

American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials



An Application from the State Highway or Transportation Department of
TEXAS

for

- the Elimination of a U.S. (I) Route _____
- the Establishment of a U.S. (H) Route 259
- * the Establishment of a U.S. Bike Route _____
- the Relocation of a U.S. (I) Route _____
- * the Establishment of a U.S. Bike Route _____
- the Extension of a U.S. (I) Route _____
- the Establishment of a U.S. Alternate Route _____
- the Establishment of a Temporary U.S. Route _____
- ** the Recognition of a Business Route on U.S. (H) Route 259
- ** the Recognition of a By-Pass Route on U.S. Route _____

Between 1.5 miles northeast of SH31 and 1.8 miles south of SH42

The following states or states are involved:
 TEXAS

For AASHTO Use Only

Date received _____

Date application acknowledged _____

Date to Special Committee on U.S. Route Numbering _____

Date considered by the Standing Committee on Highways _____

Action of Standing Committee on Highways _____

Member Department Notified _____

Date submitted:

March 24th, 20 06

* Attach map on page 3. Obtain Signatures, page 4. Other sections not applicable.
 ** A local vicinity map needed on page 3. On page 6 a short statement to the effect that there are no deficiencies on proposed routing, if true, will suffice. If there are deficiencies, they should be indicated in accordance with page 5 instructions.

SUBMIT SIX COPIES

The purpose of the **United States (U.S.) Numbered Highway System** is to facilitate travel on the main interstate highways, over the shortest routes and the best available roads. A route should form continuity of available facilities through two or more states that accommodate the most important and heaviest motor traffic flow in the area.

The routes comprising the **National System of Interstate and Defense Highways** will be marked with its own distinctive route marker shield and will have a numbering system that is separate and apart from the U.S. Numbered Highway System. For the convenience of the motorist, there must be continuity and a uniform pattern of marking and numbering these Interstate routes without regard to state lines.

The U.S. Numbered System was established in 1926 and the Interstate Numbered System was established in 1956. Both have reached the period of review, revision, and consolidation. They now need perfecting rather than expansion. Therefore, any proposed alteration in the established systems should be extremely meritorious and thoroughly, though concisely, explained in order that the Special Committee on U.S. Route Numbering and the Standing Committee on Highways of the Association may give prompt and proper consideration to each and every request made by a member department.

Explanation and Reasons for the Request: (Keep concise and pertinent.) TxDOT is constructing a new location 2-lane rural roadway (by-pass) to the east of existing US Route 259 around the city of Kilgore. This new location roadway has been designated by the Texas Transportation Commission as the new route for US 259. The existing US Highway Route 259 running through the city of Kilgore has been designated as Business US Highway Route 259.

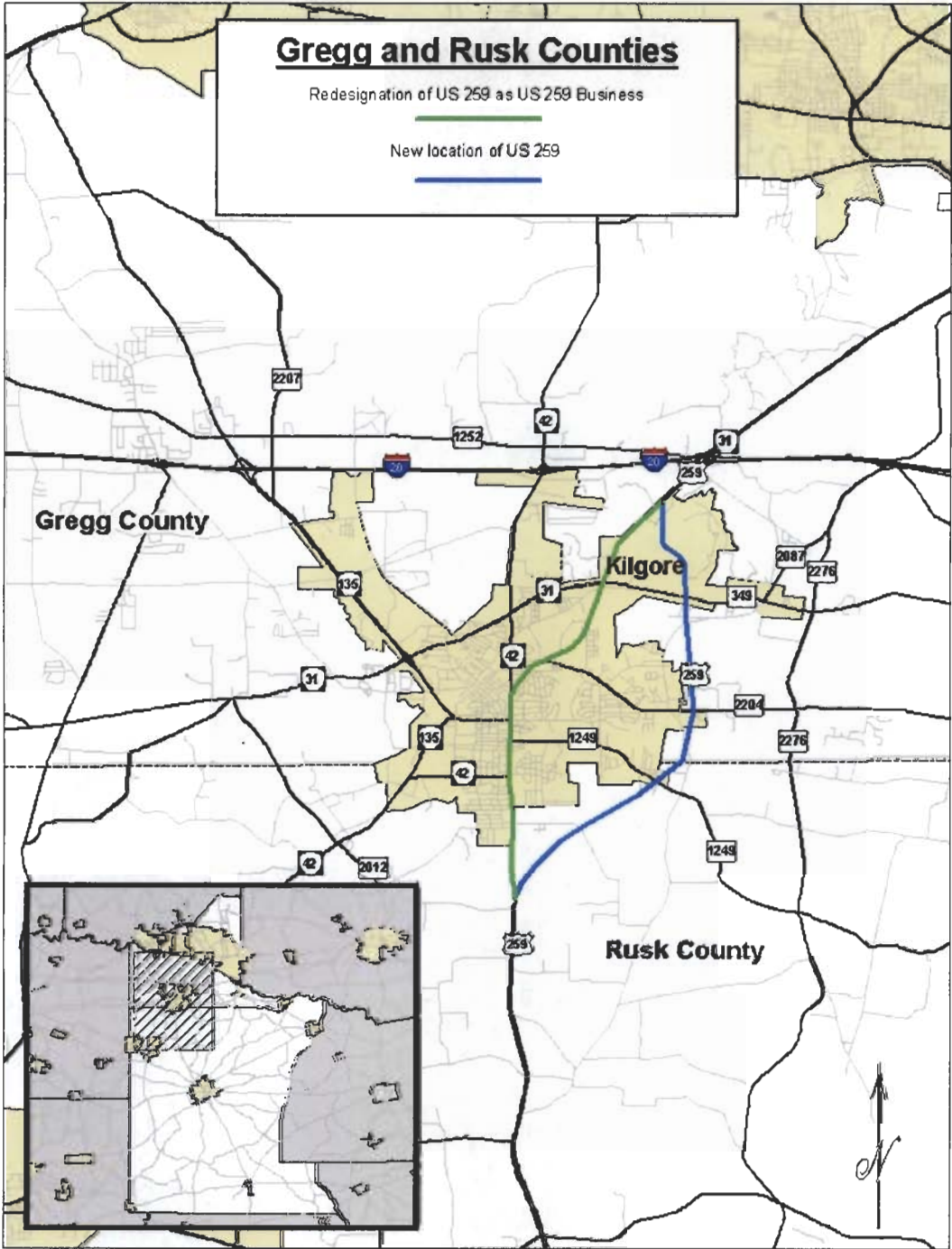
Date facility available to traffic May 2006

Does the petition propose a new routing over a portion of an existing U.S. Route? Yes If so, where? The old route is being redesignated as BU 259.

Does the petition propose a new routing over a portion of an existing Interstate Route? No If so, where? _____

Map of state, or portion thereof, indicating proposed addition or change in the U.S. Numbered or Interstate Numbered System:

(A photographic reduction or section of departmental map attached to this sheet. May be folded to sheet size, but do not use a map larger than four 8.5 x 11 inch sheets in size.)



(Indicate termini and control points on the map for the route, and number them in sequence. Use the same numbers in column 1 tabulation, page 6, when listing mileage. **Towns, cities, major highway intersections and state lines to be used as control points.** The top of column 1, page 6, will be one terminus, and column 1 will give the log of the route as needed to describe the route in the Association publication *U.S. Numbered Highways* if the application is approved by the Standing Committee on Highways.)

The State agrees and pledges its good faith that it will not erect, remove, or change any U.S. or Interstate Route Markers on any road without the authorization, consent, or approval of the Standing Committee on Highways of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, notwithstanding the fact that the changes proposed are entirely within this State.

The weighted average daily traffic volume along the proposed route, as shown on the map on page 3, is 5100 as compared to 8969 for the year 2006 for all other U.S. Numbered Routes in the State.

The Purpose and Policy in the Establishment and Development of the United States Numbered Highways, as Retained from October 3, 1991 or the Purpose and Policy in the Establishment of a Marking System of the Routes Comprising the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways as Retained from August 10, 1973 has been read and is accepted.

In our opinion, this petition complies with the above applicable policy.



(Signature)

Chief Executive Officer

Tx DOT

(Member Department)

This petition is authorized by official action of Texas Transportation Commission

under date of September 29, 2005

as follows: (Copy excerpt from minutes.)

Pursuant to Texas Transportation Code, §§201.103 and 221.001, the executive director has recommended that the new by-pass in and around the city be designated on the state highway system as US 259 and that the former location be redesignated on the state highway system as US 259 Business.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Texas Transportation Commission that:

1. US 259 be designated on the state highway system along a new location from 1.45 miles northeast of the intersection of STATE HIGHWAY 31 southward and southwestward to 1.82 miles south of the intersection of STATE HIGHWAY 42, a distance of approximately 6.91 miles.
2. The former location of US 259 is redesignated on the state highway system as US 259 Business-G from 1.45 miles northeast of the intersection of SH 31 southward to 1.82 miles south of the intersection of SH 42, a distance of approximately 6.6 miles.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon approval by the commission this minute order, along with all other pertinent information, be forwarded to the **American Association** of State Highway and Transportation Officials Special Committee Special Committee on U.S. Route Numbering for their consideration.

Instructions for Preparation of Page 6

Column 1: Control Points and Mileage. Top of column is one terminus of road. Indicate control points by identical number as shown on map on page 3. Show mileage between control points in miles and tenths.

Column 2: Pavement Type.	Code
High type, heavy duty	H
Intermediate type	I
Low type, dustless	L (show in red)
Not paved	N (show in red)

Column 3: Pavement Condition	Code
Excellent	E
Good	G
Fair	F (show in red)
Poor	P (show in red)

NOTE: In columns 2 and 3, where pavements types and conditions change, the location of the change shall be indicated by a short horizontal line at the proper place opposite the mileage log and the proper code letter (shown above) shall be entered in the respective column between the locations so indicated.

Column 4: Traffic. Indicate average daily traffic volumes in this column. Points of changes in these data to be indicated by short horizontal lines opposite the appropriate mileage point on the mileage log. Any existing main line rail crossing that is not separated shall be indicated at the appropriate mileage point by RXR - black if signalized - red if not protected by signals.

Columns 5 & 6 Pavement Width and Shoulder Width. These columns to be completed by comparing standards of highway involved with applicable AASHTO standards. Entries that fall to the right of the tolerance lines (dashed) should be shaded in red. If there are no deficiencies indicate by use of the word NONE.

Columns 7 & 8 Major Structures. Show in these columns those structures that do not meet AASHTO standards. Show by horizontal line sufficiently long to indicate percentage of deficiency. Portion on right of tolerance line shall be shown in red. Indicate length of structure in feet immediately under the line. Any sub-standard highway underpass structure shall be shown opposite the appropriate mileage point by the designation LP with the vertical clearance in feet following and shown in red. If there are no deficiencies indicate by the use of the word NONE.

Column 9: Vertical Sight Distance. Items to be shown in this column as a horizontal line, the length of which will indicate the deficiency as determined in accordance with comparisons with comparable AASHTO standards. Portions of the line past the tolerance line shall be shown in red.

Column 10: Horizontal Curvature. Curves in excess of AASHTO applicable standards to be shown in this column by a short horizontal line with degree of curve shown immediately above the line. To be shown in red.

Column 11 Percent Grades. Show by horizontal lines opposite proper mileage point on mileage log. Show percent of grade above the line and length of grade in feet immediately below. To be shown in red.

Mileage	1	2	3	4	5							6	7	8	9	10	11
	Control Points and Mileage	Pavement Type	Pavement Condition	Traffic ADT	Comparison to Applicable AASHTO Design Standards												
					Pavement Width Deficiency	Shoulder Width Deficiency	Major Structures				Vertical Sight Distance Deficiency	Show When In Excess of Standard					
							Roadway Width Deficiency	H - Loading Deficiency	Horizontal Curvature	Percent Grade							
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Attach additional sheet here if necessary

BU 259 Description

BU 82/ BU 277 begins at the intersection of the new location of US 259. The route travels south through the business district of the city of Kilgore over the former location of US 259 then terminates at the intersection of the new location of US 259 a distance of approximately 6.6 miles.

US 259 Description

US 259 begins at the intersection of the new location of BU 259. The route travels south around the city of Kilgore over a new location then terminates at the intersection of the new location of BU 259 a distance of approximately 6.9 miles.

United States Route 259

State	Type	Intersection	Point to point mileage	Accumulated Mileage in State	Remarks
Texas	US	Jct. Inside the of City of Kilgore	0	0	Intersection with BU 259
		SH 31	1.5	1.5	Intersection with SH 31
		FM2204	1.6	3.1	Intersection with FM 2204
		Gregg / Rusk County Line	0.8	3.9	County Line
		FM1249	0.5	4.4	Intersection with FM 1249
		Jct south of the City of Kilgore	2.5	6.9	Intersection with BU 259

United States Route 259 Business

State	Type	Intersection	Point to point mileage	Accumulated Mileage in State	Remarks
Texas	Business	Jct. Inside the of City of Kilgore	0	0	Route begins & leaves
		SH31	1.4	1.4	Intersection with S H31
		FM 2204	1.4	2.8	Intersection with FM 2204
		SH 42	0.7	3.5	BU 259 joins SH 42
		SH 42	1.2	4.7	BU 259 leaves SH 42
		Jct south of the city of Kilgore	1.9	6.6	Route ends, rejoins US 259