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Railroad Quiet Zone II Scheduled to Activate

New Braunfels, TX –The City of New Braunfels has announced that a Notice of Establishment of Quiet Zone 2 has been submitted to the Federal Railroad Administration. The City anticipates that the routine sounding of train horns within this quiet zone will cease during the first week of September 2013.

The crossings included in this zone are:

- Hinman Island Drive
- Torrey Street
- Union Avenue
- Houston Avenue
- Lakeview Boulevard
- Rock Street

Experience indicates it takes about one month for notification to reach all rail users and for full implementation to be in effect. The public should be aware that while horns will no longer routinely blow at these crossings, trains will sound the horn if the engineer observes any pedestrian or vehicle in the railroad right of way, on the tracks or in a crossing.

With the Notice of Establishment, necessary traffic control changes will be implemented on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at the intersection of Elizabeth Avenue and Hinman Island Drive. Stop signs will be removed on westbound Hinman Island Drive and eastbound Elizabeth Avenue to allow for free flow movement over the railroad tracks. Southbound Elizabeth Avenue will be required to stop for cross traffic. The eastbound Elizabeth Avenue left turn movement to northbound Elizabeth Avenue will be required to yield to oncoming traffic from westbound Hinman Island Drive.

The City urges vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic to observe all warning, regulatory and railroad traffic control. Be safe and alert around trains and railroad rights-of-way. Remember to cross train tracks only at designated crossings and always expect a train.

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