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SJRA Announces Restoration of Traffic Flow on Grogan's Mill

The San Jacinto River Authority is pleased to announce that its water line construction project on Grogans Mill Road is on schedule permitting traffic flow to be restored to all four lanes along most of Grogans Mill Road between Research Forest Drive and South Millbend Drive on Friday, May 16th. The exception will be the segment from Woodlands Parkway to North Millbend where southbound traffic will remain diverted to allow for completion of construction at this location.

The restoration of traffic flow on the newly-paved southbound lanes is scheduled to begin Friday morning at 9:00 A.M and should only take a few hours. The contractor, Texas Sterling Construction Co., plans to have law enforcement present to help with the traffic diversion.

After southbound traffic is restored, there will still be some additional construction activities to complete such as paving of some short sections, final installation of valves, completion of tunneling under the waterway, and disinfection and testing of water lines. These activities will require intermittent, rolling lane closures and partial intersection closures from time to time.

SJRA General Manager Jace Houston commented on the successful completion of this phase of the project: "I realize that from one perspective all we did was meet the schedule we said we would meet, but it's hard for me to explain how difficult this project was and how many people pulled off incredible feats to get it delivered on time. In addition to working nights, crews were pulled from other areas, special arrangements were made to find concrete and other construction materials, commercial truck drivers were in short supply and had to be brought in from all over, etc. It was just an incredible construction project to witness! I am very proud of our staff, consultants, and Texas Sterling! We are pleased to turn this road back over to the public on time!"

On behalf of SJRA, we appreciate your patience during this difficult project that will help ensure our future water supplies. For more detailed information on the GRP program, please visit www.sjra.net/grp.