

US 59 Upgrade Shepherd to Trinity River (Future I-69)

CSJs: 0177-02-103 and 0177-02-104



Texas Department of Transportation

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Project Overview

US 59 serves as an evacuation route for the Gulf Coast and has been designated as an Interstate 69 corridor. Construction funding was obligated in the 2020 Unified Transportation Program (UTP). The project involves construction of northbound and southbound frontage roads and reconstruction of US 59 main lanes. The proposed improvements will also be designed to meet interstate standards for potential future designation as I-69.

Need for Project

- This project is dedicated to improving safety and mobility due to increasing traffic, congestion and a high number of traffic crashes.
- US 59 is a hurricane evacuation route
- US 59 is a major freight corridor
- US 59 is on National Highway System
- US 59 is future I-69

Project Details

- **CSJs:** 0177-02-103 and 0177-02-104
- **Length:** Approximately 6 miles
- **Estimated Construction Cost:** \$240 million
- **Authorized Amount:** \$195.2 million
- **Funding:** Category 4 Rural Connectivity

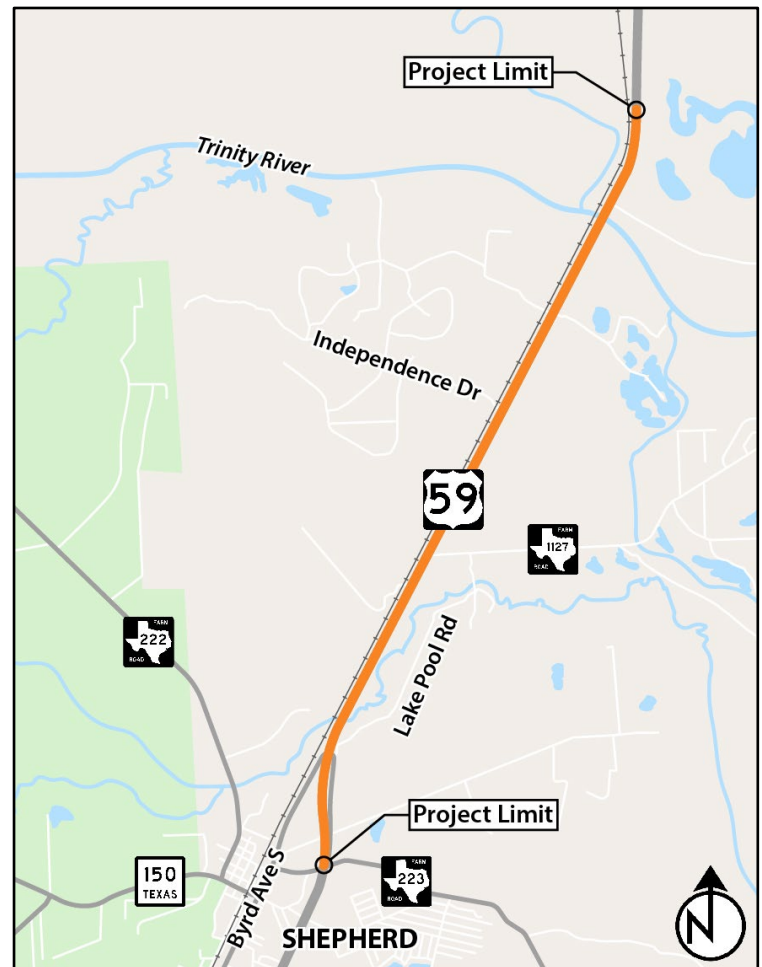
Project Goals

- Reduce congestion and improve mobility
- Provide a more efficient hurricane evacuation route
- Enhance safety
- Provide I-69 connectivity nationally

Proposed Improvements

- Construct 2 lane northbound and southbound frontage roads
- Reconstruct US 59 main lanes
- Construct overpass with U-turns at FM 1127
- Construct new Trinity River Bridges with U-turns

Project Location Map



Current Status

- **Schematic & ENV:** Mid 2023 – Late 2024
- **ROW acquisition & Utility Relocation:** Early 2025 – Late 2028
- **Construction Letting:** Spring 2029

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