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**Railroad Quiet Zones – Gruene Road Crossing To Go Quiet**

**New Braunfels, TX** – The City of New Braunfels has been 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. The City's efforts have been in cooperation with the Federal Railroad Administration, Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), and the Texas Department of Transportation.

The City has completed its portion of Phase II of the Railroad Quiet Zones Project which consisted 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. Necessary improvements are also completed on Hickory Avenue, Grape Avenue and the Old Austin Road crossings.

UPRR has acknowledged the City's Notice of Establishment for the Gruene Road Railroad Crossing. As of May 20, 2015, UPRR will cease the routine sounding of train horns at the Gruene Road Crossing. However, the train engineers may still sound their horns at anytime for safety concerns such as anyone or anything on or near the railroad tracks.

There is additional work required at other crossing areas to be done by UPRR. Final construction agreements for UPRR's portion of the project have been received and they will be presented to City Council for consideration and possible approval later this month. Once UPRR's portion of the construction is complete, the City will file a Notice of Establishment with UPRR and the Federal Railroad Administration for the remaining crossings. Following the approval of the Notice of Establishment, train engineers will have twenty-one days to stop routinely sounding their horns.

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