



Capital Improvements Management Services Department  
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## From the Director's Chair

*By Mike Frisbie, P.E., City Engineer*

Greetings! It has been almost a year - Sept. 24 - that I joined the City of San Antonio. This first year has flown by, but it has been a productive and successful 12 months.

The 2007-2012 Bond Program has some incredible achievements:

- 6 projects are completed
- 11 projects are under construction
- 8 funding agreements have been approved. A funding agreement

is needed when the City and other entities share the costs for specific items like right-of-way, design, and construction.

- 13 projects are in the design phase
- There are 104 design contracts to establish as part of the Bond Program.

Thanks to much hard work by many CIMS employees, 60 percent of the contracts are complete!

I am grateful to everyone involved in these accomplishments. The achievements list shows that we are dedicated to our community

and building a great San Antonio.

The City's work in bringing the Bond Program to fruition will not go unnoticed. I participated in a video that showcases the citizen-involvement process that resulted in putting the Bond Program before voters in 2007.

San Antonio will be featured at the International City / County Management Association conference in Richmond, Va., this month. The City will be highlighted in the "Civic Engagement" portion.

I was proud to join Mayor **Phil Hardberger**, City Manager **Sheryl Sculley**, and stakeholders in this project. Keep forward-thinking and maintain the excellent work!

## Rip Rap, Callaghan projects break ground in Council Districts 3, 7

District 3 Councilwoman **Jennifer Ramos**, CIMS, and residents turned ceremonial shovels (left photo) marking the start of the \$13.4 million Rip Rap 69 Phase II-D drainage-improvement project.

Rip Rap 69 will improve drainage for Brunswick, Fitch and Canavan



streets from Interstate 35 eastward to the drainage channel, and Bruhn, Bodie and Donegan streets from the channel to Canavan.

The project includes curbs, driveway approaches, sidewalks, and channel improvements from I-35 to the box culvert system at Marney Plaza.

The Horizontal team led by **Ruben Guerrero** and **Andrew Slavens** will manage the project, which is scheduled for completion in 2010.

District 7 Councilman **Justin Rodriguez**, CIMS, and citizens broke ground for an \$11.9 million project on Callaghan Road (right photo).

Callaghan will be reconstructed and widened to five lanes, including a center turn lane, from Bandera to Ingram roads. Other improvements are curbs, sidewalk on one side, hike/bike sidewalk on the other, and box culvert bridge at Zarzamora Creek.

Construction is scheduled for completion in 2010. **David Matney's** team will manage the project.



## Robert Diaz named to alma mater's Board of Trustees for two-year term



**Robert Diaz**, a Technical Services Construction Inspector Supervisor, is going back to school in a decision-making capacity.

Diaz is about to begin a two-year term on the Board of Trustees at his alma mater - Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Okla.

He can serve a second two-year term.

The board will meet Nov. 17-19 in Branson, Mo., followed by a spring retreat in April in Washington, D.C.

Diaz, who graduated from Southern Nazarene in 1976 with a Bachelor's degree in business administration, is one of five

trustees who will meet with university President Loren Gresham, Ph.D., in making decisions that affect all university operations.

"I have always wanted to be on the board," said Diaz, a 25-year City employee. "It is a very high and prestigious honor to serve my alma mater."

Dr. Gresham was Diaz's government professor.

Diaz is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio.

Founded in 1899, Southern Nazarene is a private, Christian, liberal arts university. Located on a 40-acre campus just west of Oklahoma City, SNU grew out of several small colleges committed to training people for service. More than 25,000 alumni work and serve throughout the United States and the world.

## Graffiti Wipeout

CIMS employees are invited to the 5th annual Graffiti Wipeout on Saturday, Sept. 27.

The event is scheduled from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Clean-up locations are pre-assigned.

CIMS team captains are **Terri Lee** in Real Estate and **Trudy Bussey** in the Director's Office.

Trophies for the highest number of organizational participation will be awarded.



Mendez home soon

Air Force Staff Sgt. **Carlos Mendez**, a CIMS Landscape Architect, has been in the Middle East since January in support of U.S. military operations there. Mendez is scheduled to return home in October.

## September birthdays

CIMS wishes a happy birthday to employees born in September:

**Mary Gonzalez**, Fiscal Services (2nd); **Regina Peaches**, Fiscal Services (2nd); **Marc Ripley**, Contract Services (3rd); **Jeffrey Snyder**, Technical Services (5th); **John Wolters**, Director's Office (5th); **John Barrera**, Technical Services (10th); **Richard Grochowski**, Horizontal Projects (11th); **Kristyl Smith**, Real Estate (14th).

**Sam Hutchins**, Web Portal (15th); **Michael Ortiz**, Environmental Services (16th); **Brenda Navarro**, Contract Services (20th); **Armando Delgado**, Director's Office (21st); **Francisco Orta**, Technical Services (22nd); **Fernando Lopez**, Technical Services (25th); **Trudy Bussey**, Director's Office (26th); **David Matney**, Horizontal Projects (28th).

## Days of Caring

The 2008 Charitable Campaign is in full swing with CIMS employees having chances to volunteer in the community.

Days of Caring, in conjunction with the United Way campaign, are scheduled Oct. 2-4 with various community projects.

Employees interested in participating should contact Lisa McKenzie at 207-5430, Claudia Hernandez at 207-7877, or Melissa Galvan at 207-2763.

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**CIMS Mission Statement**  
Together, Dedicated to Our Community ...  
Building a Great San Antonio



### Our Core Values

- Accountability & Integrity
- Enjoying every day
- Respecting our customers
- Valuing our diversity & history
- Forward thinking



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