

# LUFKIN DISTRICT

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## Extra Mile Award

*Rhonda Oaks, Public Information Officer*

A hero is defined as someone who goes above and beyond the call of duty to help someone in need, or who helps save a life, or prevented a situation from becoming life-threatening either while performing their duty or on their own time. Walter (Clinton) Marburger fits the bill.

Clinton was named an Extra Mile Award recipient at the recent 98th Annual Transportation Short Course held at Texas A&M University for the actions he took at the Houston County Maintenance office.

The incident happened when a flagger fainted due to the extreme heat. Clinton's swift actions likely saved the flagger's life. He realized the flagger had stopped breathing and immediately used the Automated External Defibrillator to revive him before emergency medical services arrived. Because he was alert and worked quickly, the flagger survived and recovered.

To hear Clinton describe the event, it was more of a group effort, as his co-workers supported his efforts at the scene. "I must say it was not only myself but the team that made saving his life possible. But first and foremost, it was by God's grace," he said.

Clinton has worked as a mechanic in Houston County for three years. He and his wife Tamey have been married for 30 years and have three daughters, a son, and eight grandchildren. He said he was shocked and surprised to learn of the award. TxDOT and the Lufkin District are proud of Clinton and those like him who work to help others every day.



# **District Holds Public Meeting for US 59 Interstate Upgrade**

*Rhonda Oaks, Public Information Officer*

A public meeting was held Oct. 3 at the Polk County Commerce Center in Livingston to allow the public to get a look at the plans for the proposed US 59 Livingston upgrade (future I 69). There was a heavy turnout for the meeting where engineers and officials were on hand to answer questions and explain proposed schematics. A virtual meeting was also provided. The upgrade will be developed as two projects and will include:

- Construction of cable barrier-divided main lanes along US 59. Northbound and southbound US 59 frontage road construction that will include two 12-foot-wide travel lanes with a 4-foot inside shoulder and a 10-foot outside shoulder. A 10-foot shared-use path would also be constructed along the proposed US 59 frontage roads.
- Reconfiguring the US 190, BU 59 North, and BU 59 South/FM 1988 interchanges
- New frontage road connections crossing over the Union Pacific Railroad just north of BU 59/FM 1988 and just south of BU 59 North



The timeline for the proposed project includes surveying and data collection that began in 2022. The schematic and environmental studies are anticipated to be completed by fall 2026 with construction tentatively scheduled in 2032. For more information about the project, visit <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/projects-studies/lufkin/us59-livingston-future-i69.html>

## **Transportation Alternatives Program**

*Jacee McHenry, Administrative Assistant and Jeremy King, Dir. of Transportation Ops.*

The 2025 Transportation Alternatives (TA) call for projects will begin Jan 3, 2025. This will allow local governments in the Lufkin district to receive funding for transportation alternative projects such as sidewalks, bike lanes, safe routes to school plans, etc. This is an amazing opportunity to improve the safety needs of communities in our district.

- Huntington, TX (0911-38-077) – Transportation Non-Roadway  
This plan will evaluate new bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in the City of Huntington including sidewalks, signalized intersections in multiple locations, and other traffic calming measures.
- Coldspring, TX (0395-02-0489) – Pedestrian Improvement Project  
This project will construct a 5-foot-wide sidewalk along SH 150 from SH 156 to the Coldspring-Oakhurst High School Campus.
- Lufkin, TX (0911-38-076) – Pedestrian Improvement Project  
This project will construct more than 1 mile of 6-foot-wide sidewalks along Angelina Street from Groesbeck Avenue to Abney Avenue as well as long Atkinson Drive from Angelina Street to Timberland Drive.



**D.E. Corner**  
**Kelly O. Morris, P.E.**

It is hard to believe this year is almost over and holidays are here. The Lufkin District has been busy all year, completed road work during the hot summer, stayed alert and ready for hurricanes, and prepared for possible winter weather. I invite you to look at our work ahead by reading about our maintenance contracts, construction updates, and Interstate 69 progress.

I am very proud of all of our employees who are sometimes called upon daily to go above and beyond to stay safe and stay alert. One of our Houston County employees did just that last summer when he saw something wrong and acted on it. Walter (Clint) Marburger received recognition for his life-saving actions with the annual TxDOT Extra Mile Award. I know you will want to read about it. We are proud of Clint for going that extra mile.

Also, you will want to read about the recent public meeting held in Polk County that will upgrade US 59 to interstate standards. We had a great turnout, and we were able to answer many questions. Many people were excited to see the possibility of future Interstate 69 continuing through the area.

As we go through the holiday season, I hope you and yours spend time together. If you travel during the holidays, please take every safety precaution as you travel and follow the rules of the road that could save your life. Buckle up, put the phone away, don't drink and drive, and stay alert. Just doing those things will ensure a safer, happier holiday season, which is what I wish for all of you.

UPCOMING LOCAL LETTING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS	
Contract Description	Estimated Value
San Jacinto Metal Beam Guardfence Letting date: January 2025	\$250,000
San Jacinto On-Call Traffic Control Services Letting date: January 2025	\$850,000
San Augustine Metal Beam Guardfence Letting date: January 2025	\$300,000
Houston Tree Trimming and Brush Removal Letting date: January 2025	\$300,000
Polk Tree Trimming and Brush Removal Letting date: January 2025	\$300,000
Nacogdoches Metal Beam Guardfence Letting Date: January 2025	\$300,000
Nacogdoches Tree Trimming and Brush Removal Letting Date: February 2025	\$300,000

**Service Awards**

October 2024	
Bowen M. Kirkland	5 Years
Gerald P. Foley	5 Years
Richard W. Rowley II	5 Years
Tamara D. Gibson	5 Years
November 2024	
Jeffery J. Rightmire	5 Years
Larry Carman	5 Years
Tabitha L. Taylor	5 Years
December 2024	
John M. Ener Jr	10 Years
Danny R. Luna	25 Years



Jeffery Rightmire & Danny Luna

**End The Streak Campaign**

**Melissa McKnight, Traffic Safety**

TxDOT created #EndTheStreakTX in an effort to raise awareness about the long streak of traffic deaths in Texas and how this is an issue that impacts every Texan. We need to end the streak of daily deaths on Texas roads! This goal is big, but it's possible. It will take every driver to do their part behind the wheel.

As an effort to help #EndTheStreakTX the Lufkin District educated families on the importance of seatbelt safety by demonstrating the rollover convincer and the dangers of drinking and driving with using the drunk goggles.

# **I-69 DEVELOPMENT IN THE LUFKIN DISTRICT**

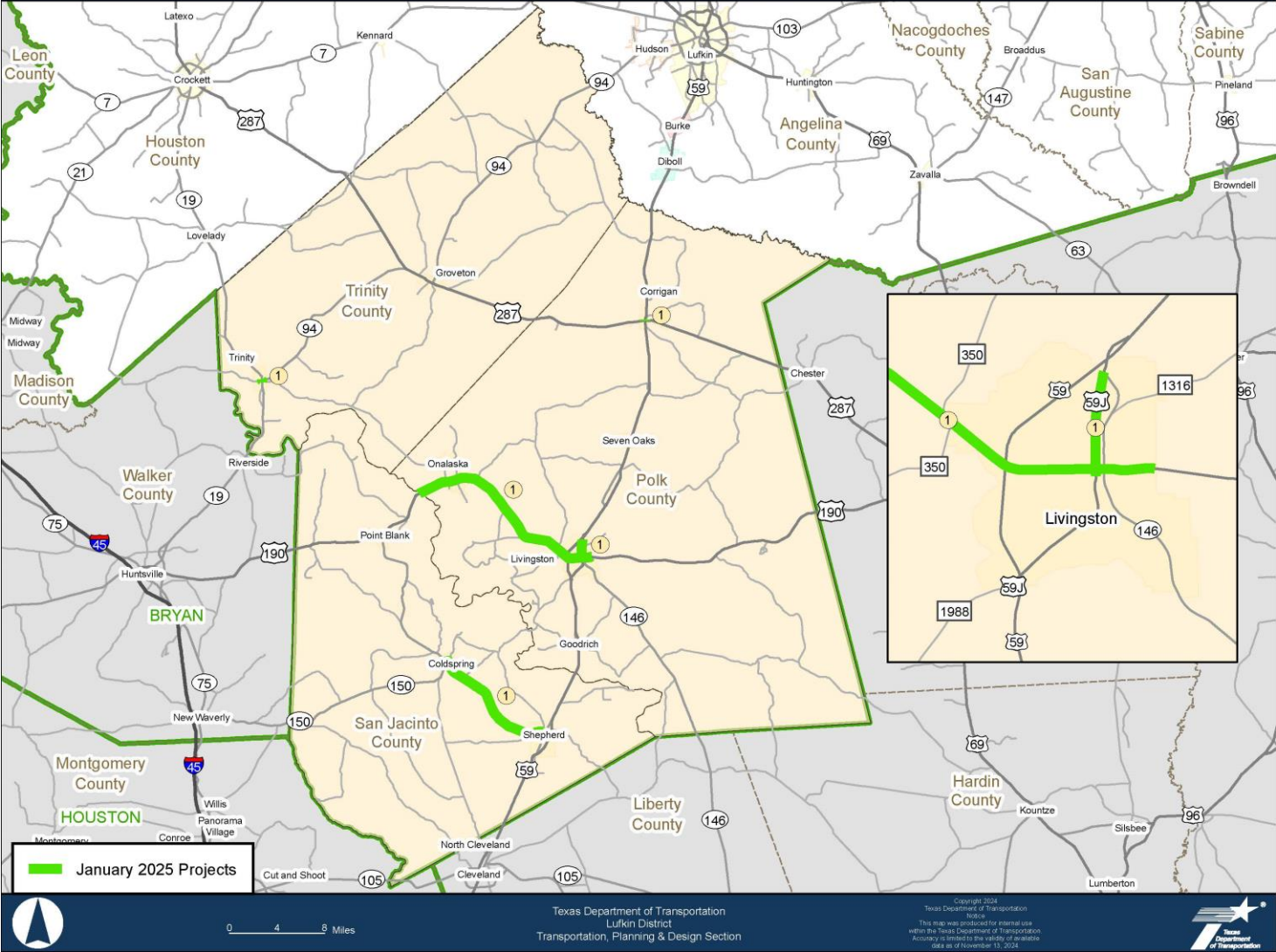
*Jennifer Adams, Advance Transportation Planning Director*

There are currently ten projects the Lufkin District is actively developing to meet interstate standards. Below is a brief status on each. For more information on I-69 projects development in the district, please visit our webpage at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and search "[I-69 Projects Overview](#)".

- **[US 59/SL 224 South Interchange \(Under Construction\)](#)** – involves constructing new US 59 direct connectors at SL 224(S) and frontage roads along SL 224 between SH 7 and US 59. Construction began in fall 2019 and is scheduled for completion in fall 2026, weather permitting.
- **[US 59 Diboll Relief Route \(Under Construction\)](#)** – involves constructing a new location controlled-access roadway east of Diboll. Construction began in spring 2020 and is scheduled for completion in summer 2025, weather permitting.
- **[US 59 Upgrade Moffett Rd to SH 103 \(Under Construction\)](#)** – involves upgrading existing US 59 to a controlled-access roadway by adding frontage roads. Construction began in 2021 and is scheduled for completion in winter 2024, weather permitting.
- **[US 59 Upgrade Redland \(Under Construction\)](#)** – involves upgrading existing US 59 to a controlled-access roadway by adding frontage roads between SL 287 and FM 2021. Construction began late in 2022 and is scheduled for completion in fall 2025, weather permitting.
- **[US 59 Corrigan Relief Route \(Under Construction\)](#)** – involves a new location controlled-access roadway, west of Corrigan. Construction began in fall 2022 and is scheduled for completion in winter 2028, weather permitting.
- **[US 59 Upgrade Shepherd to Cleveland \(Under Construction\)](#)** – involves upgrading existing US 59 to a controlled-access roadway by adding frontage roads between FM 2914 and SL 573. Construction began in 2023 and is scheduled for completion in fall 2029.
- **[US 59/US 259 North Nacogdoches Interchange \(Schematic\)](#)** – involves upgrading US 59 to a controlled-access roadway from Stallings Drive/SL 224 to 1.3 miles north of reconstructing the US 59/US 259 interchange and adding new frontage roads. ROW mapping is underway and acquisitions will begin in winter 2024. Construction is currently scheduled in 2029.
- **[US 59 Upgrade to Shepherd to Trinity River \(Schematic\)](#)** – involves upgrading existing US 59 to a controlled-access roadway by adding frontage roads between FM 223 to just north of the Trinity River. ROW mapping is underway and acquisitions will begin in 2025. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2029.
- **[US 59 Upgrade North Livingston \(Schematic\)](#)** – involves reconstructing the US 59/US 190 interchange and reconstructing US 59 main lanes and frontage roads from just south of US 190 to SL 116. TxDOT is currently working on the development of the schematic. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2032.
- **[US 59 Upgrade South Livingston \(Feasibility\)](#)** – involves upgrading US 59 to a controlled-access roadway by reconstructing the US 59/FM 1988 interchange, reconstructing US 59 main lanes and adding frontage roads from just south of US 190 to 0.39 miles south of FM 1988. This project currently does not have construction funding identified.

# Livingston Area Office

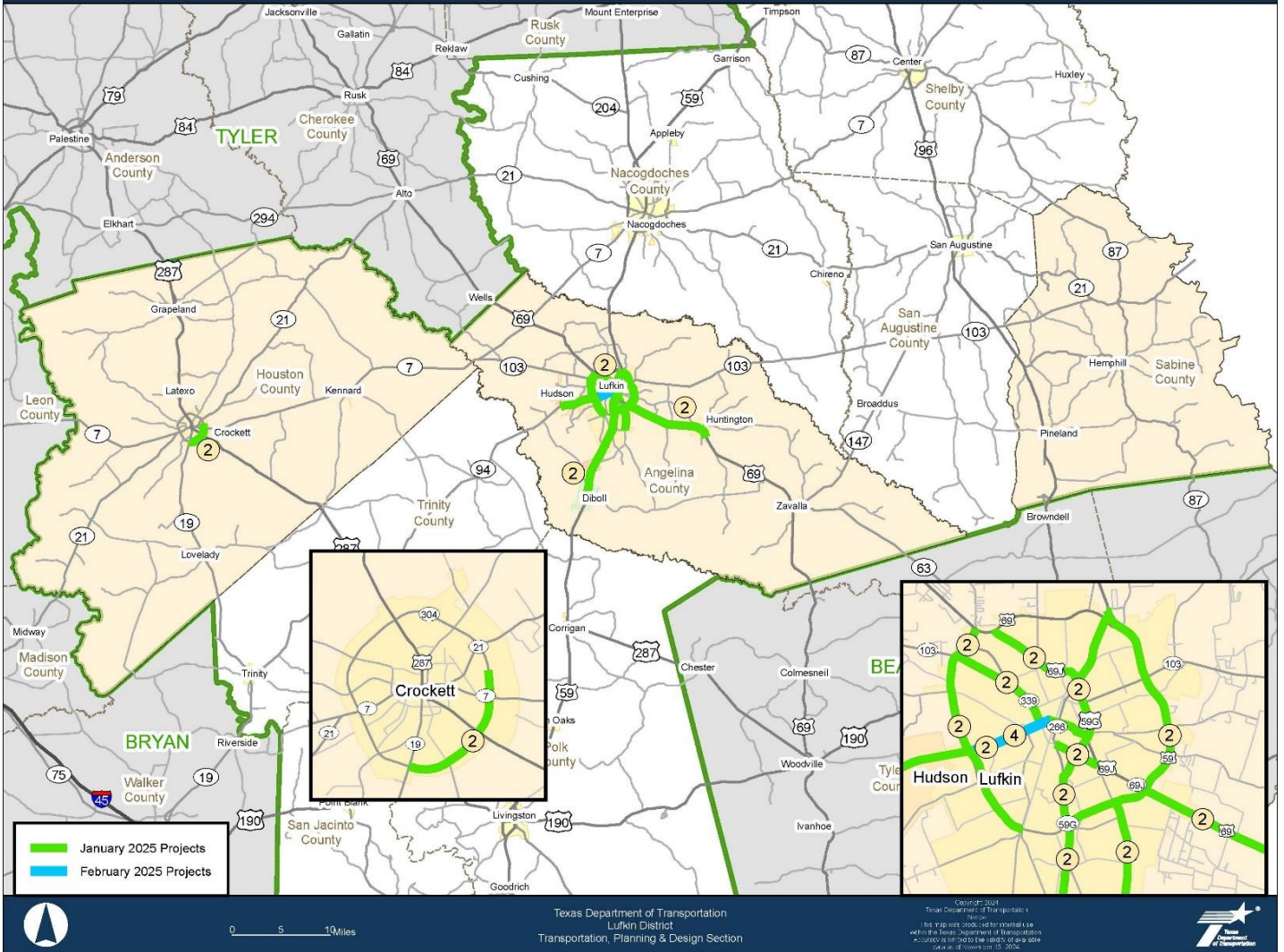
## LIVINGSTON AREA OFFICE - Polk, San Jacinto and Trinity Counties



UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS					
Project Number	County	Highway	Description of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
0109-07-054	228	SH 19	Replace Signal Heads and Install Backplates with Reflective Border	\$19,413.00	1
0176-04-089	187	US 59		\$10,416.40	
0176-06-019	187	BU 59J		\$19,149.30	
0213-03-106	187	US 190		\$59,849.90	
0213-04-052	187	US 190		\$75,729.80	
0395-03-048	204	SH 150		\$19,363.40	

# Lufkin Area Office

LUFKIN AREA OFFICE - Angelina, Houston and Sabine Counties



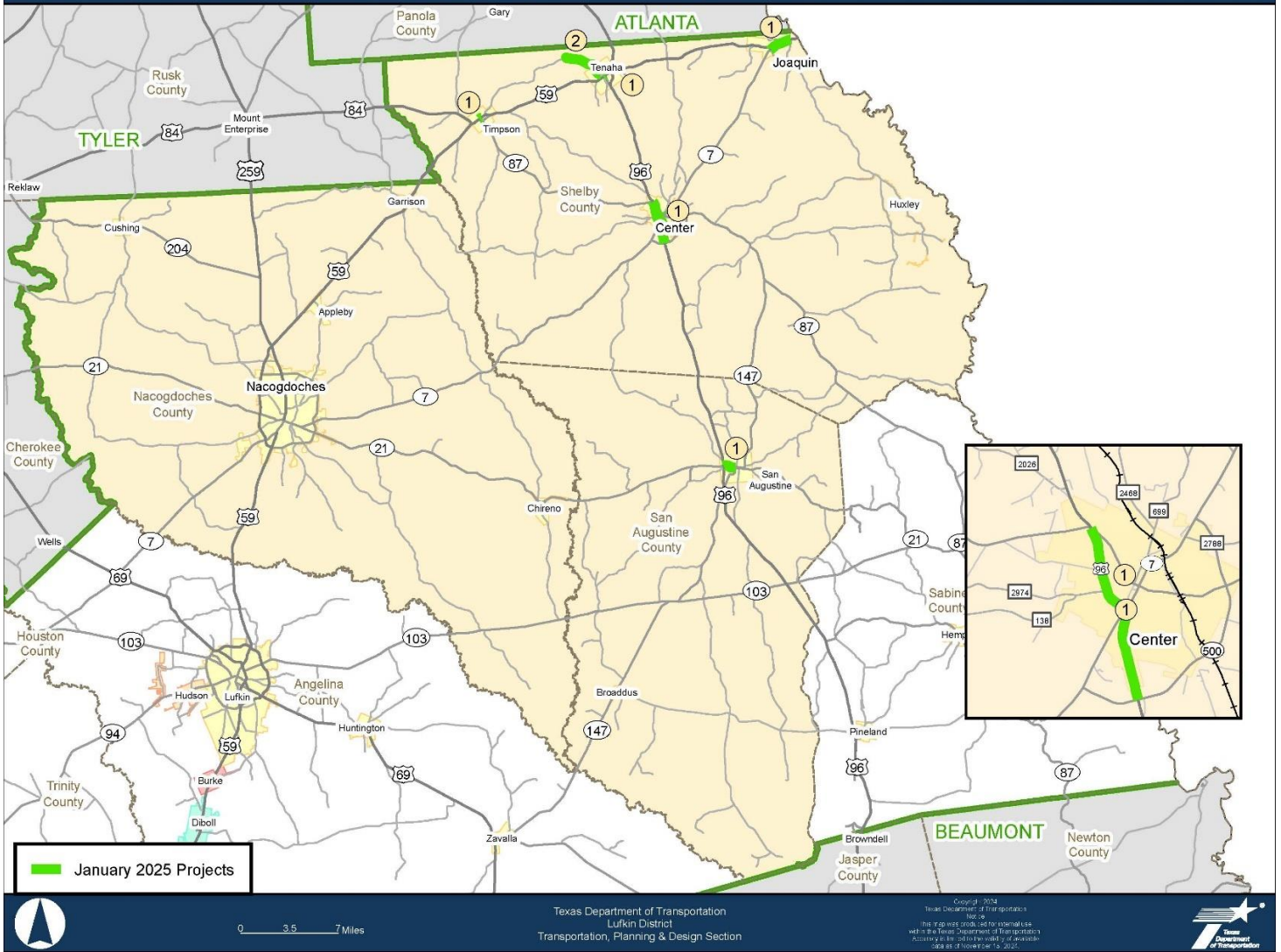
## UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Project Number	County	Highway	Description of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
0911-00-085	VARIOUS	VARIOUS*	FY 2025 Profile Pavement Markings	\$4,692,580.65	1
0176-02-126	Angelina	BU 59-G	Replace Signal Heads and Install Backplates with Reflective Border	\$108,252.00	2
0176-03-139	Angelina	BU 59-G		\$27,826.00	
0176-03-140	Angelina	US 59		\$66,403.10	
0199-08-024	Angelina	BU 69-J		\$24,591.60	
0200-01-095	Angelina	US 69		\$26,846.30	
0200-13-012	Angelina	SS 278		\$26,491.60	
0319-04-089	Angelina	SH 94		\$138,972.90	
0336-03-077	Angelina	SH 103		\$14,689.90	
033604-017	Angelina	SS 339		\$8,832.00	
0576-02-071	Angelina	FM 58		\$7,072.60	
1854-01-050	Angelina	SL 304		\$19,779.00	
2553-01-124	Angelina	US 59		\$57,390.50	
2553-01-125	Angelina	SL 287		\$45,704.40	
0911-00-152	VARIOUS	VARIOUS*		Concrete Pavement Repair	
0319-04-091	Angelina	SH 94	Resurface Roadway - Mill/Inlay	\$3,653,065.00	4

\*PROJECT NOT MAPPED

# Nacogdoches Area Office

NACOGDOCHES AREA OFFICE - Nacogdoches, San Augustine and Shelby Counties



## UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Project Number	County	Highway	Description of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
0063-06-101	Shelby	SH 87	Replace Signal Heads and Install Backplates with Reflective Border	\$28,935.00	1
0118-10-070	San Augustine	SH 21		\$30,974.50	
0175-02-095	Shelby	US 59		\$9,107.00	
0175-02-096	Shelby	US 84		\$17,329.00	
0175-04-084	Shelby	US 59		\$8,557.00	
0809-02-074	Shelby	US 96		\$62,093.70	
1195-01-034	Shelby	FM 947	Provide Additional Paved Surface Width to 26', Safety Treat Fixed Objects, Profile Edgeline Markings, Profile Centerline Markings	\$5,249,245.10	2

For more information, please visit the Project Tracker page at:  
<https://www.txdot.gov/projects/project-tracker.html>

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