



# US 59 Shepherd to Cleveland Open House Summary and Comment/ Response Report

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# Documentation of Public Meeting

## **Project Location**

Liberty and San Jacinto Counties

US 59

0177-02-057 and 0177-03-099

## **Project Limits**

From Just south of FM 2914 to the north end of the Cleveland Bypass

## **Meeting Location**

Shepherd High School

## **Meeting Date and Time**

September 27, 2016 from 4pm to 7pm

## **Translation Services**

Spanish

## **Presenters**

TxDOT Lufkin District  
TxDOT Beaumont District  
TxDOT Design Division

## **Elected Officials in Attendance**

Judge Harris Blanchette, Justice of the Peace

## **Total Number of Attendees (approx.)**

75

## **Total Number of Commenters**

6

## **Contents**

- A. Notices and other Outreach Methods
- B. Media Coverage
- C. Sign-in sheets
- D. Exhibits
- E. Comments and Comment Response Matrix

## Open House Summary

On September 27, 2016, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) held an Open House at the Shepherd High School Cafeteria in Shepherd, Texas from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. to present the proposed project layout, explain where the project was in the project development process, answer questions and gather local citizen input.

## Open House Outreach

The Lufkin District employed eight outreach methods to inform and invite the public to attend the September 27, 2016 public meeting. Efforts were made to reach the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) populations by translating flyers and mailings and advertising in a Spanish language newspaper, as well as offering interpretation at the Open House. Copies of the outreach methods are included in **Attachment A**.

### *Methods*

- Display Ads - advertisements were published in The Cleveland Advocate, San Jacinto Times, and in Spanish in El Perico and La Lengua on September 15, 2016.
- District Newsletter – The open house was featured in a September 2016 Newsletter for the Lufkin District.
- Flyers – flyers were left at apartments and local businesses near the project area (i.e. laundromat, grocery store, drug store, restaurants) for patrons to take.
- Post Card Mailings – Approximately 6000 post cards were mailed out to area residents.
- Letters to Elected Officials and Affected Property Owners – Letters were mailed to elected officials and area representatives and affected property owners on September 6, 2016
- Website - TxDOT website included information on the date, time, location and purpose, as well as the meeting materials including exhibit materials, comment forms, and project maps. Information about the public meeting was also featured on Shepherd ISD's homepage and on Chron.com.
- Social Media Information – The Open House was promoted through TxDOT Twitter and Facebook accounts as well as Shepherd ISD's Facebook page.
- Electronic Changeable Message Signs – TxDOT's electronic message boards were placed on US 59 northbound and southbound near the project limits. Signs were placed at least one week prior to the meeting.

Members of the public who attended the meeting were asked to indicate to us how they heard about the meeting when signing in. Not all attendees indicated a method and some indicated more than one. Results are shown in Table 1.

*Table 1: Outreach Methods*

Method of Notification	Results
Letters/Mailings	27
News (Display Ad, Newspaper Article, or Television)	6
Word of Mouth	4
Electronic Changeable Message Boards	2
Flyers	2
Website/E-mail	2

### *Media Coverage*

A follow up story about the open house was published in the Cleveland Advocate. See **Attachment B** for a copy of this story.

### *Website Outreach*

Information was available through numerous web-based outlets. Meeting information was put on TxDOT’s website to provide an opportunity for those unable to attend to review meeting materials. Analyses of the web data were performed using Adobe Marketing Cloud.

### **Open House Format and Results**

The meeting was come and go format allowing the public to not only view exhibit boards and schematic drawings but also speak to TxDOT staff one on one regarding the proposed project from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

### *Registration and Handouts*

Upon arrival, attendees were asked to sign in and were offered a set of handouts which included a project newsletter, ROW acquisition flyer, district newsletter with the information provided on the information boards, and Comment Form. Approximately 308 members of the public and 10 elected official/representatives signed in at the Open House (**see Attachment C**).

### *Exhibits and Displays*

Nine project-specific informational boards were displayed for the public to view. The informational boards included: a Welcome/Meeting Overview board, Project Purpose and Need, Project Location,

Project Background, Proposed Improvements, Next Steps and Timeline, and a board providing mechanisms to stay informed. In addition, more general informational boards about I-69 were displayed (**Attachment D**). These displays included layouts and maps of the project area. A video describing the project and displaying various graphics was played on a loop in front of a seating area.

### *Comments and Responses*

The public was invited to submit comments on the project. Attendees had the option of leaving their completed comment forms in the drop boxes provided or submitting verbal comment to the available court reporter. A total of 6 comment forms were completed. No comments were provided to the court reporter. Each comment was read and summarized in a comment response matrix (**see Attachment E**).

## Attachment A: Public Outreach



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

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is hosting an open house regarding the upgrade of US 59 (Future I-69) to meet interstate standards from FM 2914 south of Shepherd to the north end of the Cleveland Relief Route. This event is being held to display the proposed improvements, explain to the public where TxDOT is in the project development process, answer questions and gather local citizen input. The meeting will be held in come and go format where you can visit with TxDOT staff one-on-one regarding the project.

For more information, visit the TxDOT website at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and enter "US 59 Shepherd-Cleveland" in the search area or call (936) 633-4469. Oral and written comments may be presented at the meeting, online through the website above or through the mail at:  
TxDOT Lufkin District  
1805 North Timberland Drive  
Lufkin, TX 75901  
Attn: Jennifer Adams.  
Please submit comments by  
October 7, 2016.

Tuesday  
September 27, 2016  
4 – 7 p.m.

Shepherd High School  
Cafeteria  
1 Pirate Lane  
Shepherd, TX 77371

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If you plan to attend the open house and have special communication or accommodation needs, please call Rhonda Oaks, TxDOT Public Information Officer, at (936) 633-4395 no later than September 17, 2016 to request assistance.

# Display Add



## REUNIÓN PÚBLICA sobre la Modernización de la Carretera US 59 de Shepherd a Cleveland (Próxima I-69)

El Departamento de Transportación de Texas (Texas Department of Transportation o TxDOT por sus siglas en inglés) será anfitrión de una Reunión Pública sobre la Modernización de US 59 (Próxima I-69) para satisfacer los estándares de una autopista interestatal de FM 2914 hasta la ruta de descongestionamiento de la Carretera US 59 en Cleveland. Esta reunión se llevara a cabo para mostrar los mejoramientos propuestos, explicar al público donde se encuentra TxDOT en el proceso de desarrollo del proyecto, contestar preguntas, y recopilar opiniones de los ciudadanos locales. La reunión se llevara a cabo de un formato abierto al público durante el cual usted podrá hablar con el personal de TxDOT acerca del proyecto.

Para más información, visite el sitio de TxDOT en [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) palabra clave "US 59 Shepherd-Cleveland" o llaman al (936) 633-4351.

Comentarios orales y escritos pueden ser presentados durante la reunión o por medio de correo postal a:

TxDOT Lufkin District  
1805 North Timberland Drive  
Lufkin, TX 75901

Attn: Jennifer Adams

Por favor enviar sus comentarios para el 7 de octubre, 2016

Martes  
27 de septiembre, 2016

4 – 7 p.m.

Cafeteria de Shepherd  
High School

1 Pirate Lane

Shepherd, TX 77371

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 conforme con la Ley 23 U.S.C. 327 y Memorándum de Entendimiento publicado el 16 de diciembre, 2014, y realizado por FHWA y el TxDOT.

A las personas que planean asistir a la Reunion Publica y que tienen necesidades especiales de comunicación o acomodación, se les invita a llamar a Rhonda Oaks, Oficial de Informacion Publica de TxDOT, al (936) 633-4395 no mas tarde que el 17 de septiembre, 2016 para solicitar ayuda.

Spanish Display Add

# US 59 UPGRADE

## SHEPHERD TO CLEVELAND (FUTURE I-69)

### SAN JACINTO AND LIBERTY COUNTIES



LUFKIN AND BEAUMONT DISTRICTS  
SEPTEMBER 2016



## Project Background

This project is dedicated to improving safety and mobility along US 59 between Shepherd and Cleveland. Due to its proximity to an existing interstate (I-69) and current congestion problems, the US 59 Upgrade Shepherd to Cleveland project is the first project identified for development within San Jacinto County.

This project would 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 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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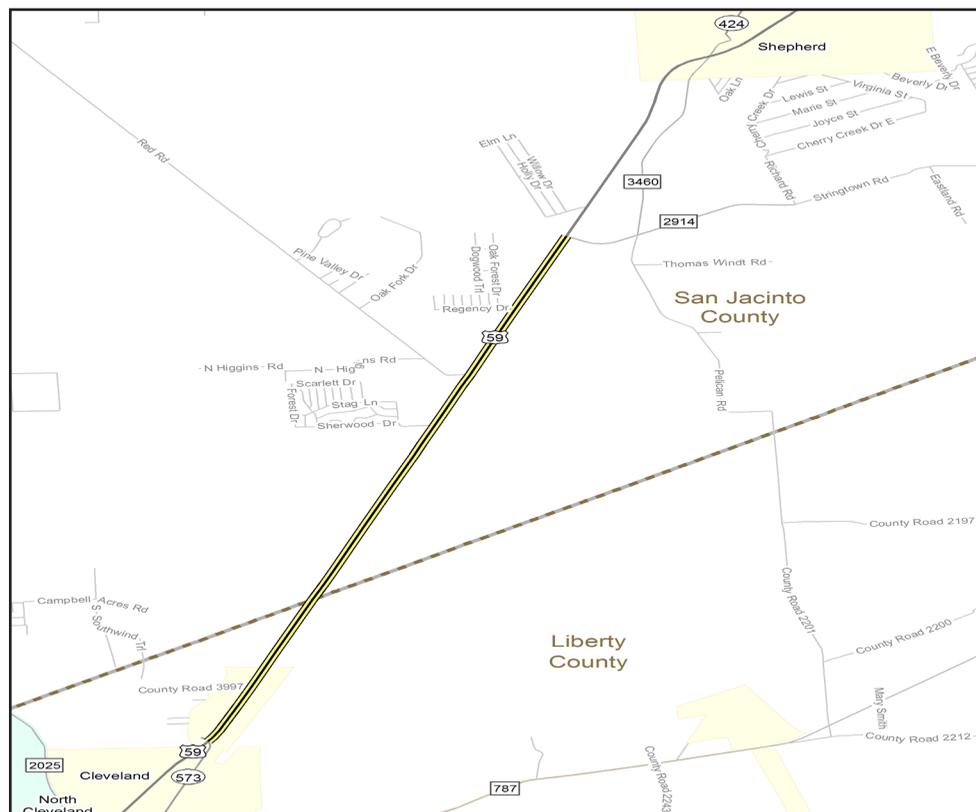
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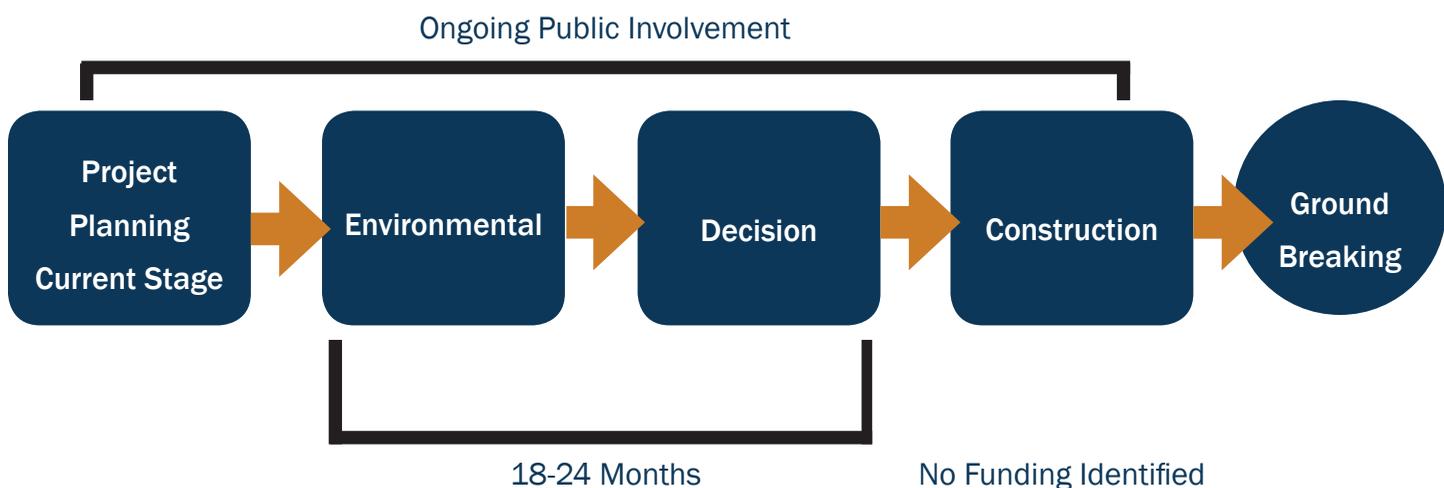


# Project and Funding Summary

- The proposed project would provide:
  - > A controlled access freeway section with northbound and southbound frontage roads. Controlled access means there will not be direct access to the main lanes. Access to the main lanes is allowed via entrance and exit ramps around the overpasses.
  - > Overpass with u-turns at Sherwood Drive and an additional overpass with u-turns approximately 1.7 miles north of the Cleveland relief route.
- Funding has been allocated for the project development services, including environmental studies, schematic design, and right-of-way acquisition.
- No construction funding has been identified at this time.
- Current estimate for total project cost (right-of-way and construction) is approximately \$93.5 million.

## Next Steps

- TxDOT will use public input gathered from the September 27, 2016 open house to begin developing the engineering schematic and environmental studies. The development of the schematic and environmental studies are anticipated to take approximately 18 to 24 months.
- Once TxDOT receives approval of the schematic and environmental study, TxDOT would begin right-of-way mapping and acquisitions.
- TxDOT will continue to work to develop a strategy and identify construction funding.



# Lufkin District Project Updates

## San Jacinto County

### Upcoming Construction Projects

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- **Safety Treat Fixed Objects** - Scheduled to take bids January 2016; project involves lengthening culverts and adding safety ends and installing metal beam guardfence on FM 1127 and FM 2666.
- **Texturizing Shoulders** - Scheduled to take bids winter 2016: FM 2025; US 190; SH 150; FM 945; FM 946; FM 1725; FM 1127; FM 980; FM 3460; FM 222; FM 223 and FM 224.
- **Curb Ramps in Coldspring** - Scheduled to take bids November 2016; project involves constructing sidewalks and curb ramps that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in various locations within the city of Coldspring.
- **Resurfacing with Sealcoat** - Scheduled to take bids November 2016: FM 222; FM 2025; and FM 3278.

### Projects Currently under Construction

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- **US 190** - This project consists of safety treating fixed objects from Walker County Line to the Polk County Line. The project was awarded to L.C. Jordan & Sons in the amount of \$2,543,073. Work began on July 26, 2016 and should last approximately 24 months.
- **US 59 Southbound Frontage Road** - This project involves constructing a new southbound frontage road and reconstructing the main lanes from south of UPRR in Shepherd to just north of FM 2914. It was awarded to Texas Stirling in the amount of \$8,948,536.85 with completion estimated in Spring 2017.
- **US 59 at FM 2914 Overpass** - This project includes the construction of an overpass and closure of crossovers. It was awarded to Lone Star Road Construction in the amount of \$12,895,988.97. It is anticipated to be complete Spring 2017.
- **US 59 HMA Level-up and PFC Surface** - This project was started May 23, 2016, and was awarded to Moore Brothers Construction in the amount of \$2,971,066.40. It is anticipated to be complete in Winter 2016.

# Get Involved

- Open House: September 27, 2016
- Learn more and provide comments online at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov)
- Sign up to receive email updates by visiting the online project page; visit [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and enter: **US 59 Shepherd-Cleveland** in the search area
- For more information, please scan the QR code with your smart phone or tablet:



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

# YOU'RE INVITED!

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

**Tuesday, September 27, 2016**

**Open house:** 4 – 7 p.m.

Shepherd High School Cafeteria  
1 Pirate Lane  
Shepherd, TX 77371

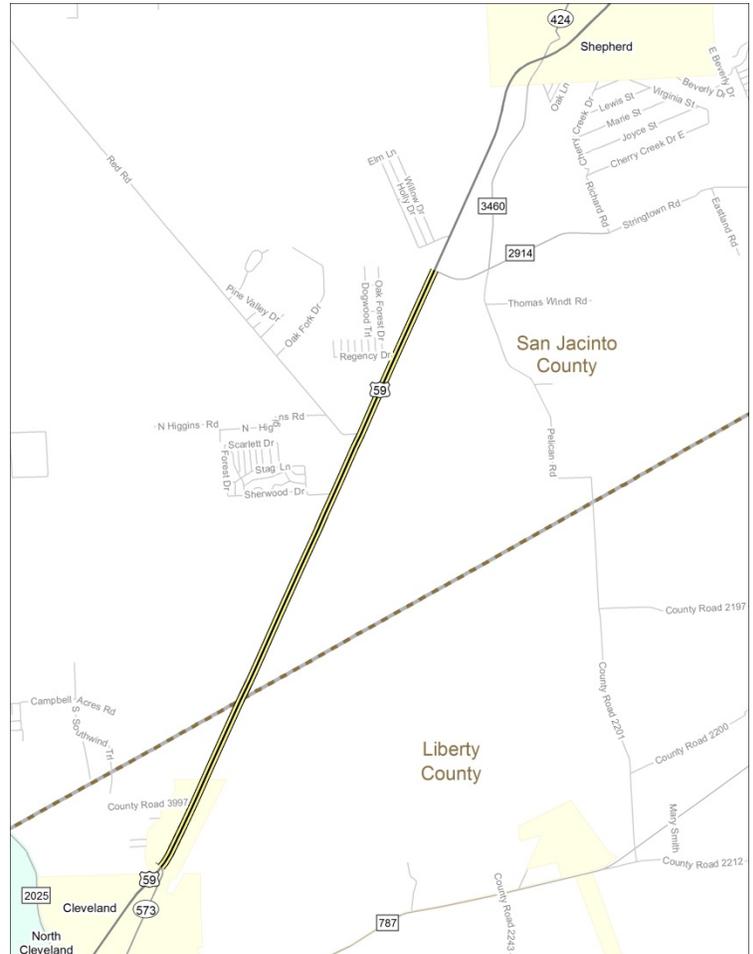
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The meeting will be held in come and go format where you can visit with TxDOT staff one-on-one regarding the project.

### More Information:

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# USTED ESTÁ INVITADO!

## Modernización de la Carretera US 59 (Futuro I-69) Exhibición Pública

**Martes, 27 de septiembre de 2016**

Exhibición: 4 – 7 p.m.

Cafetería de la escuela Shepherd High School

1 Pirate Lane

Shepherd, TX 77371

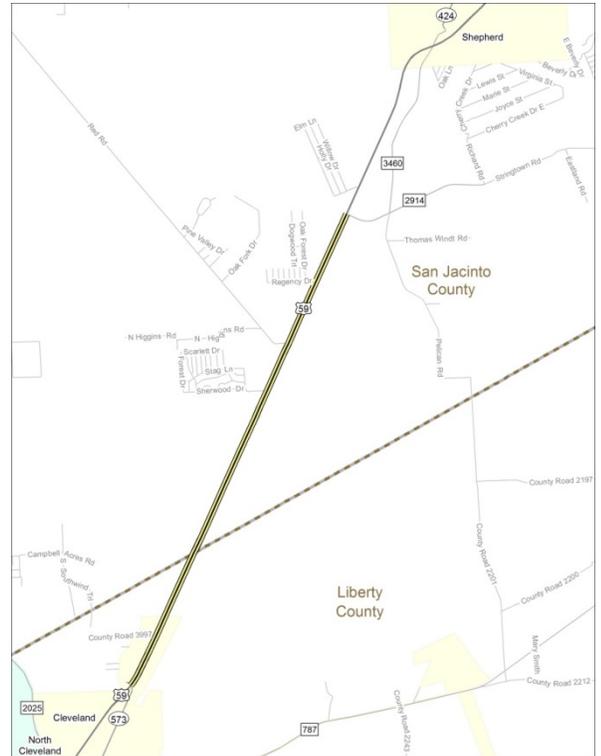
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La reunión pública se llevará a cabo en formato casual donde podrán hablar con el personal de TxDOT acerca del proyecto.

### Para Más Información:

Para más información, visite el sitio de TxDOT en [www.txdot.gov](http://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](mailto: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.





Welcome to Shepherd ISD! Go Pirates!



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(936) 628-3302



**Intermediate School**  
(936) 628-6764



**Middle School**  
(936) 628-3377



**High School**  
(936) 628-3371

## News & Announcements

### September School Board Meeting



Monday, September 26, 2016 at 7:00 pm  
Shepherd ISD Board Room

### TxDot Public Meeting - Future I-69



Tuesday, September 27 at 4:00pm - 7:00pm in  
Shepherd High School Cafeteria

### Notice of Deadline Application for place on ballot



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## Upcoming Events

### Primary Fundraiser Kickoff

Date: 9/26/2016

### SMS Volleyball vs Huntington

Date: 9/26/2016, 5 PM - 9 PM  
Location: Shepherd Middle School, 1401 S Byrd Ave, Shepherd, TX 77371, USA

### SISD Board Meeting

Date: 9/26/2016, 7 PM - 8 PM  
Location: Shepherd Independent School District, TX, USA

### TxDOT Public Meeting

Date: 9/27/2016, 4 PM - 7 PM  
Location: Shepherd High School, Shepherd, TX 77371, USA

### Lady Pirate Volleyball @ Diboll

Date: 9/27/2016, 5 PM - 8 PM  
Location: Diboll High School, 1000 Lumberjack Dr, Diboll, TX 75941, USA

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## TxDot Public Meeting - Future I-69

*Tuesday, September 27 at 4:00pm - 7:00pm in Shepherd High School Cafeteria*

There will be no formal presentation. They will have maps, informational boards, handouts, etc., and staff to answer any questions.



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<http://www.chron.com/neighborhood/dayton/news/article/TxDOT-set-to-host-open-house-meeting-for-I-69-9896573.php>

## TxDOT set to host open house meeting for I-69 project

Jacob McAdams Published 1:22 pm, Thursday, September 8, 2016



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An open house is coming up in the City of Shepherd involving the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the upgrade plans for US 59.

US 59 is currently undergoing construction work, with portions of it set with reduced speed limits in between the cities of Cleveland and Shepherd. However, TxDOT is also in the planning stages for US 59 to become I-69 in the future.

"We're going to be doing a highway upgrade and bring it up to interstate standards," said TxDOT Public Information Officer Rhonda Oaks of the Lufkin District.

The upgrade is expected to affect the portion of US 59 that extends from FM 2914 south of Shepherd to the north end of the Cleveland relief route in Liberty County.

The open house event is set to give local citizens a chance to see the schematics for the I-69 plan in person while also discussing it with TxDOT representatives.

"This is to gain input and more comments from the public," said Oaks.

Those who choose to attend the meeting will be able to see the plans involving the construction of frontage roads and overpasses.

Oaks says the upgrades are expected to improve maneuverability and increase the flow of traffic. The meeting is set in a come-and-go format, giving attendees a chance to engage with TxDOT representatives personally.



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"Our engineers will be there to answer questions one on one," said Oaks.

The project currently is in its planning phase and does not have a timeline as to when construction will begin. The open house event is only intended to provide information on what the project will

entail should it be approved.

The open house event is scheduled for Sept. 27 at the Shepherd High School cafeteria from 4 to p.m. For more information, call TxDOT at 936-633-4395. More information can also be found at <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/lufkin/092716.html>

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TxDOT Public Meeting – Future I-69, Tuesday September 27 4:00p.m.-7:p.m.at Shepherd High School. There will be no formal presentation. TxDOT will have maps, informational boards, handouts, etc., and staff to answer any questions.

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Write a comment...



Shepherd ISD

Yesterday at 7:55am · \*

The Shepherd Pirates football team played an amazing game on Friday night; however, the Liberty Panthers sealed the victory with a last second field goal.

The final score was Shepherd--22-Liberty--24.

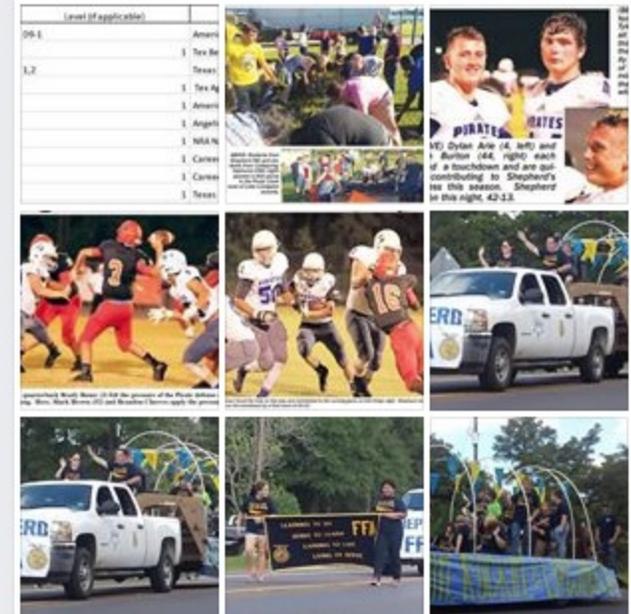
The Pirates will travel to Huntington on Friday, Sept. 30, 2016, with kick-off scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Go Pirates!

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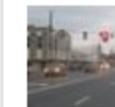
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# TxDOT holds open meeting to discuss I-69 project

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Posted: Thursday, September 29, 2016 9:29 am

By **Jacob McAdams**

**Shepherd** High School hosted the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for a meeting on Sept. 27 in their cafeteria to discuss the future Interstate-69 project, which will affect both San Jacinto and Liberty counties.

The I-69 project is intended to improve safety and mobility along the current US 59 route by constructing frontage roads and overpasses from FM 2914 near **Shepherd** to the north end of the Cleveland Relief Route.

"This project is looking to upgrade US 59 to interstate standards," said Project Coordinator Jennifer Adams.

TxDOT held the open meeting so that local residents could meet with engineers on a one-to-one basis and discuss the I-69 project as well as how it will impact the local communities.

The project was selected as the first project for San Jacinto County due to it already being close to an interstate and to help address traffic congestion.

There is currently no funding for the project as it is in the early stages of development.

"This is here to just get input from the community," said Adams.

Adams further commented that speaking with the local residents allows TxDOT officials to get a better idea of what they may have missed in their initial observations.

"We're going to take these comments back and we're going to start working on developing the schematics," she said.



Jacob McAdams

Members of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) interact with local citizens of San Jacinto and Liberty counties to discuss the I-69 project. The meeting was held at the **Shepherd** High School cafeteria on Sept. 27.



Jacob McAdams

Local citizens take a look at the visual plans for the I-69 project, which plans to update US 59 to interstate standards in the portions of the highway that run through the cities of Cleveland and **Shepherd**.

## Advertisement

Once the comments are evaluated, TxDOT is set to schedule environmental and schematic studies, which should be completed in approximately 18 to 24 months. TxDOT will begin right-of-way and mapping acquisitions shortly afterward.

Adams says so far the reception for the project is positive and they are not seeing any potential negativity or other major issues.

"The people I've talked to seem supportive of it [the project]," said Adams.

For more information on the I-69 project, call the TxDOT Lufkin area office at 936-633-4331 or visit [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and enter US 59 **Shepherd**-Cleveland in the search area.

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- [Firefighter](#) KLEIN FIRE DEPARTMENT
- [Sales Associate](#) WILLIS, TX | Alpine Lumber S
- [Vessel Superintendent](#) CERES GULF, INC.

## Attachment 7: Sign-in Sheets



**US 59 UPGRADE SHEPHERD TO CLEVELAND (FUTURE I-69) OPEN HOUSE**  
 Tuesday, September 27, 2016 - 4-7 p.m.

# SIGN IN SHEET

Name	Telephone Number	Mailing Address	Email	How Did You Hear About the Open House? (Internet, email, personal invitation, word of mouth, media)
DWIN WARD	281-8574-8082	850 Independence Rd SHEPHERD TX 77571		INVITATION LETTER
JOSE VILLAREAL	(6) 536-229-4721 10936-225-0782	124 North Cotton Sq. Lufkin TX 75504		LETTER
Lorei Sellers	832-461-5555	8108 Skyway Blvd Shepherd TX 77371		News Paper
Alex Rums	913-926-6159	650 Oak St Shepherd TX 77371		
Nelson Tom	832-461-5555	12820 US Hwy Shepherd TX 77371	59 S,	
Sandra Trohan		P.O. Box 1354 Shepherd TX 77371		
Sara Hanson	281-659-6094	405 Pine Street Shepherd TX 77371		Invitation Book



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Name	Telephone Number	Mailing Address	Email	How Did You Hear About the Open House? (Internet, email, personal invitation, word of mouth, media)
Rachael Thornton	936 933 0747	P.O. Box 722 Shepherd, TX 77372	[REDACTED]	Sign at school
Dilrachi Sumari	281-659-6558	707 Washington Ave 1100 OAK BIRK DR. SHEPHERD, TEX 77371	[REDACTED]	
Milton Silmore	281-593-5015	6242 Fowes + gate springs, TX.		
Mandy E. RIZON	281-443-4866			



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Name	Telephone Number	Mailing Address	Email	How Did You Hear About the Open House? (Internet, email, personal invitation, word of mouth, media)
Anne Vikem	713-907-9680			word of mouth
Rebecca Parsons	936-445-0638	370 Sweetgum Ln Shepherd		word of mouth
Charles Emma	281-593-8220	PO Box 994 Cleveland		word of mouth
Gandra Stephens Ronnie and Sherry	913-408-7269	13360 Hwy 59 Shulb		word of mouth
Roberts	936-638-3102	10021 Hwy 150		word of mouth
Adrian Danny Cennano	713-724-3214	PO Box 403 Shepherd TX 77345		word of mouth
Chris Cotter	713-203-2679	1918 Leatherstem Ln		e-mail
Alfredo Ramos	(281)906-0155	200 Sweetgum Ln Shepherd TX 77374		Mail
Alcova Mahesh	214-761-8117	707 Sushiryan Blvd Evansville IN 47732		Mail
Dana Morgan	281-593-9817	200 Maple Dr		word of mouth



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Verne F. Mikes Jr	713-591-1930	591 Oak Rd Shepherd TX 77771	[REDACTED]	mail & thru sign
D MAMI, MAREDA	281-785-1646	12660 Hwy 59 S Shepherd TX 77771	[REDACTED]	by mail
LLOYD CARRHAM	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
DEBORAH HALL	281-770-5224	161 YEEGER LN 77371	[REDACTED]	mail
TIMA WILHEM	281 741 5913	51 Pollard Ave Shepherd TX 77371	[REDACTED]	mail.
Paul Nightman	281-546-6130	2039 Silver Moon Trail Crossby TX	[REDACTED]	Mail
James A. FITE	281-432-2826	319 WALL ST. Cleveland TX	[REDACTED]	MAIL
Paul Stearns	936-580-6849	301 Ridgewood Dr. Shepherd TX 77371	[REDACTED]	Paper
Sharon Prockebig	281 659 3349	418 CR 2191 Cleveland TX 77337	[REDACTED]	Paper
Diane Hanley	281-592-2397	14651 FM 1725 Cleveland TX 77328	[REDACTED]	Mail



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Name	Telephone Number	Mailing Address	Email	How Did You Hear About the Open House? (Internet, email, personal invitation, word of mouth, media)
Kelli Hudson	281-883-6535	281 Leipers Ln 77371 Shepherd	[REDACTED]	mail
Carol + Ell Lee	936-628-6064	2851 Cherry Creek East Shepherd, TX 77371 P.O. Box 572	[REDACTED]	mail
EARL BROWN	832-599-2260	SHEPHERD, TX 77371	[REDACTED]	SHEPHERD MAYOR CANDIDATE)
H. B. LAURICHETTE	936-628-6477	1000 N. Byrd Ste. 5 Shepherd TX 77371	[REDACTED]	See
Darnest Bushy Luttrell	281-620-9644	Shepherd, TX 77371 100 Oakfork Dr	[REDACTED]	Paper
Francis Rice	281-592-2474	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Robert Reynolds	281-658-3444	P.O. Box 1711 Cleveland, TX. 77328	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Jacob	[REDACTED]	East Texas Advocate	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
LUIS GONZALEZ	713 622 2144	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Internet
Donnie Reum	2135425274	12490 Hwy 59 S.	[REDACTED]	MAIL
"Tommy Reum"	"	"	[REDACTED]	"



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FLOYD HANSON	481-761-1196	12900 HURSS	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
DAN COPPS	713-857-2470	2929 BRANCH <sup>HURSS</sup> AVE 76042 CLEVELAND, TX 771327	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
LINDA DOW	832-401-1166	363 CR 3183 TX 771327	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
FLOYD POLLYUS	281 592 4183	220 W MAIN DE	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Ernest Bales	936-606-6080	1000 Bales Dairy Rd	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Ron Sweeten	281-5525661	775 U.S. Hwy 59m	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
David Brandon	936-530-9221	210 Gate Star, Wlly	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Dair Haynie	325-829-0500	10522 Colony	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Maid Williams	936-430-7779	Shepherd TX 77371 81 Holcomb street	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Jimmie Edwards	(936) 232-2901	10275 S. William Covelo, TX 779	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]



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Name	Telephone Number	Mailing Address	Email	How Did You Hear About the Open House? (Internet, email, personal invitation, word of mouth, media)
JAMES MANSK	936-628-6578	206 W. Marie St Shepherd, TX 77371	[REDACTED]	word
Chesler Holder	713-231-8942	50 PINE OAK 77371	[REDACTED]	1.com Barrington
Sue	281-6556020		[REDACTED]	
Debra Thomas	832-335-8470	1661 Springtown 77371	[REDACTED]	1. Bar Mail
BEATRICE MORGAN	832-860-9638	15746 Hwy 105	[REDACTED]	MAIL INVITATION
Rev. Lance Blackwell	713-204-2892	P.O. Box 1015 Shepherd TX 77371	[REDACTED]	PAPER
MICHAEL PARRISH	936-676-3095	PO Box 25 25566 GGETTA	[REDACTED]	MAIL-OUT
Barbara Andrews	936-588-1044	9128 Fonderosa	[REDACTED]	Survey Co.
Sonny Guzman	713-9622339	591 Oak Rd. Shepherd	[REDACTED]	
YACOB TILY	281-592-8827	2610 Hwy-59-S CITY CENTER	[REDACTED]	car, letters



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Tommy	563 343 4149			
J Tise	251 622 0964			
Doranne Stephens	713-898-4809			
Jenni Sullivan	281-292-3134			
Mike Chapman	281-506-6771	111 Willow Dr Steg		
Jose M. Boniferas	832-579-5656	313 Orange St.		
Jackie Ryan	281-806-6042	50 Oak Forest Ste 612		
William Ryan	"	"		
Jacob Rowers	713-907-8281	257 E. CRACKETT ST CLEVELAND TX 77327		
BARBARA MASK	936-628-6532	200 MARIE ST STEPHENSON TX 77371		



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Robert M. Polakoff	281-659-5309	11 BERSAW AVE		
Nathaniel LINA NAPOLSKI		PO Box 157, 77371		Flyer
REUTER TIMBERLANDS LLC	936-967-4249	1276 FH 350N Livingston TX 77351		letter
CARROL HENRY				
REUTER TIMBERLANDS LLC	936-967-4249	..	..	..



## STAFF SIGN IN SHEET

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Name	Office Location and Title	Telephone Number
Omar X. De Leon	Liberty - Area Engineer	936-336-2244
Sarah Depra	TXDOT-Bnd	409-291-0947
Tucker Ferguson	TXDOT BMT	409-898-5731
Kevin Hebbel	TXDOT Livingston	936 327-8881
Cheryl Flood	TXDOT - LFK	936-633-4322



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Name	Office Location and Title	Telephone Number
Kelly Morris	LFK - Dir. TRSD	936-633-4439
Mary Love	LFK - BOU	936-633-4416
Scott Morris	LFK - Surveyor	936-633-4426
Matt Buckingham	LFK Environmental	936-633-4371
Andrea Bryant	DES	512-416-3007
Aureo Terrazas	DES	512-416-2209
Ab Manner Taylor	DES	512-416-2328
Janis Hillin	LFK- Environmental	936-633-4319
Maria Burke	DES	512-416-2703
Tim Hensack	DES	512-416-2718



## Attachment 8: Exhibits



# WELCOME

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



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### Why am I here?

- Learn and ask questions about the proposed project
- Review the proposed alignment
- Provide comments and feedback

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# Project Purpose and Need

## What are we trying to do?

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



## What problems are we trying to address?

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



# 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 District has begun efforts to prioritize, coordinate and manage the development of I-69 in San Jacinto County
- The proposed project was selected as the first project in San Jacinto County to develop due to its proximity to an existing interstate and current congestion problems
- Funding for project development (i.e. schematic, environmental studies, right of way acquisition, etc.) has been allocated.
- No construction funding has been identified



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# Proposed Improvements

- Construction of new US 59 northbound and southbound main lanes and southbound frontage road
- Reconstruction of existing northbound US 59 travel lanes to become northbound frontage road
- Construction an overpass with U-turns at Sherwood Drive and an additional overpass with U-turns, approximately 1.7 mi north of the Cleveland Relief Route



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## Next Steps and Timeline

- Comments from the open house will be evaluated and used to guide the development of the schematic
- Environmental studies will be started
- Development and approval of the schematic and environmental studies are anticipated to be completed in approximately 18 – 24 months
- Upon approval of the schematic and environmental studies, TxDOT will begin right of way mapping and acquisitions
- No construction funding has been identified; however, TxDOT will continue to work to develop a strategy for funding



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# How Can I Stay Informed?

- Sign up for project updates by visiting [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and enter:  
US 59 Shepherd - Cleveland
- Contact the TxDOT Lufkin District office with any questions at (936) 633-4469
- Visit: <https://twitter.com/TxDOTLufkin>
- Scan the Quick Response (QR) code using your smart phone or tablet:

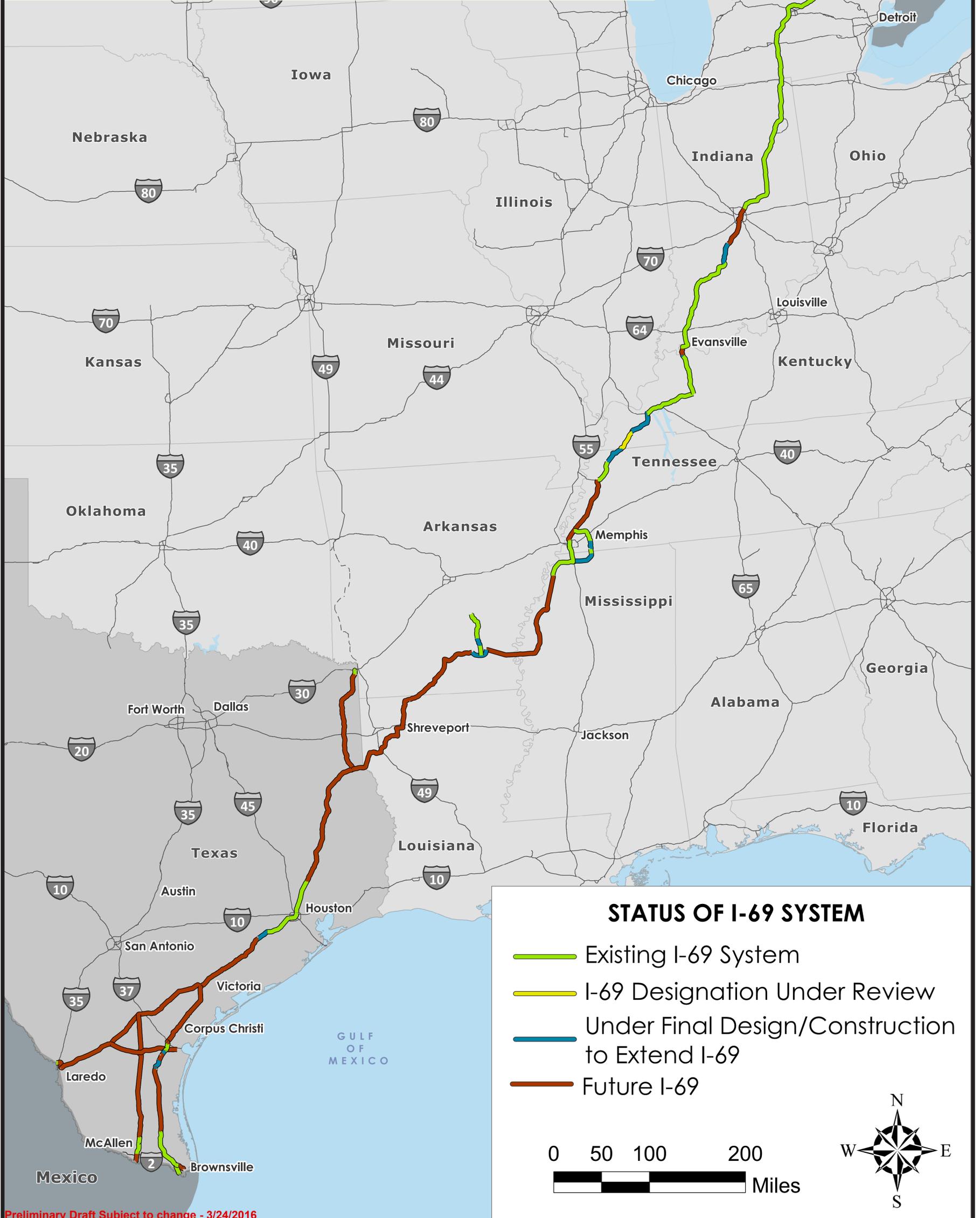
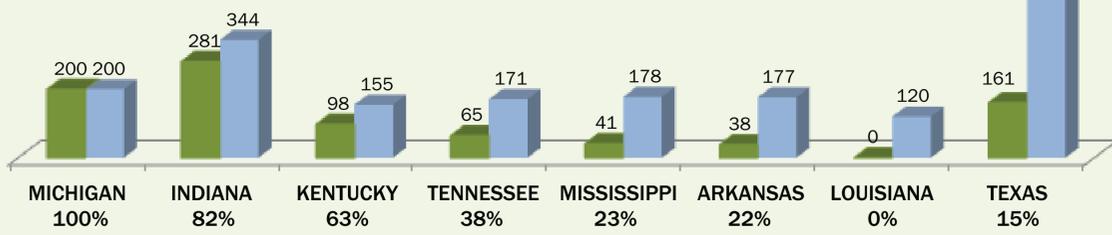


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# I-69 System Status by State

- I-69 Open for Traffic (Miles)
- Total I-69 Route (Miles)



Preliminary Draft Subject to change - 3/24/2016

## Attachment 9: Comments and Comment Response Matrix



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## PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

US 59 Upgrade Shepherd to Cleveland (Future I-69)  
Shepherd High School Cafeteria  
September 27, 2016

(optional contact information)

NAME:

Kelli Hudson

EMAIL:

kelli.hudson@aol.com

PHONE NUMBER:

281-883-6535

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

- I am employed by TxDOT.
- I do business with TxDOT.
- I could benefit monetarily from the project or other item about which I am commenting.

concern is flooding

I live on Yeager Ln and we flooded twice due to construction already. Flooded within 5 week in March of this year. Everyone on Yeager Ln lost everything we have and are just now beginning to get things back together.

Comments will be accepted by October 7, 2016.

Mail to: TxDOT Lufkin District  
1805 North Timberland Drive  
Lufkin, Texas 75901  
Attn: Jennifer Adams



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## PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

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(optional contact information)

NAME:

Deborah Hall

EMAIL:

debbie.hall281@msn.com

PHONE NUMBER:

281-770-5221

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- I am employed by TxDOT.
- I do business with TxDOT.
- I could benefit monetarily from the project or other item about which I am commenting.

Only concern is flooding  
Flood twice in 5 weeks due to  
construction on overpass

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Lufkin, Texas 75901  
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Parcel 24

## PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

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Shepherd High School Cafeteria  
September 27, 2016

(optional contact information)

NAME: Nelson Torres  
EMAIL: mirio7@yahoo.com PHONE NUMBER: 832-461 5512

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

- I am employed by TxDOT.
- I do business with TxDOT.
- I could benefit monetarily from the project or other item about which I am commenting.

I want early acquisition  
please

Centro Cristiano Rio de Agua Viva  
12820 45 Hwy 59 South  
Shepherd TX 77371

Has over 300 church members  
Parcel 24 slide the entrance ramp south

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(optional contact information)

NAME: Shirley & James Luttrell  
EMAIL: luttrell-shirley@yahoo.com PHONE NUMBER: 281-620-9644

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

- I am employed by TxDOT.
- I do business with TxDOT.
- I could benefit monetarily from the project or other item about which I am commenting.

move overpass from Sherwood  
to Red Road.  
Red Road goes through to 2666  
Sherwood goes into a housing  
addition

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(optional contact information)

NAME: Paul Wightman  
EMAIL: wightp1@att.net PHONE NUMBER: 281-546-6130

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

- I am employed by TxDOT.
- I do business with TxDOT.
- I could benefit monetarily from the project or other item about which I am commenting.

I Am very Impressed with the  
planning proposed and the location  
of the overpasses.  
Looking Forward to more info  
and it's progress

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## PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

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(optional contact information)

NAME: Waid Williams

EMAIL: WaidWilliams@gmail.com PHONE NUMBER: 936-230-7779

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

- I am employed by TxDOT.
- I do business with TxDOT.
- I could benefit monetarily from the project or other item about which I am commenting.

I Think the Bypass at Sheriwood Dr  
Need to be moved to US 59 and  
Red Road Due to Fact it ties to  
F.M. 2666 and they can go From thier  
to coldspring, cleveland and the Back side  
of shepherd Hwy 150 and to F.M. 222  
to Livingston TX

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Nelson Torres	I want early acquisition please. Has over 300 church members. Parcel 24 slide the entrance ramp south.	TxDOT pursues early acquisition when a hardship has been identified. TxDOT will investigate this case and determine if early acquisition is possible.
Shirley and James LuHrell	Move overpass from Sherwood to Red Road. Red Road goes through to 2666. Sherwod goes into a housing addition	TxDOT will take this comment in to consideration.
Paul Wightmax	I am very impressed with the planning proposal and the location of the overpasses. I look forward to more info and its progress.	TxDOT is pleased that you were impressed with the proposed project. As the project development advances the public will be informed if any additional meetings or opportunities to comment will be provided.
Waid Williams	I think the bypass at Sheriwood Dr. need to be moved to US 59 and Red Road due to fact it ties to FM 266 and they can go from there to Coldspring, Cleveland and the back side of Shepherd Hwy 150 and to FM 2222 to Livngston TX.	TxDOT will take this comment in to consideration.