

LUFKIN DISTRICT

NEWS

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A Legacy in Progress

It's no secret that TxDOT is family. But in the Lufkin District, that means three generations of the same family who have chosen TxDOT as a career. Betty G. Peavy, daughter Cathy Dunn Loerch, and granddaughter Regina Loerch, have either retired or currently working, all in the Lufkin District. Betty began her career at TxDOT in the San Augustine Maintenance Office as office manager in 1982 and retired in 2004 after serving 22 years. She says she chose TxDOT because she had heard about the great benefits the agency offered. "My career was very beneficial and one that I enjoyed very much," she said. "I made so many lifelong friends throughout my career. I feel that I have a lot invested in TxDOT because of family. TxDOT is a great place to work."

Her daughter, Cathy Dunn Loerch, currently serves as the Design Lead for the district's Central Design section. She began her career as a summer intern in the mid-80's and later worked full time in the Livingston Area Office and the San Augustine office, when it was also an area office, before moving to the District Office in 2013. She has served more than 24 years in the Lufkin District. "I have been very blessed to have found my niche as a roadway designer," she said. "The best thing about the Lufkin District is how much of a family we all are."

Regina grew up hearing about TxDOT. It was a part of their lives. It was natural for her to begin her service as a summer employee in 2014 in high school, continuing from 2015-19 while enrolled at Stephen F. Austin State University. She is now working full time as an administrative assistant in the TP&D section at the Lufkin District office. "My career at TxDOT so far has been a great experience and very enjoyable," she said. "Being able to be a part of the advanced planning and public involvement team is great."

They each have their own hobbies away from work. Betty loves to work in her flower garden. Cat (as she is known at the office) can be found near the water fishing for catfish, crappie, redfish, or sharks. Regina unwinds by reading, assessing her skills at video games, or spending time with friends.

While they each chose different paths within TxDOT, they all have the same sentiment about the agency. "Before Mom retired, it was nice to be able to ask her how and why things were done a particular way, to learn the ropes. After a while, it was nice to be able to have someone who could appreciate what I do all the time," Cat said. "I am such a workaholic and love helping others, having the chance to explain the TxDOT way to my own daughter is more than I could ask for. It is like passing down the torch by being able to share with my daughter what my mother shared with me."



Spring Safety Campaigns

March 4 - 10 is Vehicle Safety Recalls Week, you can check to see if your vehicle has a recall by visiting: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/>

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. All distractions – whether texting, eating, grooming, or having a conversation can be dangerous. Every driver and passenger, regardless of age, can be impacted by distracted driving

In May, TxDOT observes the annual Click It or Ticket campaign. This campaign is designed to educate the dangers of driving without wearing a seat belt. Learn more at https://www.texasclickitorticket.com/why_buckle_up.html

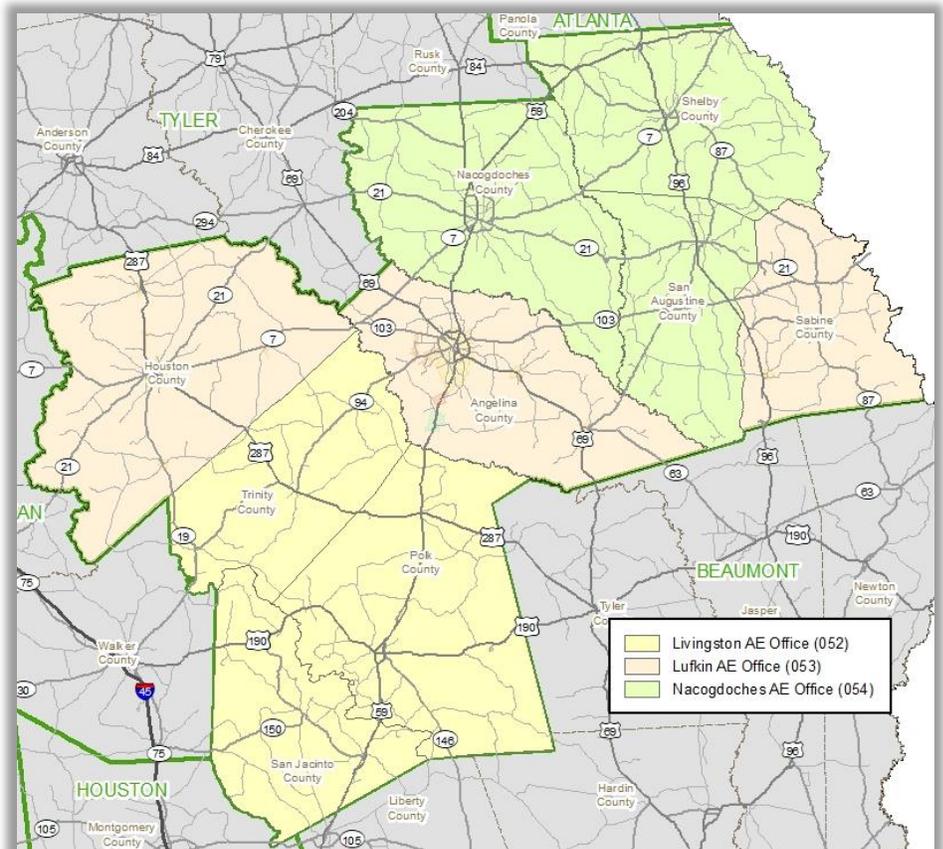


Click It or Ticket. Day and Night.

Lufkin District realigns District Offices

The Lufkin District has realigned the counties within each District Office. Below are the counties each District office will serve:

- Livingston
 - Polk County
 - San Jacinto County
 - Trinity County
- Lufkin
 - Angelina County
 - Houston County
 - Sabine County
- Nacogdoches
 - Nacogdoches County
 - San Augustine County
 - Shelby County





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

With winter behind us, we are looking forward to spring in the Lufkin District. Our crews worked tirelessly through freezing weather, pre-treating roadways, monitoring road conditions, and then dealt with flooding rainfall. They never missed a beat and worked to keep all district roadways open, all while staying safe.

If you wonder what our construction and maintenance crews do when the weather is not freezing or flooding, check out the contracts for the Lufkin, Livingston, and Nacogdoches areas as well as upcoming maintenance work scheduled for the district. Our crews stay busy, and safety is foremost on their minds when they begin work each day. I am excited about the coming months and the work that is scheduled.

Here at TxDOT, careers sometimes become generational within a family. Multiple family members ultimately choose a career with TxDOT. We have witnessed it many times here in the Lufkin District. I hope you read about the Loerch family and how TxDOT has been a huge part of not only their careers, but their family.

I am proud with this edition to begin listing our service award recipients. We have many employees who spend an entire career at TxDOT, and it is my plan to make you aware of their milestones and awards they receive along the way. Also, TxDOT is always hiring. We invite you or anyone you might know who is interested in working at TxDOT to visit and apply at txdot.gov/careers.

We have been busy with safety events in the Lufkin District. From visiting high schools to talking about buckling seat belts, to having senior car fit events, to checking child safety seats in hopes of keeping your loved ones safe on the roadway. Check out our safety event calendar and what is planned that you might want to be a part of.

Wherever your travels take you, I hope you enjoy the roadside wildflowers being planted this year. Whether it's a road trip for Spring Break week, a long weekend, or a trip to the office, I hope you stay safe and enjoy the beautiful springtime in East Texas.

UPCOMING LOCAL LETTING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS	
Contract Description	Estimated Value
Fog Seal Letting date: March 2024	\$221,000
Tree Trimming and Brush Removal Letting date: March 2024	\$162,000
Metal Beam Guard Fence Repair/Upgrade Letting date: March 2024	\$172,000
Tree Removal Letting date: March 2024	\$101,000
Districtwide Tree Trimming and Brush Removal Letting date: March 2024	\$231,000
Mill & Inlay Letting Date: May 2024	\$1,000,000
Mill & Inlay Letting Date: May 2024	\$1,000,000

Service Awards

December 2023	
Cynthia Broyles	10 Years
Jennifer Adams	25 Years
Phillip McMillon	20 Years
Sharlene Yarbrough	5 Years
Steven Thornhill	5 Years
January 2024	
Brandon R. Lee	5 Years
Jerrold M. Byley	20 Years
Randy Cox	5 Years
Roshal D. Mooney	10 Years
February 2024	
Kelly O. Morris	15 Years
March 2024	
Clint R. Jones	10 Years
Thomas V. Smith	25 Years



Phillip McMillon,
 Safety Officer
 20 Years of Service



Sharlene Yarbrough,
 Administrative Assistant
 5 Years of Service



Steven Thornhill,
 Construction Inspector
 5 Years of Service

I-69 DEVELOPMENT IN THE LUFKIN DISTRICT

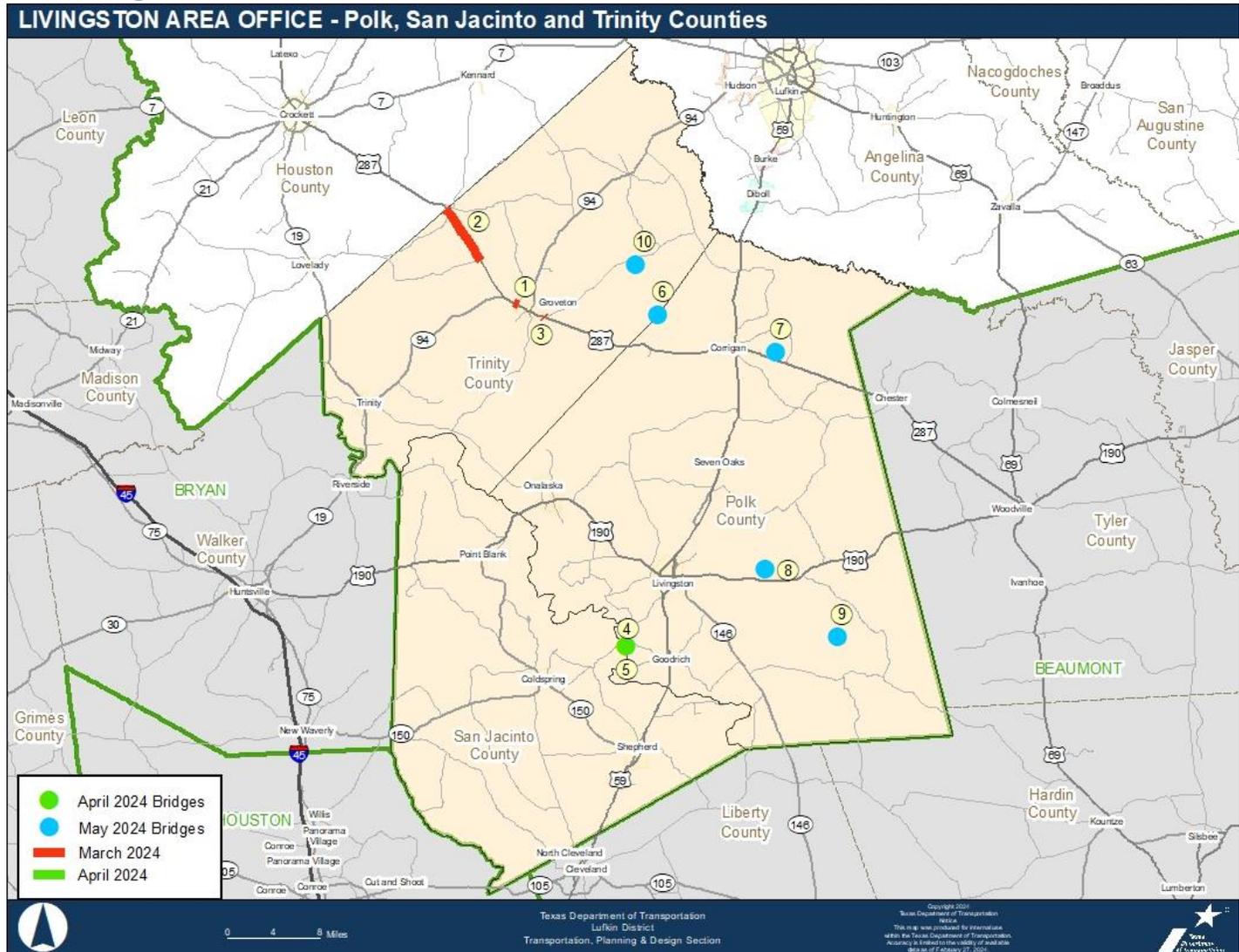
Jennifer Adams, Advance Transportation Planning Director (936) 633-4469

There are currently ten projects that the Lufkin District is actively developing to meet interstate standards. These projects are in varying stages of development from schematic to construction. 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 and search "[I-69 Projects Overview](#)".

- [US 59/SL 224 South Interchange](#) – project involves upgrading existing US 59 by 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 September 2019 and is anticipated to be complete fall 2025, weather permitting.
- [US 59 Diboll Relief Route](#) – project involves constructing a new location controlled-access roadway east of Diboll. Construction began in Spring 2020 and is anticipated to be summer 2025, weather permitting.
- [US 59 Upgrade Moffett Rd to SH 103](#) – this project in Lufkin involves upgrading existing US 59 to a controlled access roadway by adding frontage roads. Construction began in 2021 and scheduled for completion in winter 2024, weather permitting.
- [US 59 Upgrade Redland](#) – project involves upgrading existing US 59 to a controlled access roadway by adding frontage roads between SL 287 and FM 2021. Construction began in late 2022 and is anticipated to be completed in fall 2025, weather permitting.
- [US 59 Corrigan Relief Route](#) – project involves the construction of a new location controlled-access roadway, west of Corrigan. Construction began in fall 2022 and is anticipated to be completed in summer 2026, weather permitting.
- [US 59 Upgrade Shepherd to Cleveland \(future I-69\)](#) – project involves upgrading existing US 59 to a controlled-access roadway by adding frontage roads between FM 2914 and SL 573. Construction began in winter 2023 and is anticipated to be completed in late winter 2031.
- [US 59/US 259 North Nacogdoches Interchange](#) – this project involves upgrading US 59 to a controlled-access roadway from Stallings Drive/SL 224 to 1.3 miles north of US 259 by reconstructing the US 59/US 259 interchange and adding new frontage roads. A public meeting was held on Aug. 3, 2023. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2029.
- [US 59 Upgrade Shepherd to Trinity River](#) – project involves upgrading existing US 59 to a controlled-access roadway by adding frontage roads between FM 223 (Church Street) to just north of the Trinity River. TxDOT held a public meeting on April 27, 2023. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2029.
- [US 59 Upgrade North Livingston](#) – project involves upgrading US 59 to a controlled-access roadway by reconstructing the US 59/US 190 interchange, reconstructing US 59 main lanes and frontage roads from just south of US 190 to SL 116. TxDOT is currently working with a consultant on the development of the schematic. A public meeting is tentatively scheduled in mid-2024. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in 2032.
- [US 59 Upgrade South Livingston](#) – project 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. TxDOT is currently working with a consultant on the development of the schematic. A public meeting is tentatively scheduled in mid-2024. This project currently does not have construction funding identified.



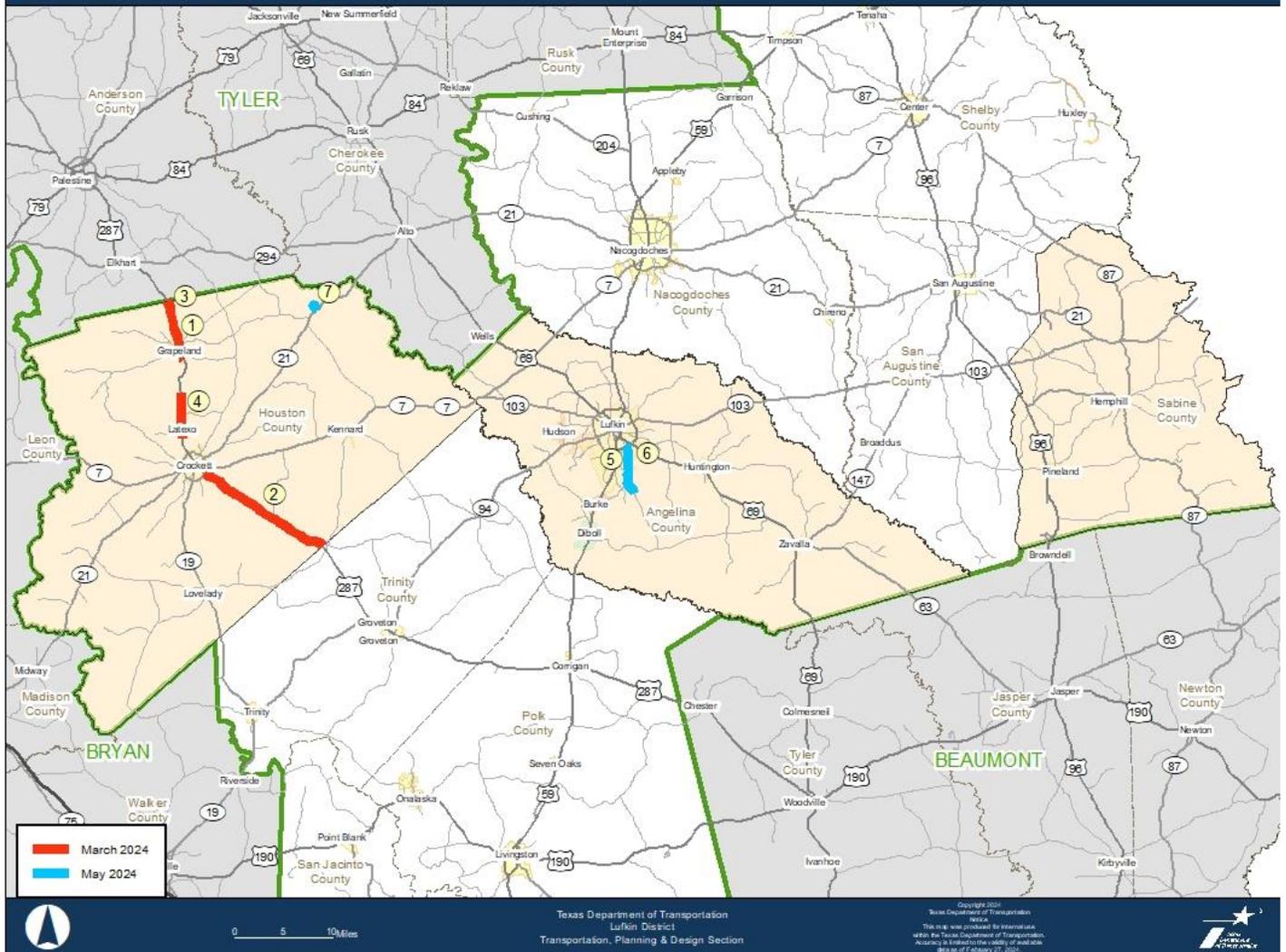
Livingston Area Office



UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS					
Project Number	County	Highway	Description Of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
0319-01-070	Trinity	US 287	Install Illumination	\$27,867.40	1
0340-02-030	Trinity	US 287	Install Illumination	\$58,900.00	2
0341-01-031	Trinity	US 287	Install Illumination	\$24,682.40	3
3198-02-018	San Jacinto	Fm 3278	Bridge Maintenance	\$1,378,961.56	4
3198-03-007	Polk	FM 3278	Bridge Maintenance	\$2,074,317.83	5
0911-04-094	Polk	CR 151	Replace Bridge and Approaches	\$1,193,046.50	6
0911-04-095	Polk	CR	Replace Bridge and Approaches	\$591,402.00	7
0911-04-096	Polk	CR	Replace Bridge and Approaches	\$915,171.00	8
0911-04-097	Polk	CR	Replace Bridge and Approaches	\$895,790.50	9
0911-40-030	Trinity	CR 5633	Replace Bridge and Approaches	\$587,118.50	10

Lufkin Area Office

LUFKIN AREA OFFICE - Angelina, Houston and Sabine Counties



UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Project Number	County	Highway	Description Of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
0109-03-041	Houston	US 287	Install Illumination	\$256,054.00	1
0340-01-048	Houston	US 287	Install Illumination	\$44,686.00	2
0109-03-044	Houston	US 287	Resurface Roadway	\$12,189,331.15	3
0109-04-034	Houston	US 287	Resurface Roadway	\$4,124,289.90	4
0576-02-069	Angelina	FM 58	Roadway Rehabilitation/Reconstruction With No Added Capacity	\$6,923,076.92	5
0576-02-072	Angelina	FM 58	Resurface Roadway	\$2,332,692.31	6
0118-03-005	Houston	PR 44	Restoration of Park Road	\$201,753.00	7
0911-28-063	Houston	VA*	Restore RV Pullouts, Park Roads, Parking Lots and Campsite Pullouts	\$513,088.50	8

* PROJECT NOT MAPPED

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

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