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City, NBU Host Student Engagement Program

New Braunfels, Texas — On May 8th, the City of New Braunfels Public Works Department and New Braunfels Utilities (NBU) hosted 18 local junior and senior high school students in a Student Engagement Program in celebration of the American Public Works Association's (APWA) National Public Works Week, May 19th – May 25th.

The Student Engagement Program consisted of a breakfast at City Hall with brief presentations by City and NBU staff members on city infrastructure. The group then received a windshield tour of ongoing city street and drainage projects, as well as walking tours of NBU's surface water and wastewater treatment plants on Gruene Road and the Hortontown Electrical Substation located on Industrial Drive.

The program ended with lunch and a viewing of the documentary "Flash Flood Alley," a film outlining the impacts that major, historical floods have had on New Braunfels and the region.

"It was a blast," said Linda Huff, APWA Board Member who attended the program. "The students learned a lot and represent our future leaders."

Participants had expressed interest in the field as part of their school career programs and had diverse specific interests that included engineering, accounting, teaching, forensic anthropology, and construction science, among others. This is the second year the City has hosted the event, which will be offered annually as a means to engage students interested in Public Works careers.

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**Optional photos attached – Hortontown Electrical Substation
& NBU Gruene Surface Water Treatment Plant**

Photo releases have been obtained from all participants.