

US 59 UPGRADE

(FUTURE I-69)

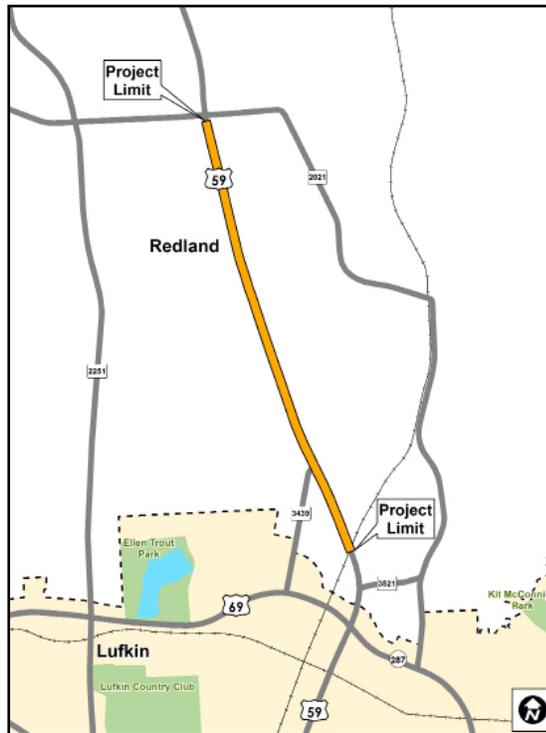
ANGELINA COUNTY



TxDOT Lufkin District
December 2018

Project Background

This project is dedicated to improving safety and mobility along US 59 from FM 2021 to 0.34 mile north of US 59/SL 287 near Redland. TxDOT began survey, schematic design and environmental studies in summer 2017. The project includes the construction of frontage roads and reconstruction of the US 59 main lanes to meet interstate standards for potential future designation as I-69.



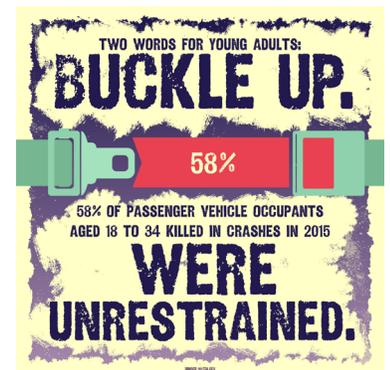
The proposed project:

- Improves safety
- Enhances mobility along the US 59 corridor
- Provides a more efficient hurricane evacuation route



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Project and Funding Summary

The proposed project provides:

- A controlled access freeway section with northbound and southbound frontage roads; access to the main lanes will only be allowed via entrance and exit ramps
- Two twelve foot US 59 main lanes with center barrier along with two lane frontage roads with sidewalks
- Construction funding was identified in the March 2017 Unified Transportation Program
- Current estimate for construction is approximately \$38 million



Next Steps

- Schematic and environmental documentation approval is anticipated in early 2019
- After approval of the schematic and environmental studies, TxDOT will complete the right of way map and parcel descriptions, so the right of way acquisition process can begin in spring 2019
- Right-of-way acquisitions are anticipated to take approximately 2 years to complete; once ROW is acquired, utility adjustments would begin and are expected to be complete in spring 2022
- Construction funding was allocated in the March 2017 Unified Transportation Program with a proposed summer 2022 contract bid date; construction is anticipated to be complete in summer 2025



TxDOT Lufkin District Project Updates

Upcoming Construction Projects

- **Install Warning Signs, Stop Signs, and Pavement Markings** – Scheduled to take bids in May 2019 on US 59, US 69 and SL 287.
- **US 69 Traffic Signal at FM 326** – Scheduled to take bids in March 2019.
- **US 69 Widening Two to Four Lanes** – Scheduled to take bids in June 2019 for this project, which includes widening US 69 from two lanes to a four-lane divided highway from FM 1270 to the Jasper/Angelina County Line.
- **US 59 Diboll Relief Route** – Scheduled to take bids in September 2019 for this project, which involves the construction of new US 59 main lanes east of Diboll.
- **US 59 Moffett Upgrade** – Scheduled to take bids in August 2020 for this project that includes the construction of northbound and southbound frontage roads, reconstruction of US 59 main lanes to meet interstate standards and widening of existing US 59/Angelina and Neches River Railroad overpass.

Projects Currently under Construction in Angelina County

- **US 69 Huntington to Jasper County Line** - The reconstruction and widening of US 69 from two to four lanes was split into 3 construction projects. The first, from Huntington to FM 844 was awarded to Pinto Construction on June 6, 2017, for \$9,969,131.13. Work began on the project in August 2017 and is scheduled to be completed this winter. The second project, from FM 844 to FM 1270 was awarded to Johnson Brothers Corporation on May 02, 2018, for \$71,614,966.82. Work began in July 2018 and includes not only the widening of US 69, but also a grade separation at SH 63 and several smaller bridge structures along the corridor. This project is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2022.



project which will complete the southern US 69 corridor in Angelina County is from FM 1270 to the county line. It is scheduled to let in June 2019 for an estimated \$34.9 million.

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**

Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018

4 - 5:45 p.m. Open House

6 - 7 p.m. Public Hearing

Ellen Trout Zoo

Jaguar Room

402 Zoo Circle

Lufkin, Texas 75904

- Visit the online Public Hearing at www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/lufkin/121318.html
- Learn more, provide comments, and sign up to receive email updates by visiting the online project page; visit www.txdot.gov and enter "US 59 Redland" in the search area
- Comments due by **Dec. 31, 2018**, to be included in the official record



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