLEVELAND (FUTURE I-69)
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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:

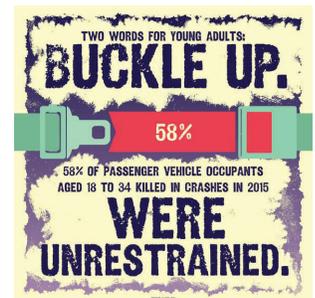


- Enhance safety and improve mobility along US 59.
- Provide a more efficient hurricane evacuation route.
- Provide system connectivity to I-69, which is a 1,600 national highway connecting Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. I-69 also provides access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



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View Current and Past Lufkin District Newsletters at:

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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 estimated \$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 late 2022/early 2023.



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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Visit our Project Tracker Webpage (www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/project-tracker.html) for information on other projects under development in the Lufkin District.

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 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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Lufkin, TX 75901
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Contact the TxDOT Lufkin District:

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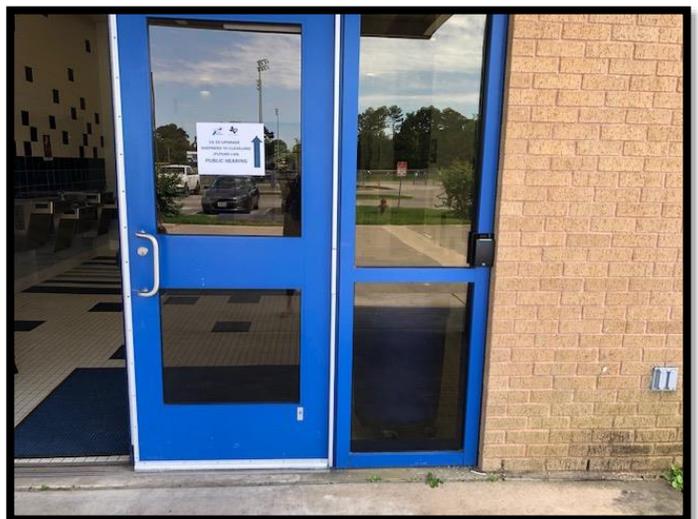
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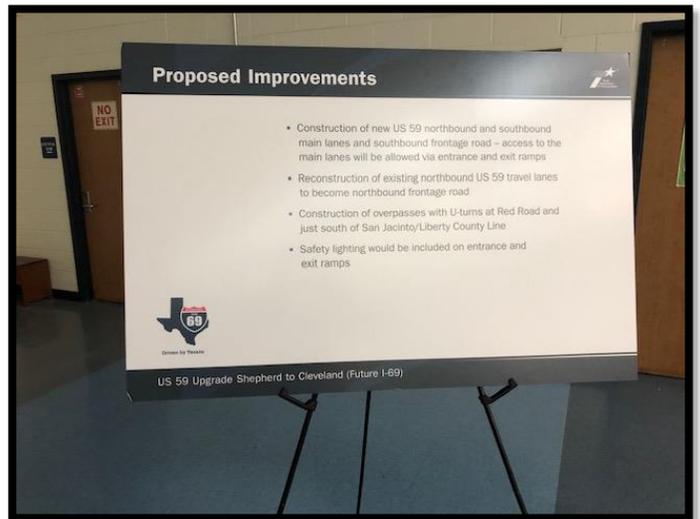
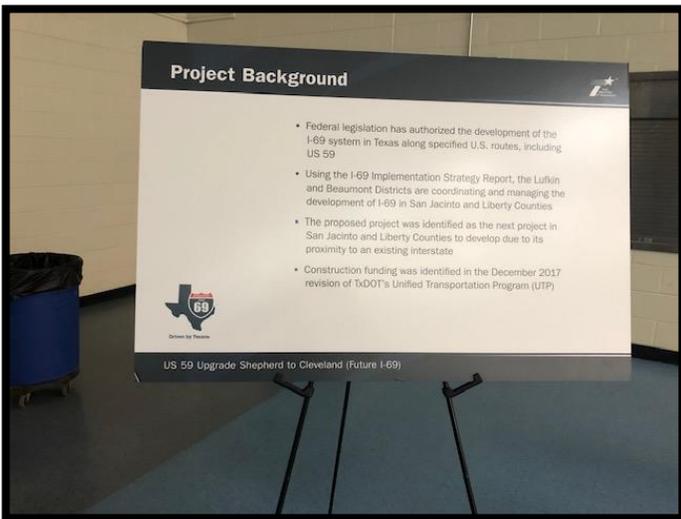
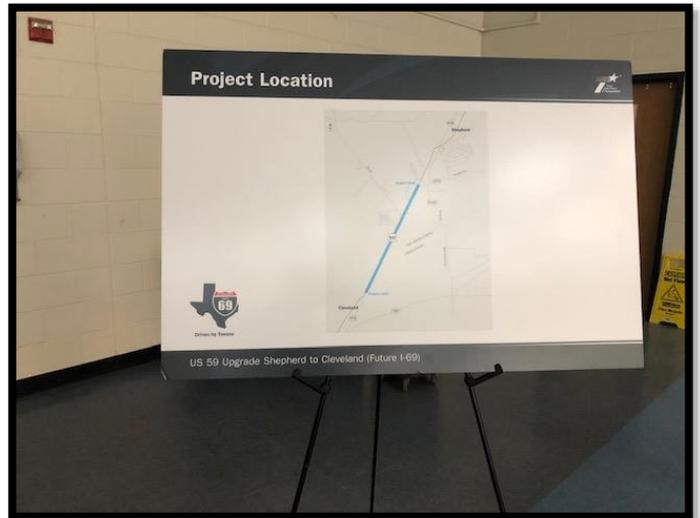
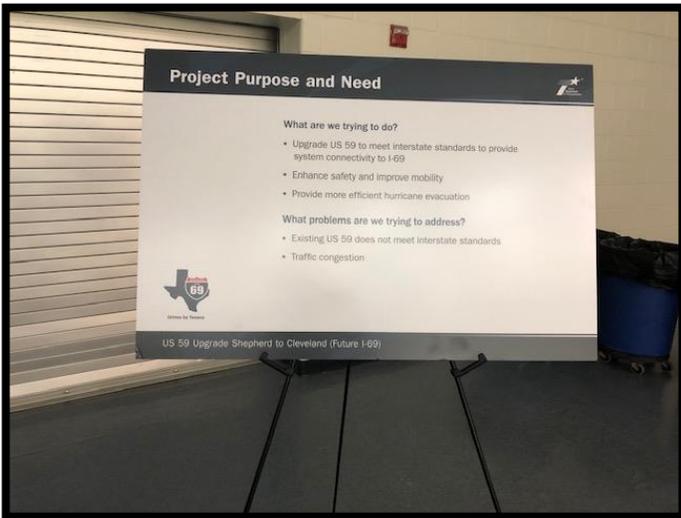
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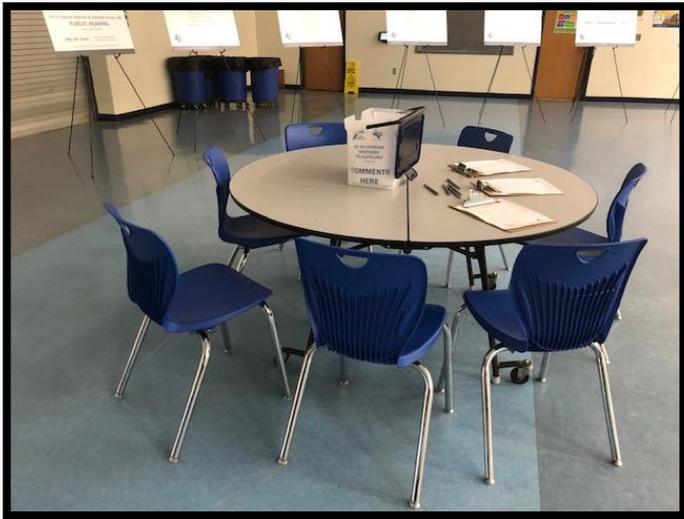
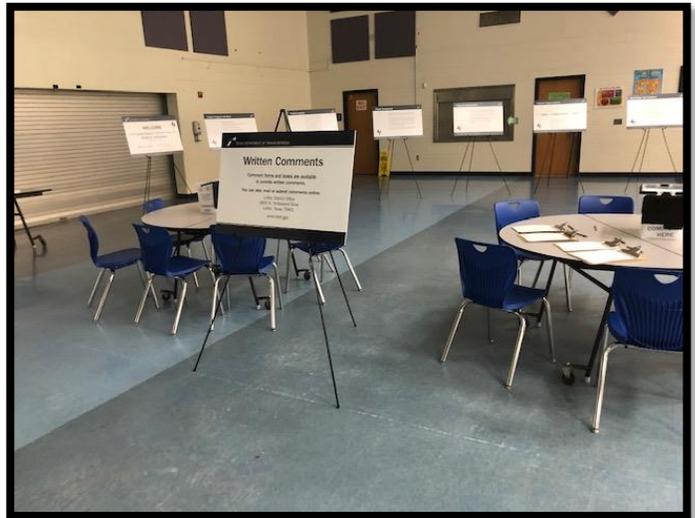
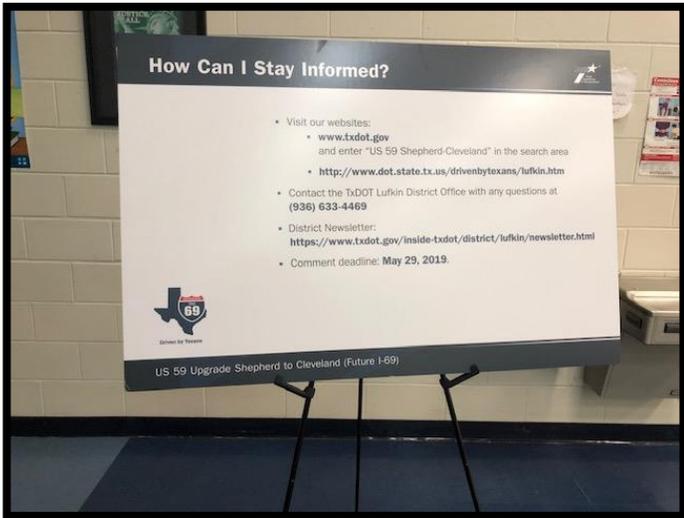
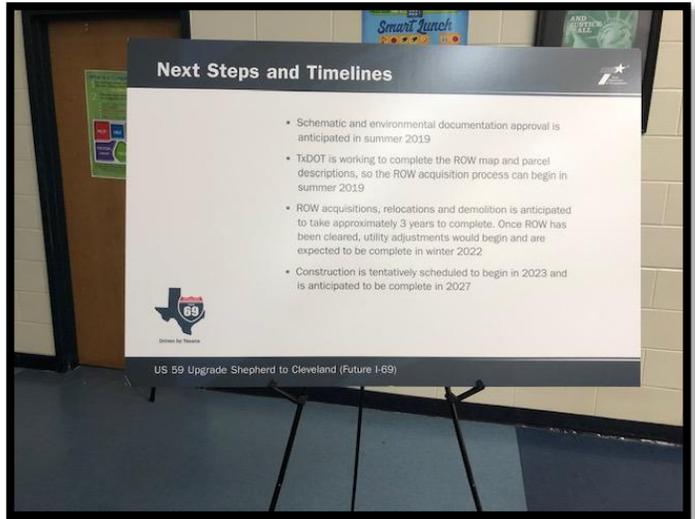
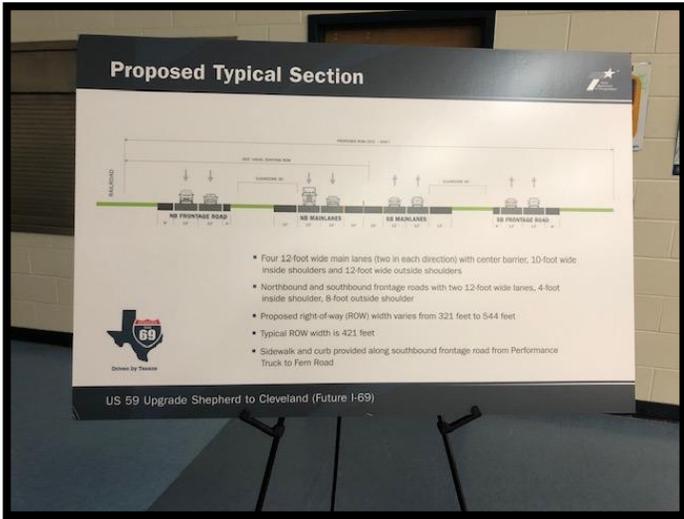


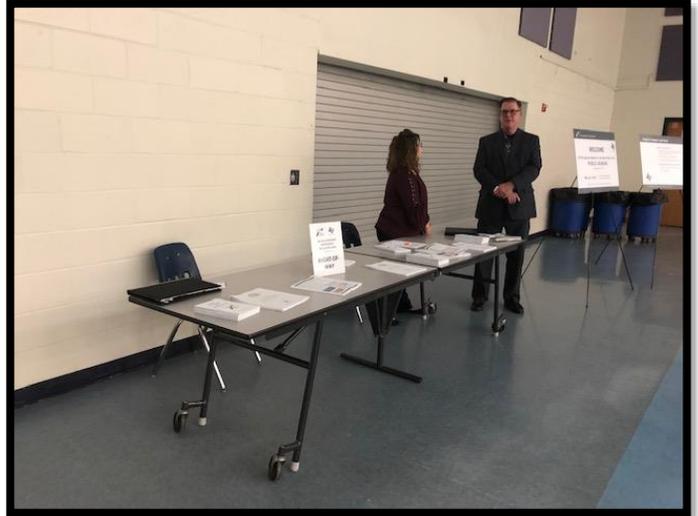
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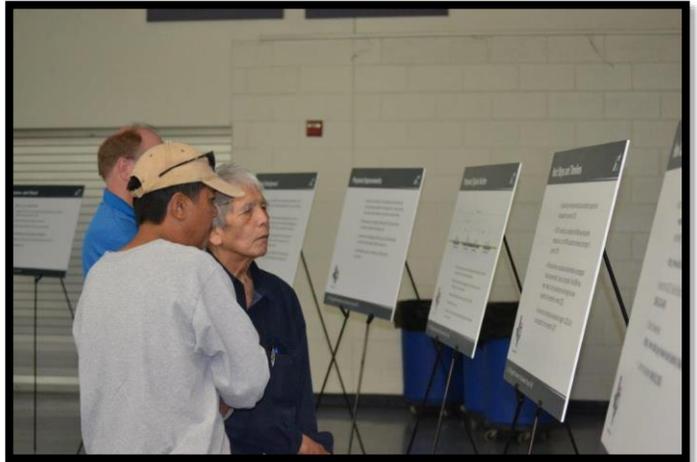


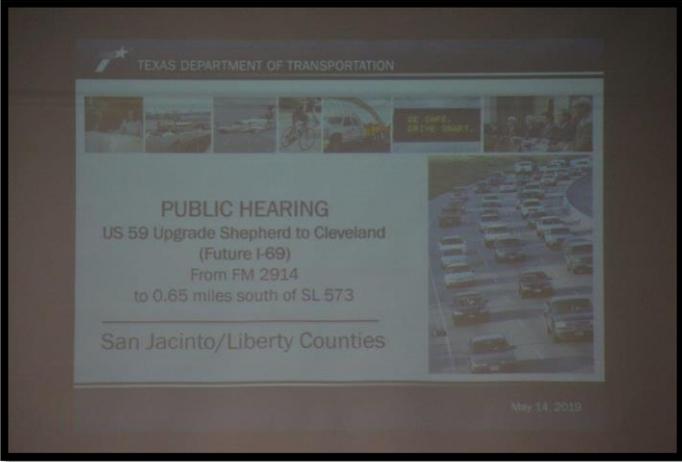














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Marcus Gutierrez | June 3, 2019



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TxDOT will upgrade Hwy. 59 by constructing frontage roads and overpasses from FM 2914 near Shepherd to the Cleveland Relief Route.

>>>See what other transportation projects will shape Houston in 2019...

A road expansion project is on the way that will reduce traffic and increase safety between San Jacinto and Liberty counties.

A Texas Department of Transportation project will upgrade Hwy. 59 from north of Cleveland to Shepherd, bringing the stretch of the freeway to interstate standards.

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The project spans a total of 6.62 miles from north of Cleveland to San Jacinto County and is estimated to cost \$116 million.

“TxDOT will upgrade Hwy. 59 by constructing frontage roads and overpasses from FM 2914 near Shepherd to the north end of the Cleveland Relief Route. The project would be designed to meet interstate standards for possible future designation as I-69,” according to the TxDOT website.

Funding was identified in the December 2017 revision of TxDOT's Unified Transportation Program.

The UTP is a 10-year funding plan and is subject to change.

The project is dedicated to improving safety and mobility along US 59 between Shepherd and Cleveland, TxDOT officials said. The project is scheduled to start construction in 2023 and is scheduled to be completed in 2027.

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"TxDOT is bringing the I-69 North Expansion Project into the final draft stages," said TxDOT I-69 coordinator Jennifer Adams. "The purpose of the project is to provide system connectivity to future I-69 by bringing this section up to interstate standards."

The project will also look to provide a more efficient hurricane evacuation route in the future.

The expansion will also provide system connectivity to I-69 which is a 1,600 mile 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, per the TxDOT website.

TxDOT had an open house on Sept. 27, 2016, to hear from the community on the proposed improvement to US 59. Over the last two years TxDOT has used findings in reports and public feedback to look for ways to improve the project.

The TxDOT Lufkin district held a public hearing on May 14 at the Shepherd High School cafeteria to present the results of the work and received more public comments on the proposed project.

Up next will be the schematic and environmental study approvals that are anticipated in summer 2019.

The construction will take time, but TxDOT is making sure drivers will have access throughout the project period.

"We are just beginning the detailed engineering and have not developed a traffic control plan at this time," Adams said in an email. "There may be temporary lane closures; however, the goal is to keep two main lanes open at all times."

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