



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 2, 2014

CONTACT: Jennifer Cain, Project Manager

345 Landa Street
New Braunfels, TX 78130
830.221.4646
jcain@nbtexas.org

Construction Scheduled on Railroad Quiet Zones Phase II Locations

New Braunfels, TX –Phase II of the Railroad Quiet Zones Project began construction September 8th at Guenther Avenue, Herry Place and the Santa Clara Crossings. 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, along UPRR Mainline No. 2 from Herry Place to Krueger Avenue and the Gruene Road crossing on UPRR Mainline No. 1. During October and November, work continued to the Hickory Avenue, Grape Avenue and Old Austin Road crossings.

Beginning December 3, 2014, work will begin at the Live Oak Avenue (Mainline 1 & 2) and Gruene Road crossings. Milling and asphalt overlay will occur at all three locations as well as concrete curb and median improvements. Work at the Gruene Road crossing will be limited to the hours of 9:00 am to 3:30 pm due to the high volume of morning and afternoon traffic.

The City is adding safety measures to local railroad crossings that will allow train engineers to refrain from blowing their horns routinely as they travel through New Braunfels. 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.

Once construction at all of the above mentioned crossings is complete, the City will file a Notice of Establishment with Union Pacific Railroad and the Federal Railroad Administration. Following the approval of the Notice of Establishment, train engineers will have twenty-one (21) days to stop routinely sounding their horns. However, the train engineers may still sound their horns at anytime for safety concerns.

For additional information contact City of New Braunfels Project Manager Jennifer Cain at 830-221-4646 or jcain@nbtexas.org

###