

## 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 constructing one way northbound and southbound frontage roads and reconstructing US 59 mainlanes. The proposed improvements will also be designed to meet interstate standards for potential future designation as I-69.

## Need for Project

- US 59 does not meet current interstate standards
- US 59 is inadequate for current and future traffic volumes, which results in:
  - Traffic congestion
  - Reduced mobility
  - Increase in traffic crashes

## Project Details

- CSJs: 0177-02-103 and 0177-02-104
- Length: Approximately 6 miles
- Estimated Construction Cost: \$279.1 million
- Authorized Amount: \$279.3 million, Category 4 & 12

## Project Purpose

The Project's purpose is to bring US 59 up to current interstate standards:

- Make US 59 a controlled access roadway
- Provide required lane and shoulder widths
- Provide minimum design speed of 50 mph (urban areas) and 70 mph (rural areas)

## Current Status

- Surveying & Data Collection: Fall 2020 – Fall 2022
- Schematic & ENV Completion/Approval: Winter 2023 – Spring 2025
- ROW acquisition & Utility Relocation: Spring 2025 – Spring 2029
- Construction Letting: Spring 2029

## Proposed Improvements

- Reconstruction of US 59 mainlanes to provide four 12-foot travel lanes, two in each direction, 4-foot-wide inside shoulders, and 12-foot-wide outside shoulders
- Construction of one-way northbound and southbound frontage roads with two 12-foot lanes, four-foot inside shoulders, and 10-foot outside shoulders from FM 223 to Trinity River (may include note of small section of southbound FR that is not continuous)
- Construction of 6-foot sidewalks along the frontage roads from FM 223 to Lake Pool Road
- Construction of bridges over the Trinity River, Big Creek and other waters of the U.S. Turnarounds (U-turns) would be provided at the Trinity River
- Construction of overpasses with turnarounds (U-turns) at FM 1127 and Lake Pool Road/SL 424

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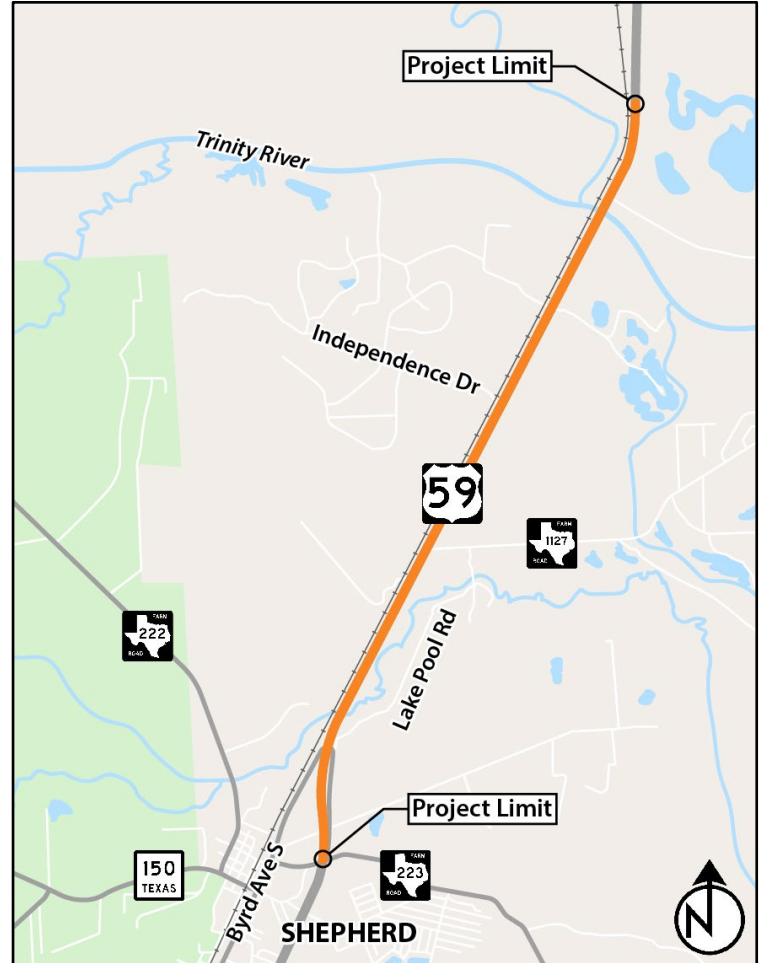
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