

Contracts Awarded For Loop 49 Work, Other Highway Projects

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Texas Department of Transportation this week awarded Longview Bridge and Road Ltd., a \$37.9 million contract to expand Loop 49.

Other highway projects in East Texas also received funding.

Toll road Loop 49 will be extended six miles west from Texas Highway 155 to Texas Highway 31. Construction is to begin this year and take about three years, TxDOT said.

The bid came in \$15 million less than TxDOT anticipated, the agency said.

The loop extension is partially funded through \$38 million in federal stimulus money and through partnerships with local entities including the city of Tyler, Tyler Metropolitan Planning Organization, Smith County and the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority.

"Even though this project has been a regional mobility priority for many years, the project could not have advanced to letting and construction without the participation of our local transportation partners," Randy Hopmann, TxDOT Tyler District Engineer said, in a news release. "We're excited to see Toll 49 taking another step forward."

Tyler TxDOT District also received funding and approval for nine other projects.

Rusk County

Madden Contracting Co. was awarded \$2.9 million to repair and resurface U.S. 259, between southern Kilgore bypass and FM 850, Henderson County.

Big Creek Construction was awarded \$2.1 million to repair and resurface Texas Highway 31 between Texas Highway 198 in Malakoff and Loop 7 in Athens.

Wood County

Longview Bridge and Road was awarded \$1 million to repair and resurface U.S. 69 between U.S. 80 and U.S. 69/Texas Highway 37 split.

Longview Bridge and Road was awarded \$772,000 to repair and resurface Texas Highway 37 between U.S. 69/Texas Highway 37 split in Mineola and FM 564 north.

Smith County

Reynolds & Kay was awarded \$2.5 million to resurface U.S. 69 between Loop 323 and Interstate 20.

Gregg County

Knife River Corp. was awarded \$2.3 million to repair and resurface U.S. 259 between Interstate 20 and U.S. 80 in Longview.

Madden Contracting Co. was awarded \$1.8 million to repair and resurface U.S. 80, between Spur 63/Texas Highway 31 split and Harrison County Line.

Van Zandt County

Crown Civil Construction was awarded \$62,000 to repair bridge approaches and structures at Caney Creek, Caney Creek Relief and Cedar Creek on Texas Highway 243.

Anderson County

Big Creek Construction was awarded \$4.1 million to add shoulders and resurface U.S. 84 between FM 3266 east of Palestine and FM 747 in Cherokee County.