

# US 69 JACKSONVILLE RELIEF ROUTE STUDY

## 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. In addition, 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
- Mitigate congestion
- Enhance mobility
- Provide an improved hurricane evacuation route
- Protect natural and social environmental resources

A local stakeholder working group is assisting TxDOT, providing input to the project need and purpose, the identification of important environmental and planning features, the development of the route options, and the merits of the various route options.

## 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). The exact study area boundaries will be set as a part of the analysis.

## US 69 Relief Route Study Schedule

The project study began in May 2017 and is estimated to be completed in October 2018. Routes will be evaluated and results and findings will be presented to the public. Three public meetings will be conducted in the following time periods (*dates are subject to change*):

Public Meeting #1 – Feb. 22, 2018

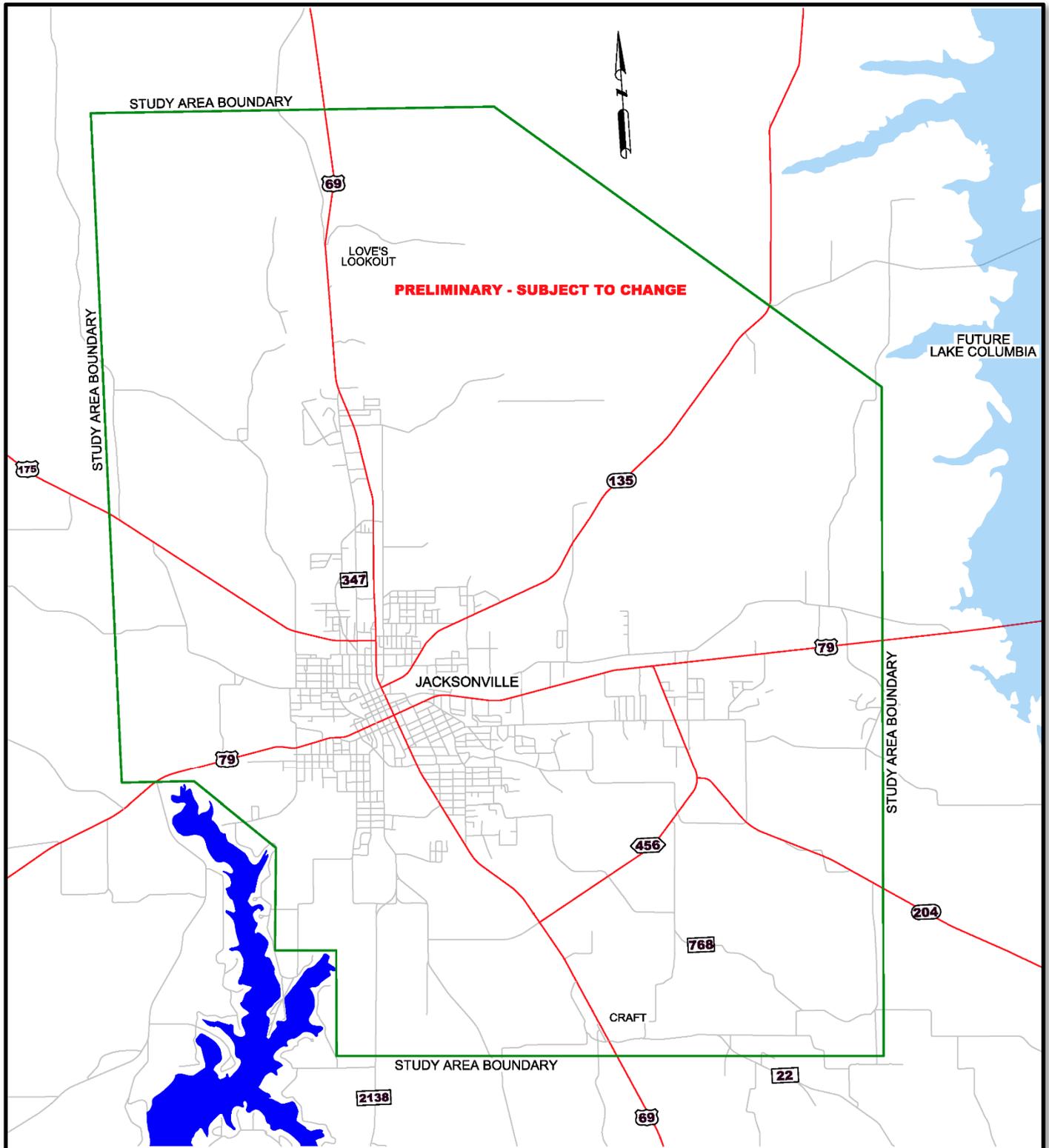
Public Meeting #2 – Spring 2018

Public Meeting #3 – Summer 2018

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