

# US 59 UPGRADE

REDLAND (FUTURE I-69)

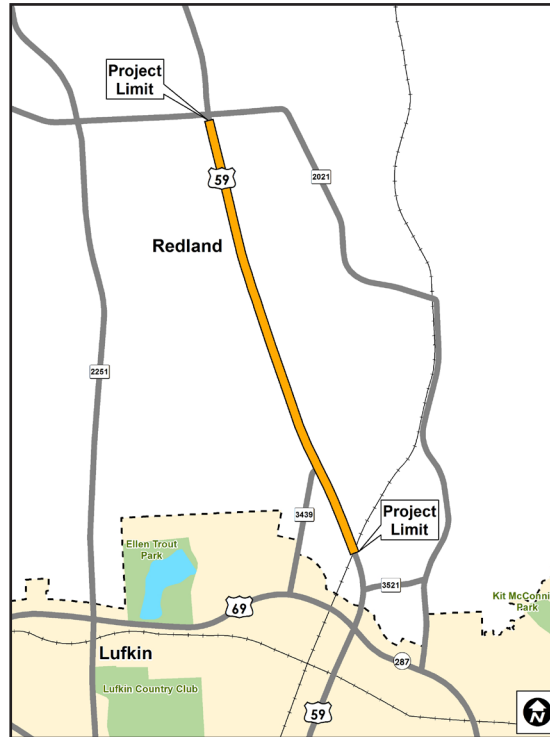
ANGELINA COUNTY



**TxDOT Lufkin District**  
**June 2017**

## Project Background

This project is dedicated to improving safety and mobility along US 59 from south of FM 2021 to north of US 59/SL 287 in Angelina County near Redland. This project would upgrade existing US 59 by constructing frontage roads and would be designed to meet interstate standards for potential future designation as I-69. The proposed project would provide a controlled access freeway section with northbound and southbound frontage roads. Controlled access means there will not be direct access to the main lanes. Access to the main lanes is allowed via entrance and exit ramps.



The proposed project would:

- Enhance safety and improve mobility along US 59;
- Provide a more efficient hurricane evacuation route; and
- Provide system connectivity to I-69, which is a 1,600 mile national highway connecting Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. I-69 also provides access to inland ports and sea ports along the gulf coast.



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# Project and Funding Summary

The proposed project would provide:

- A controlled access freeway section with northbound and southbound frontage roads. Controlled access means access to the main lanes will only be allowed via entrance and exit ramps
- Funding has been allocated for the project development services, including environmental studies, schematic design, and right-of-way acquisition
- Construction funding was identified in the March 2017 Unified Transportation Program
- Current estimate for construction is approximately \$20.65 million

## Next Steps

- Survey work, schematic and environmental studies to begin summer 2017 and potential approval anticipated fall 2018
- Right-of-way and/or displacements are still being determined; once schematic and environmental is approved, the right-of-way acquisition process is estimated to begin in early 2019
- Right-of-way acquisitions and utility adjustments are expected to be completed in spring 2022
- Construction funding was allocated in the March 2017 Unified Transportation Program with a proposed summer 2022 contract bid date



# TxDOT Lufkin District Project Updates

## Upcoming Construction Projects

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- **Texturizing Shoulders** – Scheduled to take bids in June 2017 to texturize the shoulders along FM 2109 and FM 1818 by adding rumble strips for safety purposes.
- **US 69 Widening Two to Four lanes** – Scheduled to take bids in June 2017 for this project, which includes widening US 69 from two lanes to a four-lane divided highway from Huntington to FM 844 in Angelina County.
- **US 69 Clearing Contract** – Scheduled to take bids in July 2017 on this project that involves the clearing of right-of-way from FM 844 to FM 1270 in Angelina County along US 69 for future improvements.
- **Resurfacing with Sealcoat** – Scheduled to take bids in November 2017 for resurfacing of FM 2109, FM 2251, FM 706 and FM 819.
- **FM 1194 Minor Widening** – Scheduled to take bids in November 2017 for this project that includes providing an additional six feet of pavement to widen FM 1194, as well as lengthening culverts and safety treatments to guardrails and culvert ends.

## Projects Currently under Construction in Angelina County

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- **US 59 (east loop in Lufkin)** – This project includes bridge maintenance and safety work, consisting of improving guardrail to design standards and upgrading bridge and approach railings at various locations along the east loop in Lufkin and other locations within the city. The project started May 15, 2017, and was awarded to SJ & J Construction in the amount of \$1,891,195.25. It is anticipated to be complete in the Fall of 2017.
- **US 59 Hot mix asphalt (HMA) Level-up, one course surface treatment (OCST) and porous friction course asphalt (PFC) Surface** – This project involves removing the top layer of existing pavement on US 59 from Redland to the Angelina River bridge. Then the road is resurfaced with HMA level-up, an OCST, and finished with a PFC. The project started June 5, 2017, and was awarded to Moore Brothers Construction in the amount of \$2,865,623.76. It is anticipated to be complete in the Fall of 2017.

Visit our Project Tracker Webpage ([www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/project-tracker.html](http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/project-tracker.html)) for information on other projects under development in the Lufkin District.

## How Can You Get Involved?

- Attend the Open House  
Tuesday, June 27, 2017  
4 - 7 p.m.  
TxDOT Lufkin District Office  
1805 North Timberland Drive  
Lufkin, TX 75901
- Visit the online Open House at [www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/lufkin/062717.html](http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/lufkin/062717.html) (will go live on the evening of June 27, 2017)
- Learn more, provide comments, and sign up to receive email updates by visiting the online project page; visit [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and enter “US 59 Redland” in the search area
- Check out the Lufkin District Newsletter: [www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/district/lufkin/newsletter.html](http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/district/lufkin/newsletter.html)



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