



PUBLIC HEARING
US 59 Upgrade Redland
(Future I-69)
From FM 2021
to 0.34 miles north of US59/SL 287

Angelina County



Elected Officials





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.



Public Hearing Notice Advertisement

- TxDOT Website – Online Notice: Nov. 15, 2017
 - <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/lufkin/121318.html>
- Lufkin Daily News: November 28, 2018
- Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel: November 28, 2018
- La Lengua: November 28, 2018
- Letters (adjacent properties) – November 28, 2018
- Twitter – November 28, 2018

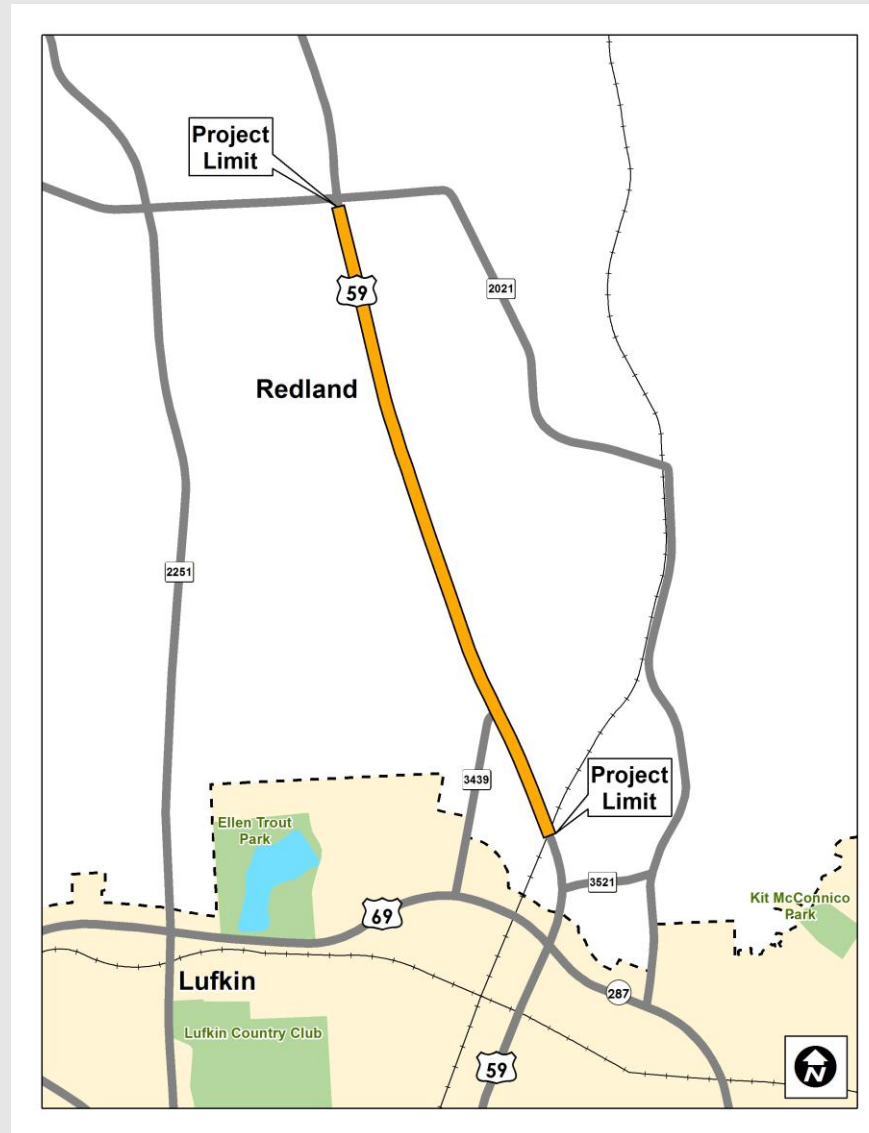


Agenda for Tonight's Public Hearing

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



Proposed Project Location



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 allowed via ramps
- Minimum design speeds: 60 mph (main lanes) and 45 mph (frontage roads)
- 30-foot horizontal clear zone requirements.

Project Purpose

Bring US 59 in the Redland area up to current interstate design standards providing system connectivity, enhanced safety, increased mobility and a more efficient hurricane evacuation route.

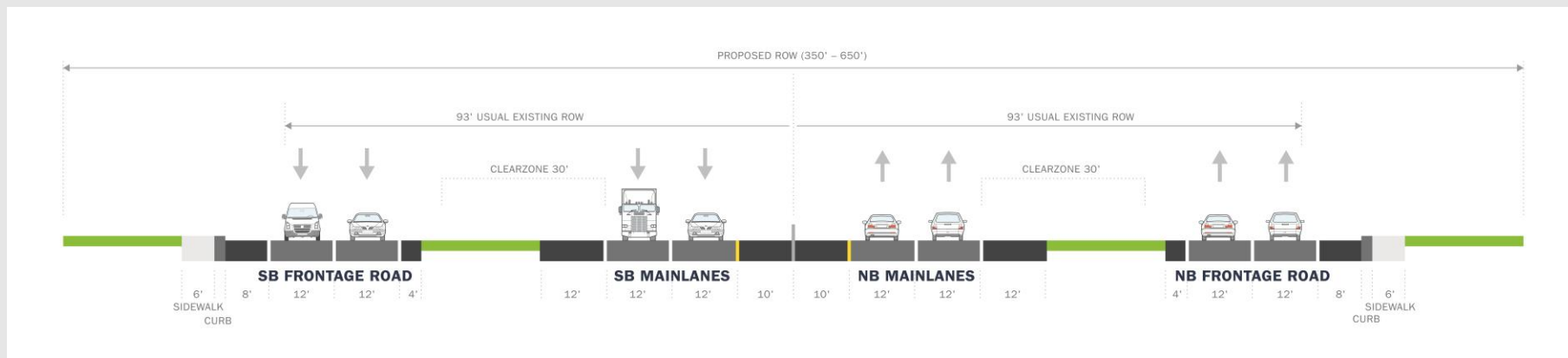


US 59 Upgrade Redland Project

- Major Design Features
 - Controlled access US 59 northbound and southbound main lanes with center barrier
 - Two-lane northbound and southbound frontage roads with sidewalks
 - Turnaround at Union Pacific Railroad
- Anticipated Right of Way
 - Proposed right-of-way (ROW) width varies from 350 feet to 650 feet
 - Approximately 70 acres from 59 parcels
- Total project cost, including ROW and construction, is estimated at \$46 million



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, four-foot inside shoulder, eight-foot outside shoulder, curb and six-foot sidewalks
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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



Project Development Schedule*

- Dec 2018 – Early 2019: Compile and consider public input from tonight’s hearing and the public comment period and finalize schematic and environmental documentation.
- December 2018 - Spring 2021: Prepare right of way (ROW) map and parcel descriptions, obtain ROW appraisals, acquire ROW and conduct relocations.
- Spring 2020 – Spring 2022: Begin detailed engineering plans, relocate utilities and obtain necessary environmental permits.
- Summer 2022 – Summer 2025: Take bids on the proposed project and begin construction. Construction is anticipated to take approximately 3 years.

**Subject to change.*



Public Hearing Comments

All comments must be submitted by December 31, 2018

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
- When your name is called, proceed to the microphone to speak your comment or raise your hand if you need assistance
- 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:

<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/lufkin/121318.html>





Elected Officials Comment Session





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)
- Unused time may not be given to another speaker





Thank You

