

NEWS RELEASE

North Hawkins Street Rail Crossing Closed



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(November 18, 2010) The rail crossing on North Hawkins Street between Water and McMillan Streets will be closed Friday morning permanently as one of the first steps taken to improve safety and consolidate rail crossings within the city of Waxahachie. The construction on the closure will begin at 8:00am.

The closure of the North Hawkins Street railroad crossing is the first step of various measures that will be taken over the next several years to improve safety, consolidate rail crossings and reduce the noise level of the trains that pass through the heart of the city. This project is a combined effort from the Federal Railroad Administration, Union Pacific Railroad and the Texas Department of Transportation.

“Based on traffic studies we have conducted in the area, we found that this crossing was one of the lesser traffic areas within the city,” said Paul Stevens, city manager. “Any time there is an opportunity to improve the safety for motorists, it is something we are going to look at,” said Stevens.

The overall project will make significant improvements to most of the railroad crossings within the city limits. Of these improvements, the North Hawkins Street crossing is likely to be the only closure. The closure is also one of the very early phases of the quiet zone study that began in 2007.

For any questions or more information regarding the quiet zone project, please contact (972)937-7330, ext. 284.

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