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## **Walnut Widening Project Update**

**New Braunfels, Texas** — City staff met with design consultants Arias and HDR on Tuesday to discuss several areas of concern regarding the Walnut Widening Project as outlined at Monday night’s City Council meeting. Sub-grade moisture has appeared in several locations and the source of the water needs to be identified.

“Sub-grade moisture has appeared in several locations recently and the source needs to be identified in order for us to know what plan of action to take,” City Manager Robert Camareno says. “At this point, we do not know if this is an issue of elevated water tables, water main damage, or an issue with a privately-owned or City irrigation systems that is producing the moisture. Once we are able to make an identification of the source, we will have a better opportunity to determine our next steps as far as whether there is a need to make any repairs to infrastructure before we move forward with the completion of the project.”

To assist the City in this effort, NBU’s leak detection team will be conducting infrastructure testing on the entire length of the project. This will include several methods of leak detection, including hydrostatic pressure testing and sound monitoring equipment. Testing for lanes from IH 35 to Elliott Knox were conducted today. Testing for lanes from San Antonio St. to Landa St. will be conducted later this week, with the section from Elliott Knox to San Antonio St. being addressed next week. Contractors and City staff will also be testing all irrigation systems involved in the project.

“By conducting these tests, we can use a thorough, step-by-step process of elimination as to actual source of the water and plan how to address the results in the most efficient and effective manner possible,” Camareno said.

Once preliminary information is gathered, all parties will be working together to develop the next steps in the process based on the conclusions of those investigations.

“The City remains committed to providing the highest quality product possible in the most expedient time-frame in which that is attainable,” Mr. Camareno said. “This is a large project that has presented many issues over the past several months, and we appreciate our citizens’ patience as we work through these and continue to move forward to its completion.”

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