



**Notice**  
**Virtual Public Meeting with In-Person Option**  
**US 59 Upgrade Shepherd to Trinity River (Future I-69)**  
**From 0.2 miles north of FM 223 (Church Street) to north of Trinity River**  
**CSJs: 0177-02-103 and 0177-02-104**  
**San Jacinto and Polk counties, Texas**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Lufkin District is proposing improvements to the existing US 59 from approximately 0.2 miles north of FM 223 (Church Street) to north of the Trinity River in San Jacinto and Polk counties, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project with an in-person option. The virtual meeting will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. **The presentation will be posted online Thursday, April 27, 2023, by noon.** To log onto the virtual public meeting, visit [www.TxDOT.gov](http://www.TxDOT.gov) and search: US 59 Upgrade Shepherd to Trinity River.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the online public meeting, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and/or consultants and leave written comments. **The in-person public meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2023, from 5-7 p.m. at the Shepherd High School Cafeteria located at 1 Pirate Lane, Shepherd, TX 77371.**

The proposed project would involve the construction of frontage roads and reconstruction of the US 59 main lanes to meet interstate standards for potential future designation as I-69. Proposed improvements would also include construction of new Trinity River bridges with turnarounds (U-turn) and an overpass at FM 1127. The proposed project runs approximately six miles and extends from Shepherd, Texas in San Jacinto County to north of the Trinity River in Polk County. The proposed project is anticipated to enhance safety, improve mobility, provide a more efficient hurricane evacuation route and provide system connectivity to I-69.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require approximately 191 acres of additional right of way and potentially displace approximately nine residences and 10 non-residential structures. The proposed right-of-way would be increased from 190 feet (on average) to 500 feet total, an increase of 310 feet. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners, can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling 936-633-4395.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands and an action within a floodplain.

Any environmental documentation or studies, any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are available online at [www.TxDOT.gov](http://www.TxDOT.gov) and may be viewed by searching: US 59 Upgrade Shepherd to Trinity River.

The virtual public meeting and in-person option will be conducted in English and Spanish. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public meeting or in-person option, please contact Rhonda Oaks, PIO, TxDOT Lufkin District at 936-633-4395 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, no later than 4 p.m. CT, April 24, 2023. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the TxDOT to arrange. Please also contact Rhonda Oaks if you do not have internet access and have difficulty accessing project materials.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Lufkin District Office, Attn: Jennifer Adams - US 59 from Shepherd to Trinity River, 1805 N. Timberland Drive, Lufkin, TX 75901. Written comments may also be submitted by email to [Jennifer.Adams@txdot.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Adams@txdot.gov). Verbal comments

can be submitted by calling and leaving a voicemail at 936-205-1795. All comments must be received on or before **Friday, May 12, 2023**.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or meeting information, please contact Jennifer Adams, Advance Transportation Planning Director, at 936-633-4383 or at [Jennifer.Adams@txdot.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Adams@txdot.gov).

*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 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.*