US 259 Widening – SH 204 to Rusk County Line

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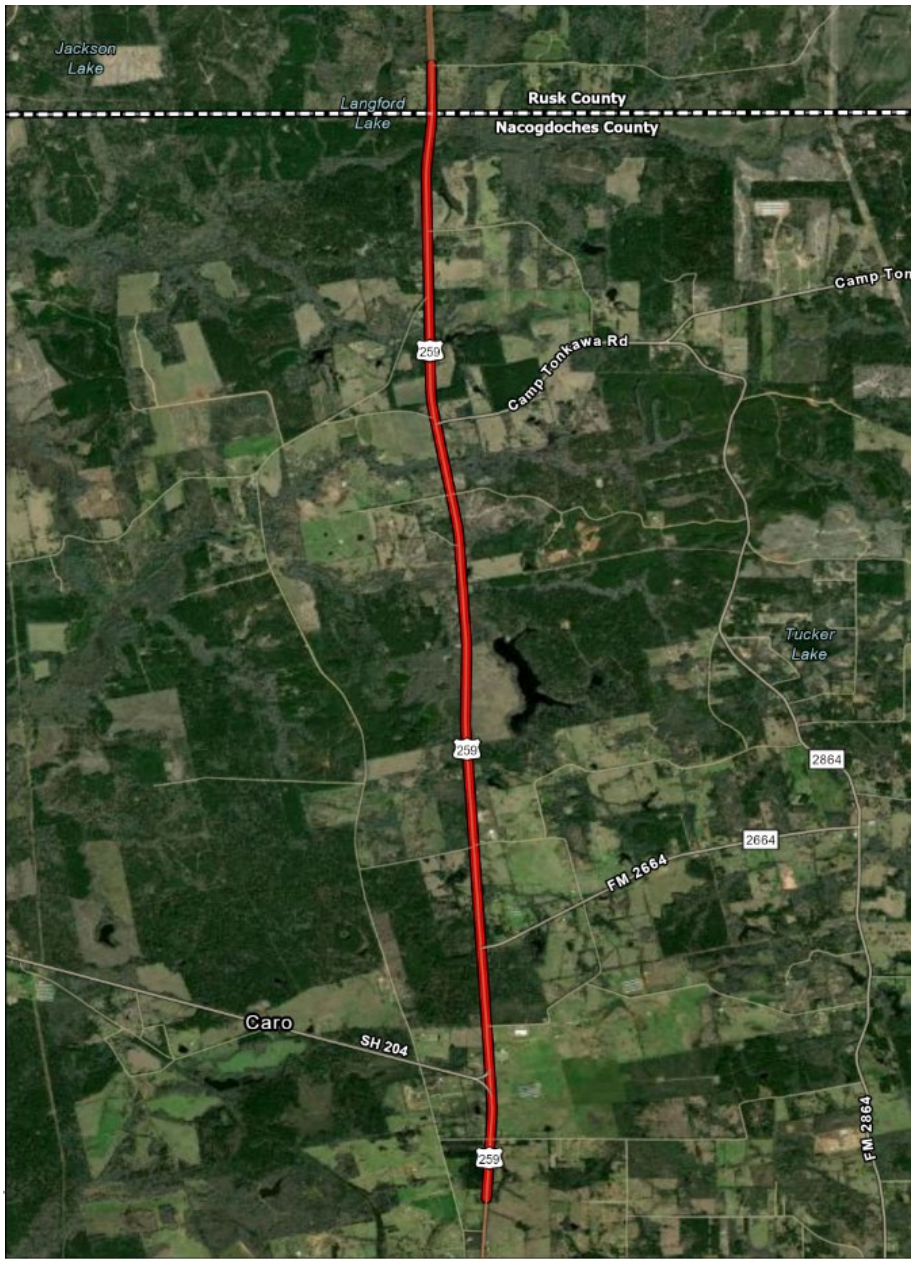
Project History

US 259 serves as an important roadway for rural connectivity and as an evacuation route. Construction funding was obligated in the 2020 Unified Transportation Program (UTP). The project involves widening of US 259 to provide a continuous two-way left turn lane and full width shoulders.



Need for Project

- This project is dedicated to improving safety and mobility due to a high number of traffic crashes.
- US 259 is a hurricane evacuation route
- US 259 is a major freight corridor
- US 259 is on National Highway System

Project Details

- **CSJ:** 0138-06-047
- **Location:** Rusk County line to 0.38 south of SH 204
- **Length:** 6.86 miles
- **Estimated Construction Cost:** $27.9 million
- **Authorized Amount:** $27.9 million
- **Funding:** Cat. 4 Rural Connectivity

Current Status

- **Eng. Studies & ENV:** Spring 2020 – Spring 2021
- **Eng. Plans, Right-Of-Way acquisition and Utility Relocations:** Spring 2021 – Spring 2024
- **Construction Letting:** March 2024

Proposed Improvements

- Widen US 259 to provide:
  - 16-foot continuous two-way left turn lane
  - 10-foot shoulders
- Add acceleration lane along southbound US 259 south of SH 204

Project Goals

- Improve safety
- Reduce congestion and improve mobility
- Facilitate hurricane evacuation route
- Enhance freight mobility

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