

# LUFKIN DISTRICT

NEWS

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## Spotlighting LFK's Traffic Safety Division

The Traffic Safety Division is responsible for many things, including designing and controlling traffic signals, speed zone studies, and crash records and data. But in the Lufkin District, it's about more than the day-to-day business, it's about people. There is a constant effort to reach TxDOT's goal of zero fatalities on Texas roads. To do that, you must reach the people.

The Traffic Safety program in the Lufkin District, led by Melissa McKnight, Traffic Safety Specialist, works daily involving people in a variety of safety campaigns and events that teaches them about safety while having a fun time.

On March 2, a Bike Rodeo was held at Stephen F. Austin State University in partnership with the Evening Pilot Club of Nacogdoches. The event taught adults and children different aspects of bicycle safety including helmet safety, bike inspections, and how to ride safely. TxDOT volunteers were joined by law enforcement and emergency responders who helped throughout the day.



Melissa is invited to speak on a variety of subjects regularly. One event she attends is the ACE IT Driving School. In her presentations, Melissa speaks on impaired driving, the importance of educating teens on the consequences of underage drinking, and distracted driving.

At the 10th annual Touch-A-Truck held recently, businesses offered a close-up look at public safety vehicles including utility, ambulance, fire trucks, and law enforcement. TxDOT was on hand with information about what TxDOT equipment is utilized on the roadways, as well as, how to properly use seatbelts and safety equipment. The event was attended by more than 5,000 people.



In April, volunteers were at the gates of the Angelina Benefit Rodeo greeting hundreds of patrons entering the George H. Henderson Exposition Center for the yearly event. They were handed safety information while children excitedly took coloring books.

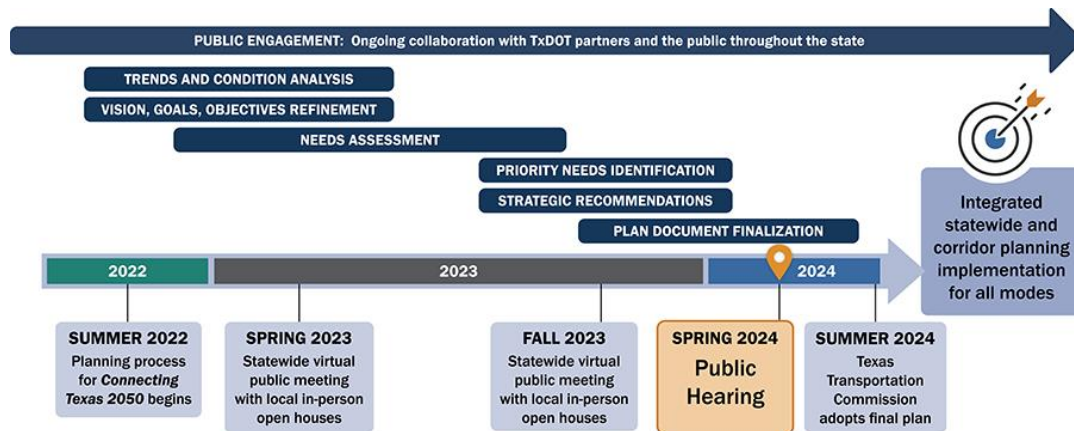
So, while the business of Traffic Safety each day is necessary, the Lufkin District Traffic Safety employees take business a step

further. They provide community outreach for everyone and teach the people why safety is so important in our everyday lives.

# Connecting Texas 2050

Connecting Texas 2050, the latest update to the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan (SLRTP), is the cornerstone multimodal transportation planning document at TxDOT. Updated every four years, this plan considers current and future transportation choices and how they integrate as a system to serve Texans and our economy. With Connecting Texas 2050, TxDOT establishes the vision, goals, objectives, performance measures, and strategic recommendations for the state's multimodal transportation system through 2050. Connecting Texas 2050 development kicked off in fall 2022 and will continue through summer 2024.

Below is a timeline for the development of Connecting Texas 2050.

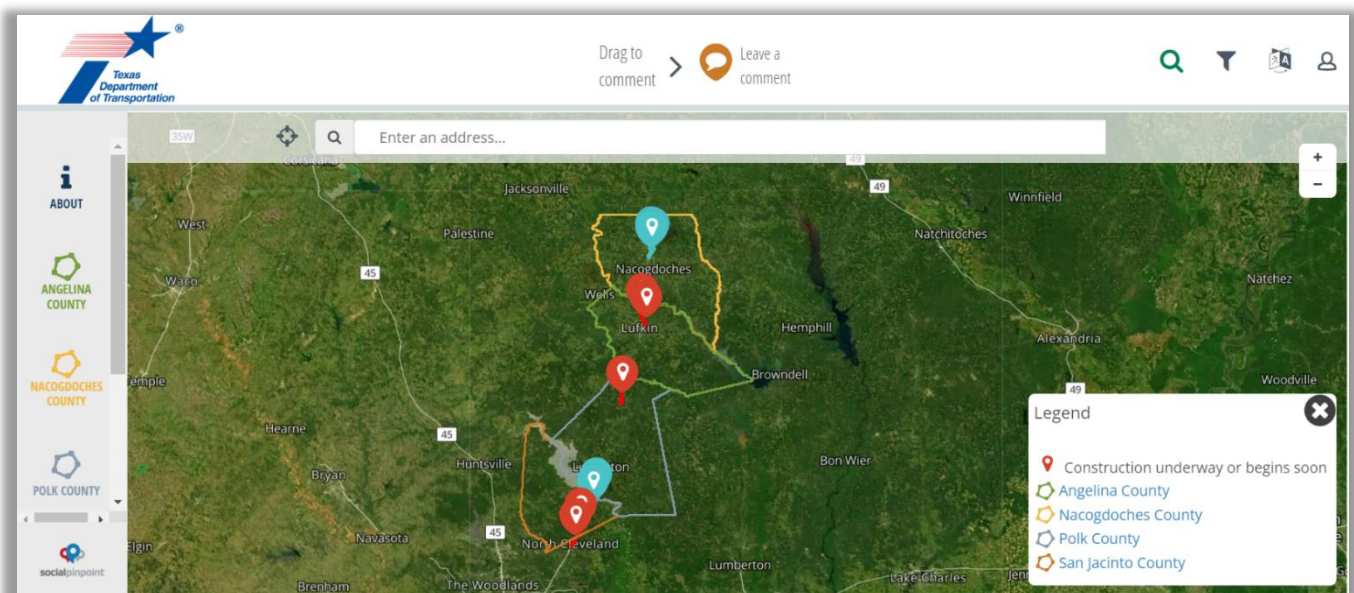


## Check out the New I-69 Online Engagement Site

With new improvements on the way for I-69, now all projects within the Lufkin District can be found in one central hub!

Stay informed on all the current projects, how to get involved in upcoming meetings, sign up for updates, and be able to use our new interactive map here: <https://engagetxdot.mysocialpinpoint.com/i-69-corridor-lufkin-district>

Have a question or comment? Just add it to the map and TxDOT will be able to respond back directly!





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

With school out for most students, vacation planning is in full swing for many of you. Here in the Lufkin District, summer signals some of our busiest days and the construction and maintenance projects are progressing at a pace to prove it.

The recent rain we have seen in much of the area has kept us busy with maintaining the roads after flooding issues. Along with spring and summer rain, comes the hurricane season that always gets our attention. The Lufkin District recently held our annual hurricane preparation meeting with other local leaders and emergency responders. Preparation is key and I urge you to prepare your family to ride through any storm safely by making a plan and gathering emergency supplies in your home.

Safety is always our number one goal here at TxDOT. We begin each day talking about it and we begin each meeting with a safety topic. The Traffic Safety Division is a large part of getting that message to the public and helping you learn about things you can do to stay safe. I know you will enjoy reading about our local traffic safety events and their importance.

Our employees are committed, and I am always proud to announce our Service Awards in each newsletter. Take a moment to read about them. One of those employees, Theresa Wilson, recently received her 40-year service award. She has dedicated her life to public service, and we are proud to have her in the Lufkin District. Also, in this edition, you will want to read about the I 69 updates and the new social pinpoint site for I 69 where you can find information quickly and be aware of the interstate development through the district.

I hope you take a look at our plans for the coming months in our maintenance and construction updates. This is information you will need as you head out on your summer road trip. I hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer! Stay weather alert when you travel, and please stay alert for our employees who work daily to keep our roads safe and open for your enjoyment.

UPCOMING LOCAL LETTING MAINTENANCE PROJECTS	
Contract Description	Estimated Value
Cable Barrier Letting date: July 2024	\$191,000
Crack Seal (North Counties) Letting date: July 2024	\$465,000
Mill & Inlay Letting date: July 2024	\$1,000,000
Crack Seal (South Counties) Letting date: July 2024	\$405,000
Mill & Inlay Letting date: July 2024	\$1,000,000
Angelina Tree & Brush Removal Letting Date: August 2024	\$169,000
Shelby Tree & Brush Removal Letting Date: August 2024	\$169,000

## Service Awards

April 2024	
Arthur F. Yarbrough	20 Years
James K. Pace	5 Years
James R. Faulkner III	10 Years
Sujay Mondal	5 Years
Theresa D. Wilson	40 Years
May 2024	
William L. Conway	10 Years
June 2024	
Adam J. Driskell	30 Years
Eleazar E. Carranza	30 Years
Jesse D. Sisco	25 Years
Joe B. Byley	20 Years
Rodney D. Jolley	10 Years



Theresa Wilson,  
 Office Manager, Houston Co.  
 40 Years of Service

Theresa Wilson, Houston County Office Manager, recently received a service award. Not just any service award, one that represents decades of her life and career.

For 40 years, Theresa has worked for TxDOT. She said her dad helped her get the job in 1981 as a parts driver at the warehouse in the Houston District. "I drove a little yellow truck with a little fan on the dashboard for air," she said. She grew up in a TxDOT family. Her father, uncles, and siblings have all worked there. Co-workers became like family over the years. Theresa said she can't imagine working anywhere else. "It seemed easier back then. Now everything is computerized and contracted out. But we all left a trail somewhere, and when you have been connected to something your whole life, it is hard to imagine not having it any longer," she said.

Theresa doesn't mention retirement being anywhere in the near future, though. She is grateful for what TxDOT has meant to her life. "I think sometimes we take things for granted and we should really respect and appreciate what has been given. TxDOT gave my family security, and I am proud to know I am a part of that." Congratulations on 40 years, Theresa Wilson. Your service to the state means a lot to all of us.

# I-69 DEVELOPMENT IN THE LUFKIN DISTRICT

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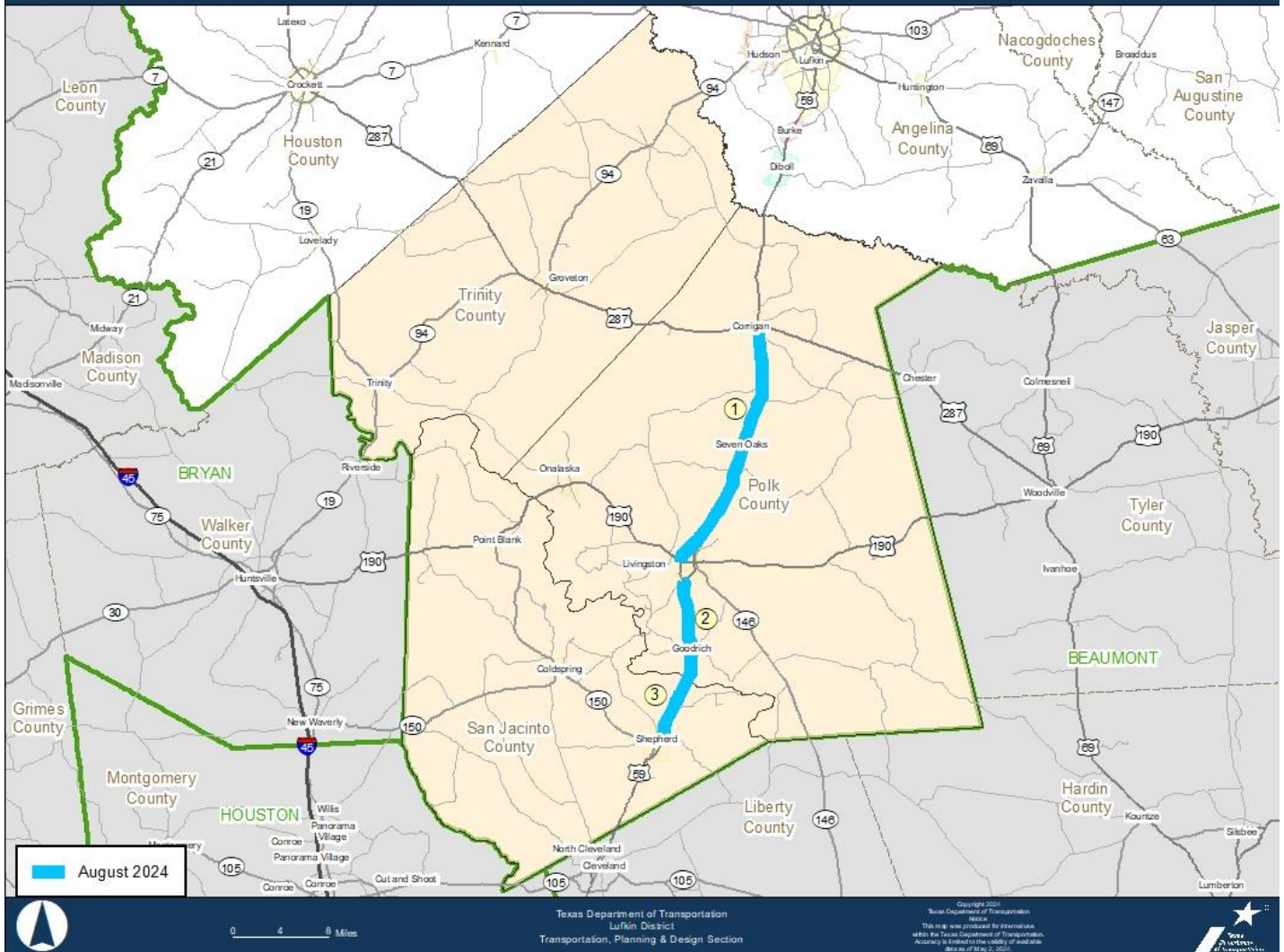
Jennifer Adams, Advance Transportation Planning Director (936) 633-4469

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](http://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 late winter 2028, 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 fall 2029.
- [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. Another public meeting will be held in fall 2024. 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 winter 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 winter 2024. This project currently does not have construction funding identified.

# Livingston Area Office

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

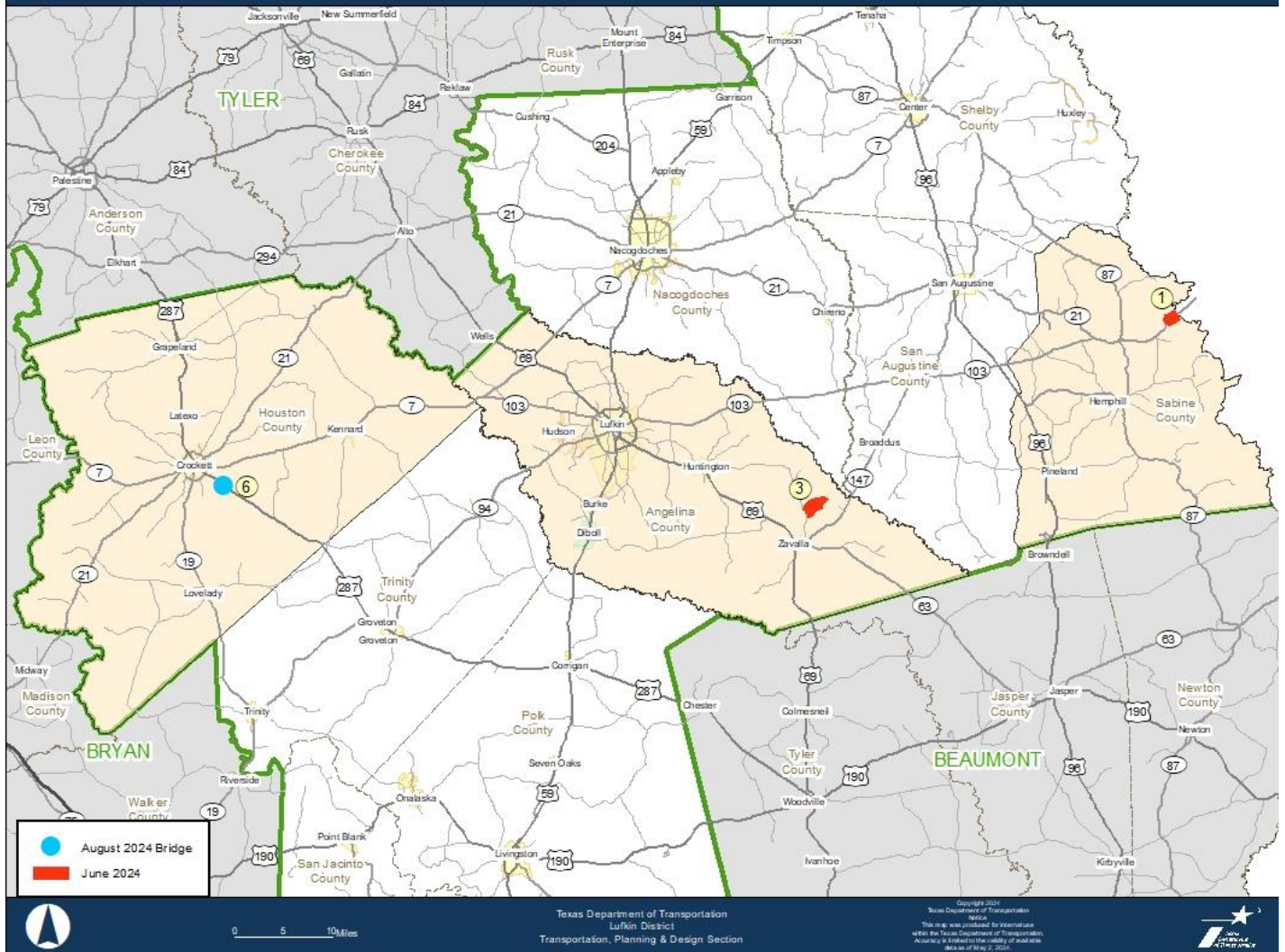


### UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Project Number	County	Highway	Description Of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
0176-05-201	Polk	US 59	Install Cable Median Barrier	\$4,288,998.00	1
0177-01-118	Polk	US 59	Install Cable Median Barrier	\$1,450,078.48	2
0177-02-109	San Jacinto	US 59	Install Cable Median Barrier	\$950,033.76	3

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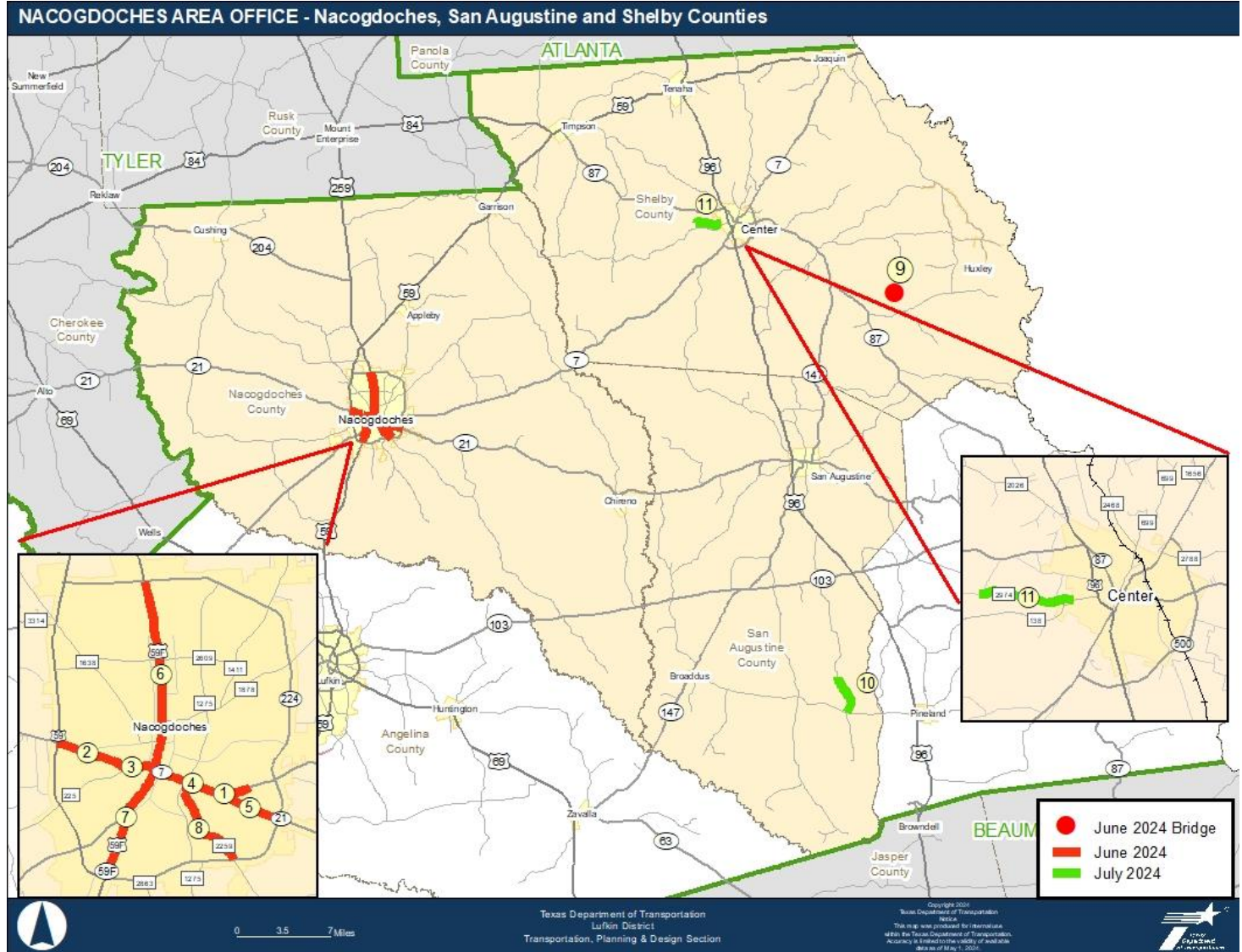
LUFKIN AREA OFFICE - Angelina, Houston and Sabine Counties



UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS					
Project Number	County	Highway	Description Of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
0119-05-004	Sabine	SH 21	Intersection Improvements With Right And/OR Left Turn Lanes	\$1,702,275.25	1
0911-00-139	Angelina	VA*	Traffic Signal Improvements	\$1,936,690.50	2
2662-03-003	Angelina	FM 3124	Provide Additional Paved Surface Width to 26', Safety Treat Fixed Objects, Profile Edgeline Markings, Profile Centerline Markings	\$3,405,139.15	3
0911-00-123	Angelina	VA*	Construct Pedestrian Infrastructure at Various Locations in the Lufkin District	\$2,095,081.00	4
0911-00-136	Angelina	VA*	Construct Pedestrian Infrastructure at Various Locations in the Lufkin District	\$2,585,696.00	5
0304-01-043	Houston	US 287	Replace Bridge and Approaches	\$9,772,853.76	6
* PROJECT NOT MAPPED					

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

# Nacogdoches Area Office



## UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Project Number	County	Highway	Description Of Work	Estimated Cost	ID
0059-01-061	Nacogdoches	BS 7N	Mill and Inlay at Various Locations in Nacogdoches City Limits	\$628,640.75	1
0118-06-077	Nacogdoches	BS 21P	Mill and Inlay at Various Locations in Nacogdoches City Limits	\$1,247,693.50	2
0118-08-092	Nacogdoches	BS 21P	Mill and Inlay at Various Location in Nacogdoches City Limits	\$629,323.25	3
0118-08-093	Nacogdoches	BS 7N	Mill and Inlay at Various Locations in Nacogdoches City Limits	\$846,365.50	4
0118-08-095	Nacogdoches	BS 21P	Mill and Inlay at Various Locations in Nacogdoches City Limits	\$808,582.65	5
0175-08-048	Nacogdoches	BU 59F	Mill and Inlay at Various Locations in Nacogdoches City Limits	\$4,387,943.50	6
0176-01-117	Nacogdoches	BU 59F	Mill and Inlay at Various Locations in Nacogdoches City Limits	\$1,469,600.25	7
2116-01-025	Nacogdoches	FM 2259	Mill and Inlay in Various Locations in Nacogdoches City Limits	\$1,009,253.25	8
0911-39-069	Shelby	CR 2545	Replace Bridge and Approaches	\$703,110.00	9
1680-03-032	San Augustine	FM 1751	Provide Additional Paved Surface Width to 26', Safety Treat Fixed Objects, Profile Edgeline Markings, Profile Centerline Markings	\$4,846,200.70	10
3039-01-006	Shelby	FM 2974	Provide Additional Paved Surface Width to 26', Safety Treat Fixed Objects, Profile Edgeline Markings, Profile Centerline Markings	\$4,228,911.78	11

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