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Railroad Quiet Zones Phase II Construction Scheduled

New Braunfels, TX – The City of New Braunfels has announced that Phase II of the Railroad Quiet Zones Project is moving into the construction stage beginning Monday, September 8th. The City is adding safety measures to local railroad crossings that will allow train engineers to refrain from blowing their horns as they travel through New Braunfels.

Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) requirements include sounding horns as a warning to roadway users at all public roadway/rail crossings. Numerous trains pass through the city of New Braunfels every day and night. There are two primary railroad lines running through the City of New Braunfels with as many as 16 crossings on the No. 1 Main and 18 crossings on the No. 2 Main. The FRA details in its “Final Rule on the Use of Locomotive Horns at At-Grade Crossings” a means to mitigate the effects of train horn noise by establishing “Quiet Zones.” Phase I of the Railroad Quiet Zones project was completed in 2013.

Phase II consists of roadway improvements and mill-and-overlay construction for the roadway/rail crossings along Union Pacific Rail Road (UPRR) Mainline No. 1 from Walnut Avenue to N. Live Oak Avenue and along UPRR Mainline No. 2 from Herry Place to Krueger Avenue, and the Gruene Road crossing on UPRR Mainline No. 1.

Monday’s construction will begin with the reconstruction of the intersection at Herry Place and Guenther Avenue. Herry Place will remain open to traffic, except during the days of September 16th – September 27th when the concrete slotted curb and pavement markings will be installed. During this time only the west bound lane will remain open. Guenther Avenue will require a daily detour to the Santa Clara Avenue crossing between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the days of September 8th – September 30th. Beginning October through the end of December the project will move along rail lines with construction of necessary median improvements at the following crossings: Santa Clara Avenue, Hickory Avenue, Grape Avenue, Live Oak Avenue (Mainline No. 1 & No. 2), Krueger Avenue, and Gruene Road.

Efforts to make New Braunfels a “Quiet Zone City” have been in cooperation with the Federal Railroad Administration, Union Pacific Railroad, and the Texas Department of Transportation.

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