

OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

**US 59 PROPOSED ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS
FOSTORIA ROAD TO STATE HIGHWAY 105
CLEVELAND, TEXAS**

CSJ NUMBER: 0177-03-096

**PUBLIC MEETING
May 14, 2013
OPEN HOUSE 4:00 to 7:00 PM**

**Cleveland Civic Center
210 Peach Avenue
Cleveland, Texas 77327**

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I. Introduction

A. Project Background

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Beaumont District hosted a Public Meeting on May 14, 2013 regarding the proposed roadway improvement for United States Highway (US) 59 from Fostoria Road to State Highway (SH) 105 in Cleveland, Texas. The meeting was conducted as an Open House format with stations established to facilitate public and agency discussions. Participants viewed graphic illustrations of the proposed roadway design, obtained information concerning the US 59 project development process, the purpose and need for the proposed project, the project schedule, and expressed their comments and concerns.

The proposed roadway improvement project would upgrade US 59 in Liberty County to meet interstate highway design standards from Fostoria Road at the Montgomery-Liberty county line to SH 105 in Cleveland, Texas, a distance of approximately 4.281 miles.

The proposed project involves a segment of US 59 designated as part of the Interstate (I)-69 corridor, the national Interstate that conceptually would extend from Texas to Michigan. Sections of Independent Utility (SIUs) for the extension of the I-69 corridor from Port Huron, Michigan to the Texas/Mexico border have been established in the I-69 (Corridor 18) Special Environmental Study – Sections of Independent Utility (Wilbur Smith Associates 1999). The referenced project is being undertaken by the Beaumont District and this section of US 59 from Fostoria Road to SH 105 is located within National I-69 SIUs 19. The proposed project is approximately 45 miles north of the City of Houston. The majority of the US 59 project alignment is within the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of Cleveland, Texas, approximately 22 miles east of Conroe and, linked by SH 105. The East Fork of the San Jacinto River crosses through the project area near County Road 383.

The proposed project consists of:

- a. Expanding US 59 from a limited access, four lane freeway to a six lane access-controlled freeway with frontage roads for a distance of 4.281 miles to meet interstate highway standards from SH 105 in Cleveland, Texas to Fostoria Road, at the Montgomery-Liberty county line;
- b. Improving the existing US 59 bridge span across the East Fork of the San Jacinto River;
- c. Having proposed construction primarily occur within the existing right-of-way (ROW) of US 59 with some additional property obtained adjacent to the existing ROW;
- d. Incorporating utility relocation, traffic control, and construction activities that allow property access throughout the construction period;
- e. Minimizing human and environmental health effects;
- f. Avoiding impacts to Riggs Cemetery, located within the existing US 59 ROW;

- g. Accommodating pedestrian and bicycle use along frontage roads; and,
- h. Designating the proposed US 59 improvement project as I-69 with approved signage.

B. Background on I-69 Corridor

In Texas, the proposed I-69 corridor was developed with intensive public involvement efforts overseen by the TxDOT. Through the collaboration of five citizen-led segment committees for different segments along the proposed I-69 corridor, effective planning for the proposed I-69 was achieved throughout Texas. One advisory committee (I-69 Advisory Committee) was designated to oversee the recommendations over the entire I-69 Texas system. Regular planning meetings were held to study and develop recommendations for I-69 (<http://www.txdot.gov/DrivenbyTexans>). Each segment along the proposed I-69 system incorporated common principles for development. These principles developed by Texas citizens included:

- Existing highway footprints should be used for I-69 Texas to the extent possible to minimize impacts on existing businesses and property owners
- Public input is critical to the planning and I-69 designation and all planning performed for potential highway improvements, relief routes, and projects are conceptual
- Communities will benefit from I-69 Texas through economic growth and improved mobility, highway safety, and connectivity

The proposed project is located within the I-69 Segment Two planning area that extends along US 59 North and I-45 North, and along I-10 East in Chambers County, from Houston to Lufkin, Texas. The Segment Two planning area incorporates areas of Harris, Montgomery, Chambers, Liberty, San Jacinto, and Angelina counties in Texas. I-69 Texas offers an opportunity to meet transportation demands from increased population and traffic with recommendations for action guided by citizen input. The referenced US 59 project being undertaken by the TxDOT Beaumont District is located within the National I-69 SIUs 19.

II. Public Meeting Summary

The public meeting for the US 59 roadway improvement project was held on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Cleveland Civic Center, 210 Peach Avenue, Cleveland, Texas 77327.

Representatives from TxDOT Beaumont District, TxDOT Office of Public Involvement, TxDOT ROW Division, local leaders including the Honorable Jill Kirkonis, Mayor of Cleveland, and TxDOT's project consultants were available to discuss the proposed project and to answer questions. Per TxDOT policy, inquiries from media representatives were handled by the TxDOT Public Information Officer.

A total of 65 individuals registered their attendance at the public meeting. Of these 65 attendees, 59 were members of the general public. The others included four elected officials, one public meeting consultant, and one media representative from The Houston Community Newspapers (Cleveland

Advocate, Eastex Advocate, and Dayton News). Photographs taken at the public meeting are provided in *Appendix A*.

Participants received a one-page leaflet "US 59 Roadway Improvement Study Fact Sheet" and reviewed project information presented on 30-inch x 40-inch display boards; however, the proposed project design with aerial background was displayed as a 14-foot long roll plot with a scale of 1 inch = 100 feet. Other meeting materials included Right-of-Way Division booklets related to land acquisition and relocation/displacement process and the display of the draft Environmental Constraints Map. The map depicted the proposed roadway alignment in reference to various known environmental elements such as community facilities (i.e., schools, religious facilities), cultural resources (parks, historic buildings, cemeteries, etc.), potential hazardous materials sites (i.e., landfill, leaking petroleum storage tanks, etc.), streams and bayous, wetlands, and 100-year floodplain.

The fact sheet (printed in English and Spanish languages) and the display board illustrations are provided in *Appendix B*. The roll plot and environmental constraints map are part of the project record on file at the TxDOT Beaumont District office.

III. Public Comment

A public comment period occurred in conjunction with the public meeting. Comment cards were made available to attendees for their use and convenience. To be included in the meeting summary, comments were to be submitted by May 24, 2013, ten days following the meeting. TxDOT Beaumont District received verbal and written comments. Based on discussions between attendees and project representatives, verbal comments are summarized, but were not recorded verbatim. Written comments were transmitted by returning a comment card and via electronic mail and letter.

Twenty-two comments were received and this includes a written comment received after the end of the comment period. A review and evaluation of the comments indicates that the comments can be organized into 10 major categories, as presented in *Table 1*.

Table 1: Categorization of US 59 Public Meeting Comments

Number of Comments	Comment Category
2	Traffic congestion, heavy-truck traffic, and construction effects
2	Right-of-way and property acquisition
3	Change in traffic patterns
2	Property access
3	Intersection control (signalization or other) at Pin Oak Road, Fostoria Road, and at SH 105
2	Flooding or drainage effects
1	Construction timeline
1	Contractor selection
2	Safety
4	Components of freeway design
22	Total Number of Comments

Verbal comments during the public meeting involved quality of life, land use and property value, safety, area mobility and ease of access, and travel constraints to area development. Project representatives addressed these comments with individuals as they were expressed during the meeting.

Written comments were reviewed and responses provided. *Table 2* summarizes these comments and respective responses. To encourage public participation, information concerning the identity of a private individual has been omitted.

IV. Conclusion

TxDOT is committed to purposefully involving the public in planning and project implementation by providing for early, continuous, transparent, and effective access to information and decision-making processes. The public meeting for the proposed US 59 roadway improvement project provided for the free exchange of project views and concerns. This report is a summary of the May 14, 2013 public meeting.

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Table 2
Comment Summary
US 59 Public Meeting May 14, 2013

Commenter	Business (Y or N)	Elected Official	Individual	Business Owner or Lessee	Type of Comment or Concern	Comment Summary	Response Summary	
No.	Business Entity or Commenter Type							
Cleveland Civic Center - Written Comments from May 14, 2013 Public Meeting								
1	HEB Grocery Co.	Y			Highway design heavy truck traffic, and construction congestion,	Property access Highway design heavy truck traffic, and construction congestion,	Total Number of Comments Freeeway design Safety Construction Timeline Contractor Selection Floodplain and drainage effects Risks, and at SH 105 Intersections, Data, Posttrauma property access Highway design in traffic congestion heavy truck traffic, and construction congestion,	
2	Simpson Hearing Center	Y		Y	Concerned about heavy truck equipment and also traffic at SH 105 and Fossils Road, also traffic to and from Race Track.	No comment provided on comment form, although name and affiliation were provided.	Thank you for your interest in the proposed US 59 improvement project. Your comment is part of the official project record and will be considered by the project design team.	
3	Bronco Heavy Haulers	Y		Y	Concerned about heavy truck equipment and also traffic at SH 105 and Fossils Road, also traffic to and from Race Track.	Concerned about heavy truck equipment and also traffic at SH 105 and Fossils Road, also traffic to and from Race Track.	Thank you for your interest in the proposed US 59 improvement project and your participation in the public involvement process. Your comment is part of the official project record and will be considered by the project design team. Access to properties along US 59 will be maintained during construction. Proposed roadway improvements will meet Federal Interstate Highway design standards for traffic management, safety, and level of service.	
4	Individual	Y		Y	On Festus Road and FM 105, there will be a Race Track. Considered in the past to go 10 mph, we are expecting 30,000 to 40,000 people to attend on a Saturday afternoon and night. There is a need for a traffic light at the intersection now. It is a very dangerous intersection and when the Race Track opens, that will compound the problem. Would you please give it consideration and give us a call. Thank you.	Concerned about heavy truck equipment and also traffic at SH 105 and Fossils Road, also traffic to and from Race Track.	On Festus Road and FM 105, there will be a Race Track. Considered in the past to go 10 mph, we are expecting 30,000 to 40,000 people to attend on a Saturday afternoon and night. There is a need for a traffic light at the intersection now. It is a very dangerous intersection and when the Race Track opens, that will compound the problem. Would you please give it consideration and give us a call. Thank you.	Thank you for your interest in the proposed US 59 improvement project and your participation in the public involvement process. Your comment is part of the official project record and will be considered by the project design team. Proposed roadway improvements will meet Federal Interstate Highway design standards for traffic management, safety, and level of service.
5	Individual	N		Y	Need entrance ramp for County Road 379; residents need connecting road or feeder from CR 379 to Pin Oak Road	1	Need entrance ramp for County Road 379. According to what I have been told at the public meeting, people that live on CR 379 will have to go to Festus Road in order to get on US 59 or I-69. Need connecting road or feeder for CR 379 to Pin Oak Road.	Thank you for your interest in the proposed US 59 improvement project and your participation in the public involvement process. Your comment is part of the official project record and will be considered by the project design team. The proposed roadway improvements will meet Federal Interstate Highway design standards for traffic management, safety, and level of service.
6	Individual	N		Y	Need entrance ramp for County Road 379; residents need connecting road or feeder from CR 379 to Pin Oak Road	2	Need entrance ramp for County Road 379. According to what I have been told at the public meeting, people that live on CR 379 will have to go to Festus Road in order to get on US 59 or I-69. Need connecting road or feeder for CR 379 to Pin Oak Road.	Thank you for your interest in the proposed US 59 improvement project and your participation in the public involvement process. Your comment is part of the official project record and will be considered by the project design team. The proposed roadway improvements will meet Federal Interstate Highway design standards for traffic management, safety, and level of service.
7	Individual	N		Y	Move the Riggs Cemetery and straighten out the road so there is no need to buy additional right-of-way.	1	Move the Riggs Cemetery and straighten out the road so there is no need to buy additional right-of-way.	Thank you for your interest in the proposed US 59 improvement project and your comment concerning the proposed project. Your comment is part of the official project record and will be considered by the project design team.
8	Business Name: LLC	Y		Y	As property owners along US 59 (I-69), we will hope (to benefit) from better access to our property.	1	As property owners along US 59 (I-69), we will hope (to benefit) from better access to our property.	

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US 59 Public Meeting May 14, 2013

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No.	Business Entity or Commenter Type						
9	Cohn & Lambert LLC	Y			(The proposed project would) allow better access to rental property on southbound So-easter access to 105 bypass from US 59. Presentation staff w/TxDOT and consultants was courteous, knowledgeable, friendly, and down to earth—they answered all my questions, and explained issues that I was unclear about.	Thank you for your interest in the proposed US 59 improvement project and your comment concerning the proposed project. Your comment is part of the official project record and will be considered by the project design team. A copy of the Public Meeting Summary Report will be provided to the commenter. Response to Question 1: The existing bridges over the East Fork of the San Jacinto River will be reused, as possible. For existing structures, little to no hydraulic modification will be possible; new structures built at this location will be designed to current hydraulics capacity standards.	
10	Individual	N	Y		There is a lot of TxDOT work going on in our area & of course a lot of rumors about what new roads will be coming in. I have plans to move to a project & believe I need to be a part of it. I live in a rural area so I am not sure if I will be able to get involved. My property is located in Cleveland, Texas—in the vicinity of Cleveland-Huffman Cutoff Road and FM 1010.	Thank you for your interest in the proposed US 59 improvement project and your participation in the public involvement process. Your comment is part of the official project record and will be considered by the project design team. A copy of the Public Meeting Summary Report will be provided to the commenter. Response to Question 1: The existing bridges over the East Fork of the San Jacinto River will be reused, as possible. For existing structures, little to no hydraulic modification will be possible; new structures built at this location will be designed to current hydraulics capacity standards.	
11	Individual	N			(1) What changes are going to be done to the bridge and road to control any flooding issues? (2) What is the finished elevation of the freeway after construction? (3) Will there be adequate ditches and culverts to handle the flow of water down the river? (4) Who is the contractor? (5) What is the timeline for the project? (6) How will the project construction affect the access to my property? (7) What will be the distance from the feeder road to the RR right-of-way and will this project affect the RR right-of-way?	Response to Question 2: There is a need to elevate the roadway to clear the San Jacinto River. The agency will work with the contractor to determine the best location for the bridge. Response to Question 3: The contractor has not been selected yet. The contractor will be selected through a competitive bidding process after funding is available. Response to Question 5: Environmental clearance and ROW acquisition is expected to take 3 to 5 years, depending on funding availability, construction could begin and would take from 3 to 3 years. Response to Question 6: Access for property owner will be maintained during construction. Response to Question 7: It is planned that existing northbound main lanes will become the nonthrough road. No widening of this roadway to the east is planned due to the presence of the existing RR tracks and ROW; there should be no change with respect to existing conditions related to the separation distance from the roadway and the RR tracks.	

APPENDIX A

Public Meeting Photographs

US 59 Improvement Project Montgomery and Liberty Counties, Texas

PUBLIC MEETING PHOTOS



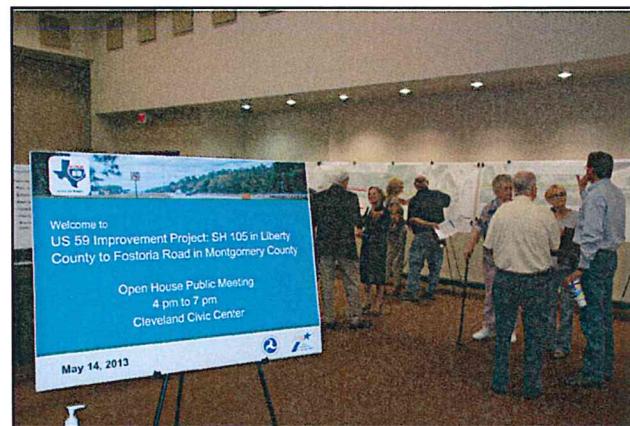
A member of the public developing comment on proposed US 59 improvement project.



A member of the public registering for the US 59 public meeting. Note board displays in background.



Members of the public review the US 59 project roll displays and discuss with project representatives.



The public and Cleveland Mayor-elect Jill Kirkonis discuss the project with TxDOT representatives.

US 59 Improvement Project Montgomery and Liberty Counties, Texas

PUBLIC MEETING PHOTOS



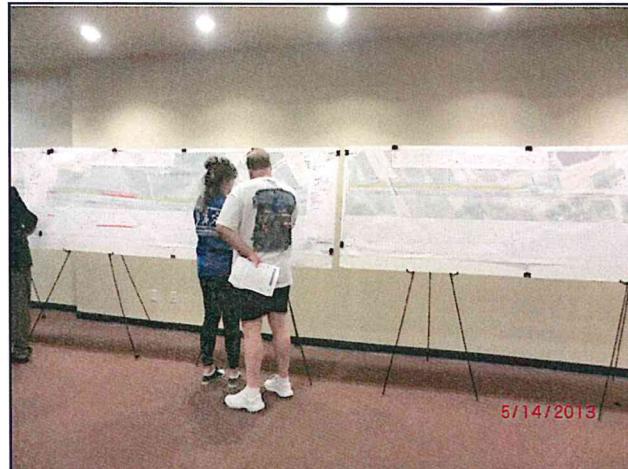
Members of the public review discuss the proposed project and develop written comments.



Members of the public review the proposed project schematic roll plots and discuss with project representatives.



Members of the public review the proposed US 59 project and the roll plot display of the draft schematic.



Members of the public review the proposed US 59 project and the draft schematic roll plots.

APPENDIX B

US 59 Roadway Improvement Study
Fact Sheet (English and Spanish)

Comment Forms (English and Spanish)

Board Displays

Draft Schematic Layouts 1 inch =100 feet

Typical Sections

Environmental Constraints Map

US 59 Roadway Improvement Study Fact Sheet



Driven by Texans

US 59 – Study Overview

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Beaumont District is currently studying improvements to US 59 from Montgomery County to Liberty County to enhance mobility in the area, as well as upgrade US 59 to meet Interstate standards and later serve as I-69.

US 59 Proposed Improvements

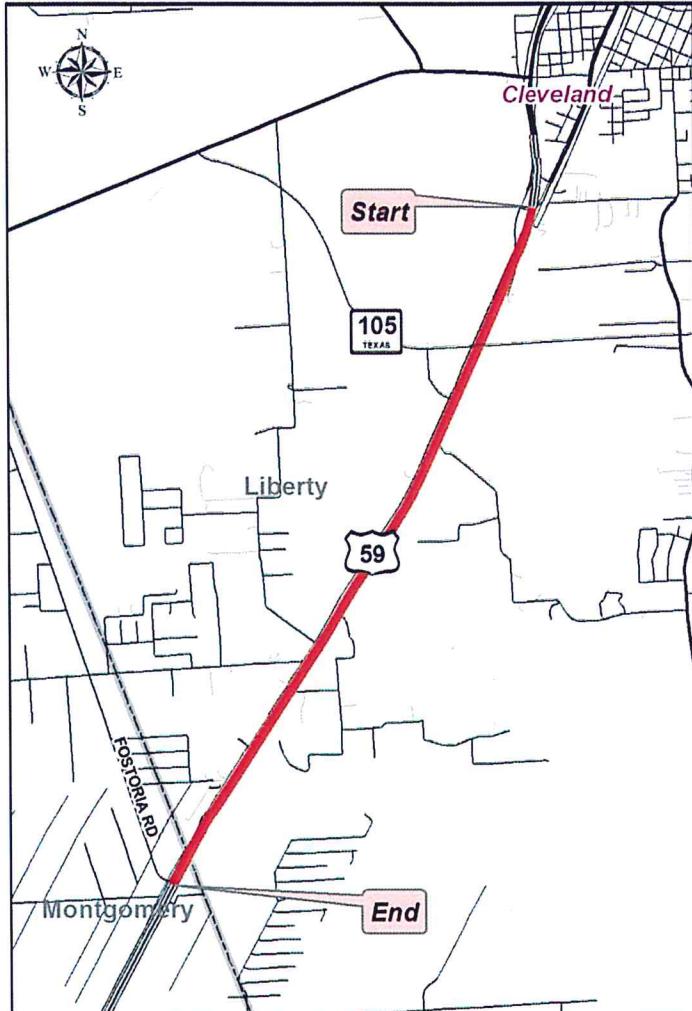
TxDOT is currently reviewing opportunities to improve 4.281 miles of US 59 extending from Fostoria Road in Montgomery County to SH 105 in Liberty County. Proposed improvements include:

- Expand US 59 from a four lane divided highway to six lanes (three lanes in each direction)
- Provide a freeway-type road
- One-way frontage roads

The preliminary study indicates that additional right-of-way would be needed. However, a more thorough environmental study will be completed and the information will be provided to citizens for further input. Funding and construction timing have not yet been determined.

US 59 Improvement Benefits

Improvements to US 59 are expected to relieve traffic congestion and meet future traffic demands. The improvements will also upgrade US 59 to Interstate standards, with the eventual goal of designating the highway as part of the I-69 system. I-69 currently ends at Fostoria Road, and this project would extend the Interstate further north into Cleveland. The benefits of I-69 include relieving traffic congestion caused by a growing population, providing safer travel through the state, improving emergency evacuation routes, and supporting economic development.



Public Input and Contact Information

The environmental study will also be presented to the public for additional review and comment opportunities in Winter 2013. A public hearing opportunity will provide citizens with first-hand information about the environmental study and potential future developments along the highway. Comments may be submitted online at www.txdot.gov (search keyword: US 59 Cleveland) or mailed to:

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Proyecto de Mejoras a la Carretera Federal US 59

Hoja Informativa



La Carretera Federal US 59 – Visión General

El Distrito de Beaumont del Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT) está estudiando mejoras en la carretera federal US 59 del condado de Montgomery al condado de Liberty para mejorar la movilidad en el área, así como actualizar la carretera federal US 59 para cumplir con las normas interestatales y para después servir como la interestatal federal I-69.

Mejoras Propuestas a la Carretera Federal US 59

TxDOT actualmente está examinando oportunidades para mejorar 4.281 millas de la carretera federal US 59 extendiendo desde Fostoria Road en el Condado de Montgomery hasta la SH 105 en el condado de Liberty. Las mejoras propuestas incluyen:

- Expandir la carretera federal US 59 de una carretera dividida de cuatro carriles a seis carriles (tres carriles en cada sentido)
- Proporcionar una carretera de tipo autopista
- Caminos de acceso de un sentido

El estudio preliminar indica que se necesitará vía de derecho adicional. Sin embargo, un estudio más exhaustivo del impacto ambiental será completado y la información que se proporcionará a los residentes para sus comentarios. Aún no se ha determinado financiamiento y el tiempo de la construcción.

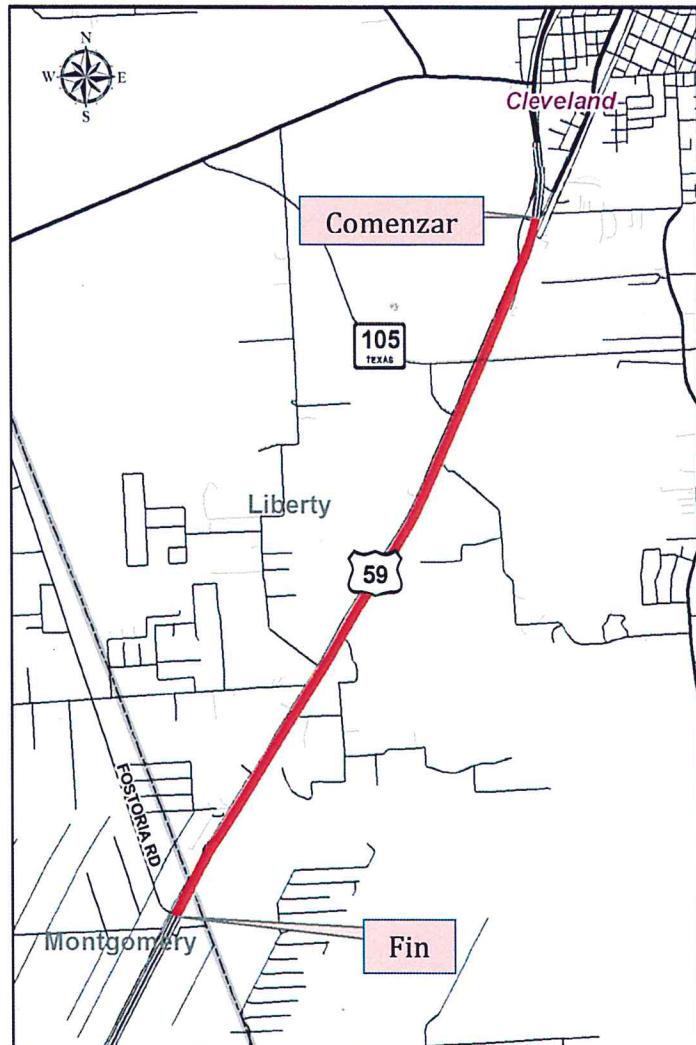
Beneficios de la Mejoras a la Carretera Federal US 59

Se esperan mejoras a la carretera federal US 59 para aliviar la congestión del tráfico y satisfacer las futuras demandas del tráfico. Las mejoras también actualizarán la carretera federal US 59 a normas interestatales, con el objetivo final de la designación de la carretera como parte del sistema I-69. La I-69 actualmente termina en Fostoria Road, y este proyecto extendería la Interestatal más al norte dentro de Cleveland. Los beneficios de la I-69 incluyen el alivio de la congestión del tráfico provocada por una población creciente, proporcionando viajes seguros a través del Estado, la mejora de las rutas de evacuación de emergencia, y apoyar el desarrollo económico.

Comentarios Públicos e Información de Contacto

El estudio del impacto ambiental también se presentará al público para su revisión adicional y oportunidades de comentario en el invierno del 2013. Una oportunidad de audiencia pública se proporcionará a los residentes con información de primera mano sobre el estudio del impacto ambiental y los posibles desarrollos futuros a lo largo de la carretera. Los comentarios pueden presentarse en línea (únicamente en inglés) en www.txdot.gov (buscar las palabras clave, "US 59 Cleveland") o por correo a:

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COMMENT FORM



**US 59 Improvement Project:
Start at SH 105 in Liberty County to
Fostoria Road in Montgomery County**

**Open House Public Meeting
US 59 Improvement Project:
CSJ 0177-03-096
May 14, 2013**

I am an Elected Official

Position: _____

Name and Contact Information (Optional):

Name: _____
Contact Address: _____

Business Name: _____
Business Address: _____
Contact Phone Number: _____
Contact e-mail: _____

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE ITEMS BELOW.

I am primarily interested in the project from the standpoint of a:

Residential property owner or renter Business property owner or lessee
 Other (Please explain): _____

(Per Texas Transportation Code, §201.811(a) (5)): check each of following that apply to you:

I am employed by TxDOT. I do business with TxDOT
 I could benefit monetarily from the project or other items about which I am commenting.

How will the construction of this project likely affect you? _____

Additional comments, concerns or suggestions: _____

Please make additional comments on the back of this page.

You may leave your completed form with the Project Team at today's public meeting, mail the form to the address below, or email your comments using this form. Comments will be accepted through May 24, 2013.

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FORMULARIO PARA COMENTARIOS

Proyecto de Mejoras a la Carretera Federal US 59:
Empieza en la SH 105 en el Condado de Liberty
a Fostoria Road en el Condado de Montgomery

Asamblea Pública
“US 59 Improvement Project”:
CSJ 0177-03-096
14 de mayo del 2013

Soy un funcionario electo

Posición: _____

Nombre e Información de Contacto (Opcional):

Nombre: _____

Dirección de Contacto: _____

Nombre de Negocio: _____

Dirección de Negocio: _____

Teléfono de Contacto: _____

E-mail de Contacto: _____

POR FAVOR MARQUE LOS ARTÍCULOS APROPIADOS ABAJO.

Estoy interesado principalmente en el proyecto desde el punto de vista de un:

- Dueño de la propiedad residencial o inquilino Propietario del negocio o arrendatario
 Otro (explique): _____

(Según el Código de Transporte de Texas, § 201.811(a)(5)): marque los que apliquen a usted:

- Soy empleado de TxDOT. Hago negocios con TxDOT
 Podría beneficiar monetariamente del proyecto u otro elemento sobre el que estoy comentando.

¿Cómo le afectará la construcción de este proyecto? _____

Otros comentarios, dudas o sugerencias: _____

Por favor de hacer comentarios adicionales en el reverso de esta página.

Puede dejar su formulario completo con el equipo del proyecto en la reunión pública de hoy, envíelo a la dirección abajo, o envíe sus comentarios por Email usando esta forma. Se aceptarán comentarios hasta el 24 de mayo del 2013.

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Welcome to
US 59 Improvement Project: SH 105 in Liberty
County to Fostoria Road in Montgomery County

Open House Public Meeting

4 pm to 7 pm

Cleveland Civic Center

May 14, 2013



Project Description

- US 59 from SH 105 in Liberty County to Fostoria Road in Montgomery County, a distance of 4.281 miles
 - A high-priority section of I-69, the national transportation corridor
 - Existing four-lane divided highway would change to a six-lane divided (3 lanes in each direction), access controlled freeway, with one-way frontage roads (to meet interstate highway design standards)
 - Preliminary studies indicate new right-of-way would be needed
 - Displacements or relocations may occur
- Bridge over the East Fork of the San Jacinto River reconstructed
- Avoid effects to historical and cultural resources, including Riggs Cemetery



Project Purpose and Need

Purpose and need for the US 59 improvement project:

- Plan, design, and construct a high-priority segment of I-69
- Enhance mobility within a commercial corridor in Cleveland
- Meet interstate highway standards as an approved segment of I-69
- Increase connectivity and improve public safety
- Plan for future development, population and economic growth
- Provide for existing and projected increase in large-scale truck traffic



Project Schedule*

Planning and Environmental Studies (2-5 years):

- ✓ Environmental Process (started 10/2012) 2012-2014
- ✓ Draft Environmental Assessment Summer 2013
- ✓ Public Hearing and Comment Period Winter 2013
- ✓ FHWA Approval of EA Summer 2014
- ✓ Federal Decision and Funding 2014-2015

Final Engineering Design

Right-of-way Acquisition and Utility Relocations

Construction

1 to 2 years

2 to 3 years

2 to 3 years

*Estimated



Open House Public Meeting Getting Involved

- Provide Information, Opinions, and Ask Questions
- Inform others about US 59 Improvement Project
- Discuss with Elected Officials and Other Interested Parties
- Visit I-69 Website at <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/drivenbytexans/>
- Submit comments on forms provided or send emails/letters
- Contact TxDOT by Friday, May 24, 2013
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How to Contact TxDOT

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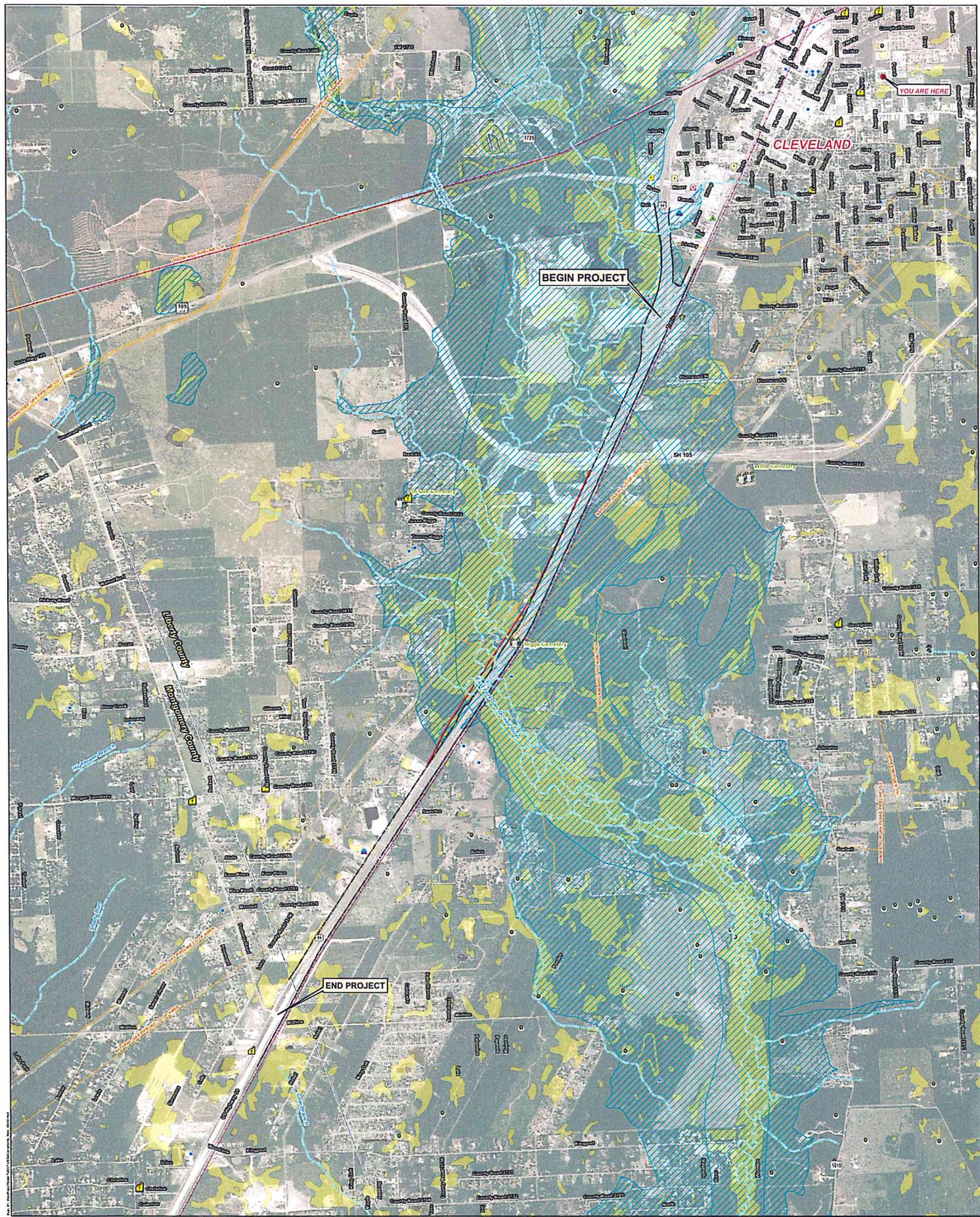
Open House Public Meeting US 59 Improvement Project

We welcome your comments concerning the proposed improvements to US 59 in Cleveland, Texas.

In order to include your comments in the public record compiled for the US 59 Improvement Project, your comments must be submitted or postmarked by May 24, 2013

Thank you for attending this Open House Public Meeting.





Legend

- Existing ROW
- Proposed ROW
- Streams and Bayous
- Oil & Gas Wells
- Water Well Location
- Railroad
- Pipeline



Hazardous Material Sites

- Dry Cleaners
- National Response Center
- Hazardous Waste Sites
- Leaking Petroleum Storage Tank
- Petroleum Storage Tank
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Sites
- Disposal or Landfill Site

Environmental Constraints Map

US 59 Improvement Project: SH 105
in Liberty County to Fostoria Road in Montgomery County

0 1,000 2,000 Feet

