

US 69 JACKSONVILLE RELIEF ROUTE STUDY – Spring 2018

US 69 Overview

US 69 is a north-south rural highway originating in Port Arthur, passing through Beaumont, Lufkin and Tyler, terminating in Denison, Texas. As part of the Texas Trunk System, which serves as the principal connection for all Texas cities with populations over 20,000, and the National Highway System, US 69 services both intrastate and interstate traffic moving people and goods. US 69 is part of the Texas Highway Freight Network, which includes transportation facilities that are critical to economic growth and goods movement. US 69 is a designated hurricane evacuation route providing safe passage for the Texas coastal areas of Beaumont and Houston/Galveston through Jacksonville.

Need for the US 69 Relief Route Study

The function of US 69 is to move both local and through regional traffic efficiently and safely. Previously conducted feasibility studies have found that US 69 in Jacksonville is operating at an undesirable level. Approximately 8 miles of US 69 goes directly through the City of Jacksonville. Within this 8-mile stretch there are 8 signalized intersections causing increased travel time and significantly reduced mobility. Jacksonville experiences increased congestion and decline in efficiency during hurricane evacuations. Additionally, the highest concentration of traffic accidents in Jacksonville is along US 69 in the downtown area.

US 69 Relief Route Project Goal

The goal of the study is to provide a recommended relief route around Jacksonville with the intent to:

- Improve safety
- Enhance freight mobility
- Mitigate congestion
- Provide an improved hurricane evacuation route
- Protect natural and social environmental resources

US 69 Relief Route Study Boundary

The US 69 project study area is located in northern Cherokee County and begins approximately 5 miles north of Jacksonville, near Love's Lookout and extends south to Craft (see the back of this page).

US 69 Relief Route Universe of Alternatives

The universe of alternatives, a group of feasible corridors where the relief route could be located, is shown on the back of this page. The colors represent different corridors, but a combination of corridors may be used as the recommended alternative, if TxDOT decides to develop the project. The dashed corridors represent areas where existing SL 456/SH 204 may be used as a part of the facility. Consideration of the use of the existing SL 456/SH 204 corridor was a comment received at the Feb. 22nd public meeting. These corridors are preliminary and subject to change based on the input received from the public and development of the project is subject to available funding.

US 69 Relief Route Study Schedule

The project study began in May 2017 and is estimated to be completed in October 2018.

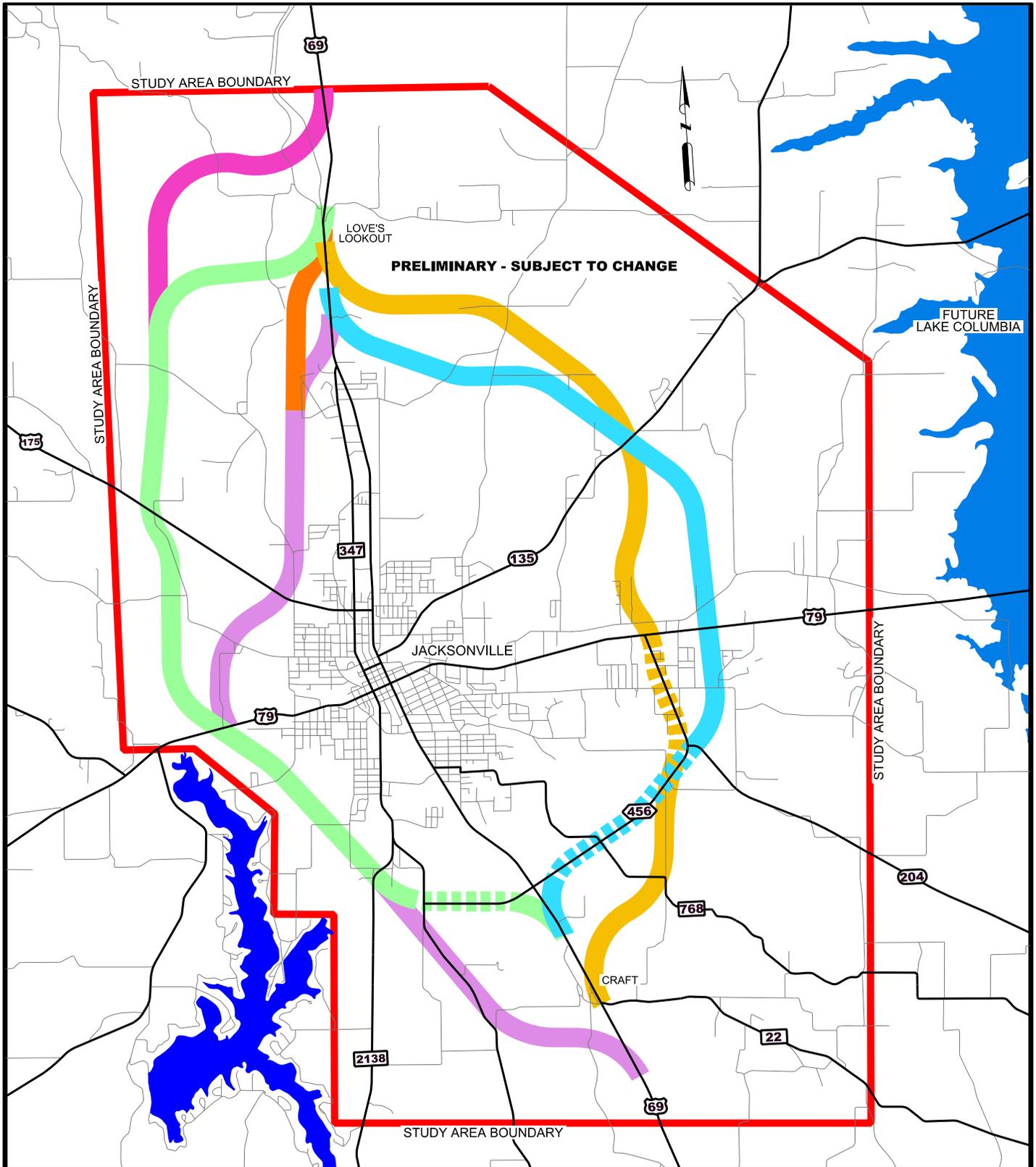
Below is the public meeting schedule:

- Public Meeting #1 – February 22nd, 2018, Norman Activity Center, Jacksonville
Public Meeting #2 – May 29th, 2018, Norman Activity Center, Jacksonville
Public Meeting #3 – Summer 2018, location to be determined

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