



Welcome to the TxDOT Lufkin District’s Rural Transportation Improvement Program virtual public meeting. My name is xxxx xxxxx and I would like to also thank you for watching this pre-recorded video presentation of the 2025-2028 program that was shared with the public starting on Thursday, May 30th. I am the Public Information Officer for the xxxx District, but I am serving as your presenter on behalf of the Lufkin District.

The image shows a slide titled "Agenda" with a list of eight items. Each item is preceded by a blue arrow-shaped icon containing a white number. The items are: 1 Safety Minute, 2 Lufkin District and Its Boundaries, 3 The Rural Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), 4 How the Rural TIP Impacts You, 5 How Projects are Selected for the Rural TIP, 6 Projects by County, 7 Funding, and 8 Next Steps. At the bottom left of the slide, it says "2025 2028 Rural TIP" and at the bottom right, it says "May 30, 2024".

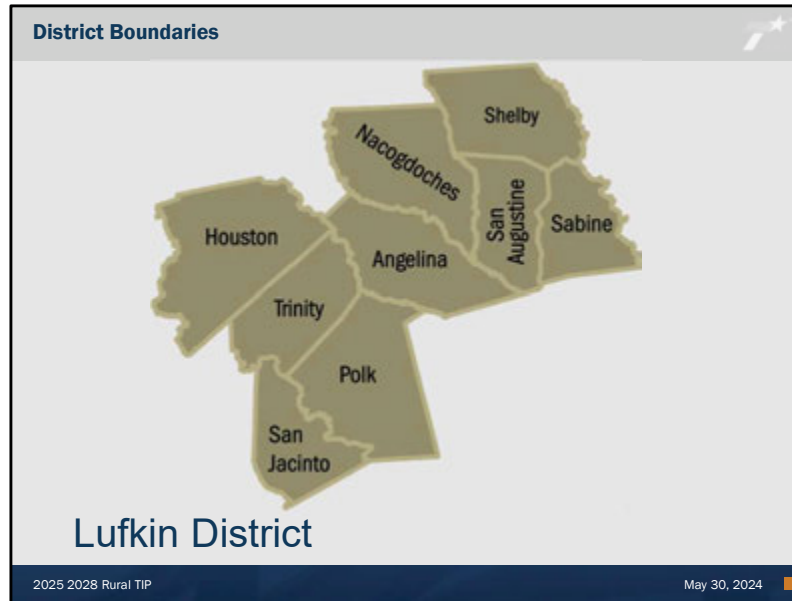
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This video presentation will go over the basics of the Rural Transportation Improvement Program (often referred to as the Rural TIP) along with projects to be included in the upcoming 2025-2028 Rural TIP for TxDOT's Lufkin District. We will explain how the projects in the program are selected and classified in order to make the most of the program. Once we've shared this information with you, you'll have the opportunity to review the Lufkin District projects that are included in the 2025-2028 program - both large and small. We will also review funding, answer your potential questions on where the money to pay for these projects comes from, and how it gets distributed. Lastly, we will outline the options you have to comment on these projects and their priority.



We would like to begin this video presentation with a Safety Minute. The safety of the travelling public is at the forefront of all we do at TxDOT. TxDOT created End the Streak campaign to raise awareness about the long streak of traffic deaths in Texas since Nov. 7, 2000, and how this impacts everyone in Texas. We encourage you to check the [txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) website, search #EndTheStreakTX for more information.




Let's talk about the areas that are included as part of the Rural TIP process. TxDOT's Lufkin District includes the nine counties shown on the map. Projects included in the 2025-2028 Rural TIP are located in Angelina, Houston, Nacogdoches, [PRONOUNCED Nack-a-dochez] Polk, Sabine, San Augustine [PRONOUNCED San August-ine], San Jacinto [PRNOUNCED (j sound, not ha-) San Ja-cent-o], Shelby and Trinity counties.

Rural Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

THE RURAL TIP

is a list of local projects to be funded within a TxDOT District during the next four years, including those eligible for federal funding.

It can include projects for :



A Rural TIP project is anticipated to be funded within the next 4 years.

It shows regional agreement (community-region-state) on the need of a project.

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The Rural Transportation Improvement Program is a list of local projects funded in a TxDOT District over the next four years. This means that all projects included in the list are expected to be underway within four years following its approval. These are the projects you can expect to go to contract in the near future.

It is multimodal; which means that it can include projects relating to highways, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, transit services, and freight projects as well as the preliminary studies used to define those projects.

The Rural TIP is meant to show regional agreement on the need and priority of a transportation project, so all parties involved can be sure they are making the best investment for the community. A TIP is also expected to be consistent with the projects and objectives included in the regional Long Range Transportation Plans, to ensure that all agencies are working toward the same goal.

The Rural TIP is also part of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Because the program rules are established by Federal law, no project can receive federal funding unless it is included in the STIP.

How the Rural TIP Impacts You

The Rural TIP process includes opportunities to provide input on the priority of major projects that are listed on it.

Local and small projects around your community dealing with safety and access also get funding through the Rural TIP, for example:

- Road expansions*
- Sidewalks*
- Bike lanes*
- Pavement repair or maintenance*
- New or Improved signals*
- Turning lanes*

You know your community best!

Tell us what project should come first and why

By participating today, you have the opportunity to provide input on projects in Angelina, Houston, Nacogdoches, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby and Trinity counties!

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It's important for you to participate in this process because funding secured by this process is intended to address your communities' most immediate needs. By providing comments on the projects included, you are helping us identify regional priorities. By reviewing the entire program in a single meeting you are: 1) providing input on projects that impact the region, 2) helping us be more effective with your money, and 3) ensuring that we are investing where we should.

How Projects are Selected for the Rural TIP

Projects are identified and selected by evaluating existing and future needs based on:

- current conditions and projections,
- statewide and regional plans and
- public input regarding transportation priorities.

^ This would be you, right now!

For Example:



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Rural Transportation Organizations, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and local governments are responsible for selecting projects within their boundaries. TxDOT, through the Lufkin District office, is responsible for selecting all projects relating to the State Transportation System and national highways. This includes Interstates and State and US Highways; but most importantly, this can also include the Farm-to-Market roads you use every day. The projects you will review today should respond to local needs! It is our responsibility to give you the opportunity to provide input on projects included in the Rural TIP.

Lufkin District RTIP Projects

List of Projects in the Lufkin District's Rural TIP can be found at:

TxDOT.Gov → Keyword search: → "2024 Lufkin Rural TIP"

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When: Available for viewing on **Thursday, May 26, 2022**, by noon.

Where: The pre-recorded presentation video is posted on this page below.

Purpose: The TxDOT Lufkin District will be conducting an online virtual public meeting for the proposed 2023-2026 Rural Transportation Improvement Program (Rural TIP). These meetings offer the public an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed priorities. Comments must be received on or before Monday, June 6, 2022, to be part of the virtual public meeting record.

Description: The virtual public meeting will include a pre-recorded presentation. This meeting offers the public an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed priorities. A project in the Rural TIP is a project coming to your community and is the first step on the road to producing a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

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A link to each of the Lufkin District's nine county's projects can be viewed with an associated map and project list on the Lufkin Rural TIP online notice page, pictured here on the TxDOT website. Please visit www.txdot.gov and in the Keyword Search box in the upper-right corner enter: 2024 Lufkin Rural TIP.

Funding

The Rural TIP is a fiscally constrained list of projects that functions as a budgeting tool for our District.

Funds can come from:

- Federal Government
Through the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations
- TxDOT
Through its Unified Transportation Program funding categories
- Local governments
Who may be required to provide matching funds for federal monies

“Fiscally constrained TIP” means:
It is realistic in terms of the amount of funding available.

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The Rural TIP functions as a budget list for the District. As such, it is fiscally constrained. Like the budget of a household, the Rural TIP has to be realistic about the amount of money available to cover all the needs. Frequently, we identify more improvements than we have money to implement. This means prioritizing according to those items that are most necessary.

We’ve discussed the list, but where is the money coming from? Funds can come from three main sources:

- 1) The Federal Government, through the establishment of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The federal government allocates these funds through the processes established by the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations.
- 2) TxDOT, like the Federal Government, also allocates a section of our budget for these projects through the Unified Transportation Program’s 12 funding categories.

And 3) the local governments. Once the need has been identified and the amount of federal monies has been defined, the Rural TIP helps local governments assess the funding requirements to match those of the federal and state government along with their capacity to meet them.

Project Listings – Grouped Projects and Individually Listed Projects		
PROPOSED CSJ	GROUPED PROJECT CATEGORY	DEFINITION
5000-00-950	PE-Preliminary Engineering	Preliminary Engineering for any project except added capacity projects in a nonattainment area. Includes activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as planning and research activities, grants for training, engineering to define the elements of a proposed action or alternatives so that social, economic, and environmental effects can be assessed.
5000-00-951	Right of Way	Right of Way acquisition for any project except added capacity projects in a nonattainment area. Includes relocation assistance, hardship acquisition and protective buying.
5000-00-952 5000-00-957 5000-00-958	Preventive Maintenance and Rehabilitation	Projects to include pavement repair to preserve existing pavement so that it may achieve its designed loading. Includes seal coats, overlays, resurfacing, restoration and rehabilitation done with existing ROW. Also includes modernization of a highway by reconstruction, adding shoulders or adding auxiliary lanes (e.g., parking, weaving, turning, climbing, passing, non-added capacity) or drainage improvements associated with rehabilitation [See Note 3].
5000-00-953	Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation	Projects to replace and/or rehabilitate functionally obsolete or structurally deficient bridges.
5000-00-954	Railroad Grade Separations	Projects to construct or replace existing highway-railroad grade crossings and to rehabilitate and/or replace deficient railroad underpasses, resulting in no added capacity.
5800-00-950	Safety	Projects to include the construction or replacement/rehabilitation of guard rails, median barriers, crash cushions, pavement markings, skid treatments, medians, lighting improvements, highway signs, curb ramps, railroad/highway crossing warning devices, fencing, intersection improvements (e.g., turn lanes), signalization projects and interchange modifications. Also includes projects funded via the Federal Hazard Elimination Program, Federal Railroad Signal Safety Program, or Access Managements projects, except those that result in added capacity.

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Within Rural and Statewide TIPs, projects are either individually listed or grouped.

Projects, such as minor rehabilitation or preventative maintenance, that are not considered by TxDOT to be of appropriate scale for individual identification, are grouped by function or work type. The list above shows the grouped project categories.

All other projects that do not fit into the categories listed above, for example the addition of travel lanes, are listed individually.

Project Listings – Grouped Projects and Individually Listed Projects		
PROPOSED CMI	GROUPED PROJECT CATEGORY	DEFINITION
5000-00-956	Landscaping	Projects consisting of typical right-of-way landscape development, establishment and aesthetic improvements to include any associated erosion control and environmental mitigation activities.
5800-00-915	Intelligent Transportation System Deployment	Highway traffic operation improvement projects including the installation of ramp metering control devices, variable message signs, traffic monitoring equipment and projects in the Federal ITS/TWIS programs.
5000-00-916	Bicycle and Pedestrian	Projects including bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths and facilities (e.g., sidewalks, shared use paths, side paths, trails, bicycle boulevards, curb extensions, bicycle parking facilities, bikeshare facilities, etc.). Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure related activities (e.g. enforcement, tools, and education programs).
5000-00-917	Safety Rest Areas and Truck Weigh Stations	Construction and improvement of rest areas, and truck weigh stations.
5000-00-918	Transit Improvements and Programs	Projects include the construction and improvement of small passenger shelters and information kiosks. Also includes the construction and improvement of rail storage/maintenance facilities bus transfer facilities where minor amounts of additional land are required and there is not a substantial increase in the number of users. Also includes transit operating assistance, preventative maintenance of transit vehicles and facilities, acquisition of third-party transit services, and transit marketing, and mobility management/coordination. Additionally includes the purchase of new buses and rail cars to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansions of the fleet [See Note 4].
5000-00-919	Recreational Trails Program	Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV), Equestrian, Recreational Water/Paddling Trails and related facilities; Recreational Trails related education and safety programs.

Note 1: Projects eligible for grouping include associated project phases (Preliminary Engineering, Right-Of-Way and Construction).

Note 2: Projects funded with Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality funding require a Federal eligibility determination, and are not approved to be grouped.

Note 3: Passing lanes include "SUPER 2" lanes consistent with TxDOT's Roadway Design Manual.

Note 4: In PM20 and PM2.5 nonattainment or maintenance areas, such projects may be grouped only if they are in compliance with control measures in the applicable implementation plan.

Note 5: Projects funded as part of the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program consistent with the Grouped Project category definitions may be grouped. RTP or TA funded projects that are not consistent with the Grouped Project category definitions must be individually noted in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Road diet projects may not be grouped.

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Continued list of grouped projects and individually listed numbers.

Rural TIP Lufkin District Projects – Individually Listed								
CSJ	Highway	County	Length	Limits from	Limits to	Description of Work	Cost	Let Year
0064-06-057	US 96	Sabine	1.133	1 Mile North of Jasper County Line	Jasper County Line	Widen lanes; Convert 2 lane to 5 lane divided section with center left turn lane	\$5,800,000	2027

This slide shows the individually listed projects in the Lufkin District Rural TIP. Over the next few minutes, we'll walk you through each of these projects listed here and provide you with a general overview.

US 96 Widening 2 Lanes to 4 Lanes – 0064-06-057 – Sabine Co.

Project Details


- *Location: 1 Mile North of Jasper County Line to Jasper County Line*
- *Length: 1.133*
- *Construction Cost: \$5.8 Million*
- *Funding: Category 4 Rural Connectivity and Develop Authority*

Proposed Improvements

- *Widen from 2 lanes to 4 lanes, Divided*

Next Steps

- *ROW acquisitions & demo: Fall 2026*
- *Plan development: Summer 2026*
- *Utility Adjustments: Fall 2027*
- *Construction bidding (Letting): Spring 2027*



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The US 96 Widening project in Sabine County is proposing to widen the current 2 lane section of US 96 to a 4 Lane divided highway between 1 mile north of the Jasper County line to the Jasper County Line. Right-of-Way acquisitions are anticipated to be complete by fall 2026, and the development of engineering plans will be completed by summer 2026. Once all necessary right-of-way has been purchased, the utility adjustments are anticipated to be completed by fall 2027. Construction bidding, also known as construction letting, will take place in the Spring of 2027.

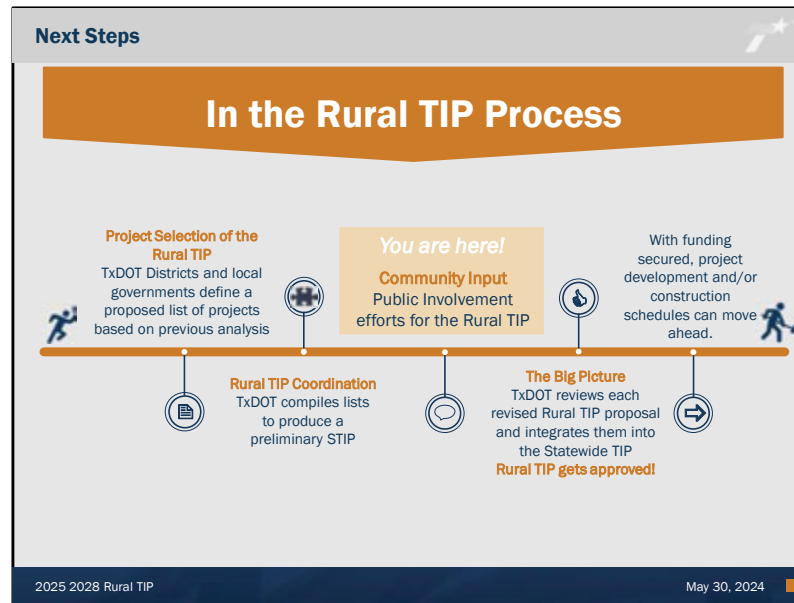
Rural TIP Lufkin District Project Spreadsheets & Maps

Project Spreadsheets and Maps Available on the TxDOT website:

- Visit www.txdot.gov and Search: 2024 Lufkin Rural TIP
- Look under the “Downloads” section for these documents

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We understand that you may not be able to clearly read the table and map, but this slide is simply showing you an illustration of the materials that are available on the TxDOT website. Visit www.txdot.gov and keyword search: 2024 Lufkin Rural TIP. On the online notice page, you’ll see a section called: Downloads, near the bottom of the page. Under the Downloads section of the meeting page, you will find color coded tables and corresponding maps like the ones shown here that provide details for each project that will be included in the District’s 2025-2028 Rural TIP. We have tables and maps providing this information for each of the nine counties in the Lufkin District and we invite you to visit the TxDOT website to check out projects coming to your areas.



This slide shows the general progression of the Rural TIP process and where we are right now. Once your comments have been collected and reviewed, any necessary revisions will be made to the Rural TIP before it is submitted for approval and integration into the statewide document.

The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is built from the Rural TIPs of all 25 Districts in the State as well as the Transportation Improvement Programs from all the MPOs. Once the STIP is approved by the federal government, the included projects become one step closer to getting on the ground.

Next Steps

How to provide comments:

- 1. Mail a comment to:**
Texas Department of Transportation
Lufkin District, Attn: Rural TIP
1805 N. Timberland Drive, Lufkin TX 75901
- 2. Or email a comment to:**
Regina.Loerch@txdot.gov, Attention: Rural TIP

Remember to submit your comments by **Friday, June 14, 2024**
to be included in the official summary of this meeting

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Now that you are familiar with the Program, we welcome your input. Comments must be postmarked or otherwise received by Friday, June 14, 2024. Please make sure to send your comments before that date. There are three ways to provide your comments.

The first way is to mail any comments to: Texas Department of Transportation, Lufkin District, 1805 North Timberland Drive in Lufkin, Texas 75901.

The second way you can provide your comments is to email your comments Regina.Loerch@txdot.gov.

Next Steps

How to provide comments:

3. Or submit your comments online:

www.txdot.gov and Search: “2024 Lufkin Rural Tip” and go to the How to Make a Comment section toward the bottom of the page

How to Make a Comment:	For the virtual public meeting, the public may provide comments in the following ways listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online: Add your comment online• Email: as shown in the Notice• Mail: TxDOT Lufkin District Office Attn: Rural TIP 1805 N. Timberland Dr. Lufkin, TX 75901
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The third way you can provide your comments is by submitting them online. Visit www.txdot.gov and Search: 2024 Lufkin Rural Tip. Don't forget that the county maps featuring the proposed projects are also available on this online notice page for you to review in more detail. Again, as a reminder - comments must be postmarked or otherwise received by June 14, 2024. Please make sure to send your comments before that date.

Quick Contacts – Engage TxDOT Online

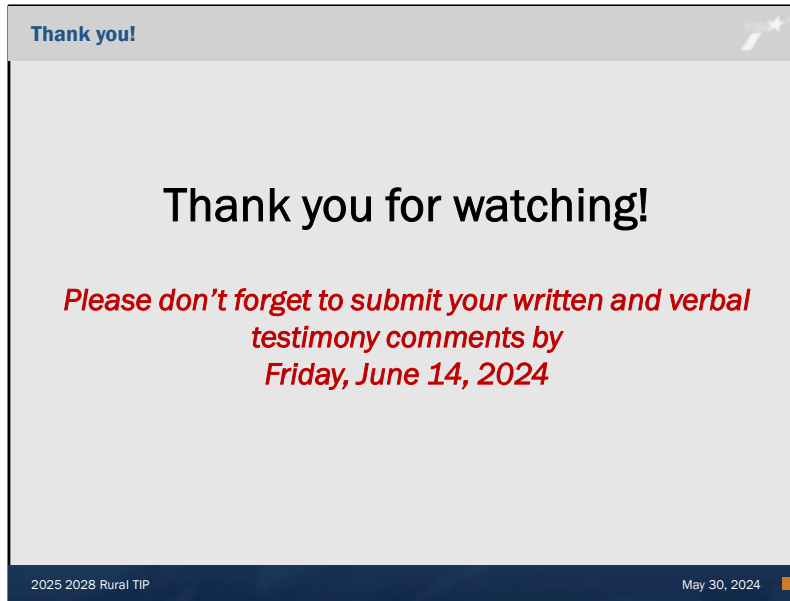
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- Email Regina.Loerch@txdot.gov
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Please also don't hesitate to contact the Lufkin District office with any questions about the Rural TIP.

You can call (936) 633-4495 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Or email Regina.Loerch@txdot.gov with any questions or comments at any time about any Lufkin District projects. And don't forget to click on these links and follow us on Twitter for ongoing road closures and construction updates on the Lufkin District Twitter page. You can also keep up with TxDOT news on our Facebook and Instagram pages.



This concludes the video presentation for the Lufkin District's FY 2025-2028 Rural TIP. Thank you for your interest and participation in the transportation planning process.