

# ***NEWS RELEASE***

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## **Testing to Prompt Shifting Lane Closures** ***Portion of US 90A Affected***

**SEGUIN, Texas** – Testing needed to identify the cause of settling under a portion of US 90A (Court Street) near O'Reilly Auto Parts will necessitate temporary shifting lane closures on Tuesday, September 30.

Last week a contractor boring and installing a large culvert under Court Street between W. Bauer and Gravel noticed approximately three inches of settling on the westbound lanes of the street. The contractor set up a level, filled the settled area of the street and continued working. On Friday the contractor noticed the roadway settled an additional three inches. The operation was shut down and the Texas Department of Transportation was contacted. To prevent further damage to the street and to protect low vehicles, the City of Seguin shifted traffic into the center turn lane, away from the settling pavement and monitored the situation over the weekend.

On Monday City of Seguin officials met with TxDOT and determined a ground penetrating radar will be brought in Tuesday to determine the cause of the settling. The testing will require shifting lane closures between approximately the 1000 and 700 blocks of Court Street between the estimated hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Barricades, signage and police will be on site to assist drivers through the area. Two-way traffic will be open at all times during the testing.

Once the cause of the settling is determined, a solution will be developed. The culvert installation is part of the ongoing River, San Marcos, Heideke drainage project.

The City of Seguin encourages drivers to exercise caution in the affected area during Tuesday's shifting lane closures.

**WHAT:** Shifting lane closures

**WHERE:** US 90A (Court Street) near O'Reilly Auto Parts (between 700 and 100 blocks)

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 30 from approximately 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**WHY:** Testing needed to determine cause of road settling

**About the City of Seguin**

Seguin, Texas is located off Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational and employment opportunities. Seguin's robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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