



Ribbon-cuttings celebrate Hays Bridge, Culebra Creek RSWF

Giant ceremonial scissors cut through ribbon in July, symbolizing the completion of construction on Hays Street Bridge and at Culebra Creek Regional Storm Water Facility.

The historic Hays Street Bridge, which has spanned the Union Pacific Railroad tracks on the near East Side since 1910, has a complete makeover. At a ribbon-cutting July 20, the City also launched a comprehensive advertising campaign to promote bicycling and educate San Antonians on the new rules of the road for both motorists and cyclists.

The bridge was rehabilitated into a pedestrian and bicycle structure through a \$3.7 million construction contract awarded to Jay-Reese Contractors Inc. The structure was barricaded in 1982 and closed to vehicular traffic because it was deemed structurally unsound.

City staff and citizens petitioned and were able to secure the bridge from Union Pacific to the City of San Antonio for rehabilitation.

The bridge trusses were totally rehabilitated and new approaches were constructed in the makeover that started in 2009. A public art component was developed in coordination with stakeholders. Artist Riley Robinson added galvanized steel "silhouettes" of vintage train designs to the railings on the two bridge approaches.

The bridge is noted for the 225-foot Whipple-Phoenix and the 130-foot Pratt spans. The Whipple truss, a patent of Phoenix Bridge Co., dates from 1881 and was reconstructed from salvaged spans over the Nueces River west of San Antonio. The Pratt span has Phoenix-branded components, including the floor beams. The bridge has about 1,000 linear feet of concrete approaches.



District 2 Councilwoman Ivy Taylor, State Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, and community members celebrate the completion of renovations at Hays Street Bridge.



CIMS Director Mike Frisbie, District 6 Councilman Ray Lopez, and representatives from Pape-Dawson Engineers Inc., Shannon-Monk Inc., and Cable-Westwood Neighborhood Association cut a ribbon at Culebra Creek RSWF.

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From the Director's Chair

By Mike Frisbie, P.E., City Engineer



Hello CIMS colleagues and friends of *The CAPital Letter*. I hope you are doing well this summer, enjoying some family time, and taking some time to recharge your energy.

City Council was on break in July as City staff worked on budget preparations. Council will resume meetings in August. One thing that never takes a hiatus is the 2007-2012 Bond Program.

When Council returns in August, CIMS has several high-profile projects on the agenda. On August 5, Council will consider construction awards for W.W. White Area Streets, Phase II; Walters Street (I-35 to Fort Sam Main Gate); and Rip Rap 69, Phase II-C, Part 4. The following week, Council considers a construction award for DeZavala Road Phase I (Babcock to Cogburn).

The W.W. White project will construct a storm system along Holmgreen Street to provide drainage for an area between Rice Road and Holmgreen. The project will consist of an underground system and an open channel. Street reconstruction will be required for Bruska from Rice to Goodell; Goodell from Bruska to Schumacher; Schumacher from Rice to Holmgreen; and Holmgreen from W.W. White to turn just west of My Lane.

The Walters Street project will reconstruct and widen the existing roadway to a proposed six-lane roadway with sidewalks, driveway approaches, bike lanes, turn lanes at major intersections, a raised median, and necessary drainage and traffic signal improvements.

Rip Rap 69 will reconstruct Southcross from Commercial to Marney with sidewalks, curbs, driveway approaches and necessary drainage; and reconstruct Noble, Tupper and Tabor Streets from Burcham to Canavan with curbs, sidewalks, and driveway approaches.

The DeZavala project reconstructs and widens DeZavala from two to five lanes, along with the construction of curbs, sidewalks, driveway approaches, and necessary drainage and traffic signal improvements.

I am scheduled to give a Bond Quarterly Update to Council at "B" session August 11. As you can see, we are busy building a great San Antonio.



John Cantu, CIMS Environmental Management Manager, looks at a portion of the Concepción acequia with Al McGraw, a Texas Department of Transportation archaeologist.

Mission Trails Package 4 project unearths 300-year-old acequia

A portion of the Concepción acequia - historic waterway - was uncovered on Roosevelt Avenue near downtown during archaeological investigations for Mission Trails Package 4.

Concepción is one of the oldest and largest acequias in San Antonio, City Archaeologist Kay Hinds said. It was begun around 1729 and likely served the first site of missions San Jose and San Francisco Najera, which may have been built at

the current site of Mission Concepción.

The acequia may have been closed by 1869, but evidence shows that at least one branch remained open into the 20th century.

Mission Trails Package 4, a 2007 Bond and MPO project, will construct street and drainage improvements on Mission from Mitchell to Roosevelt and on Roosevelt from Mission to St. Mary's, and improvements on Alamo from Durango to Alamo Plaza.

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Community members walk across Hays Street Bridge at the ribbon-cutting ceremony July 20.



The Culebra Creek Regional Storm Water Facility at Loop 1604 and Culebra Road was a funding agreement between the City and developer HRS LLC.

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Project Manager **Anibal Gutierrez's** team oversaw the bridge's renovation.

Meanwhile, District 6 City Councilman Ray Lopez, CIMS staff, and community members celebrated the completion of a storm water facility built to alleviate flooding where Culebra and Helotes creeks meet on the Northwest Side.

A ribbon-cutting for Culebra Creek RSWF was held July 22 at the northeast corner of Loop 1604 and Culebra Road.

On Sept. 4, 2008, City Council approved an ordinance authorizing the execution of a Developer Participation Contract between the City and developer HRS LLC, appropriating funds, and authorizing payment for over-sizing engineering and construction costs related to Culebra Creek RSWF, a 2007 Bond project, in the amount of \$8,065,000. An additional \$150,000 was utilized for capital administration for a total cost of \$8,215,000.

HRS LLC owns property around the confluence of Culebra and Helotes creeks. The property consists of about 121.5 acres along northbound Loop 1604 north of Culebra Road. For purposes of the RSWF, HRS LLC conveyed 144 acres to the City under the Culebra Road/Helotes Creek Storm Water Drainage Agreement authorized through an ordinance passed by Council in 2004.

HRS LLC developed construction plans for the RSWF, which alleviates flooding and drainage issues downstream of properties developed by HRS LLC and others. The City benefits by over-sizing a facility that will reduce flooding around Leon Creek watershed, increase public safety in the area adjacent to the property owned by the City, and enable development of the areas surrounding City-owned property.

Pape-Dawson Engineers Inc. was the design consultant; G.T. Sirizzotti Ltd. was the contractor; and Shannon-Monk Inc. was the sub-contractor.

Project Manager **Richard Grochowski's** team worked with the developer agreement to complete the project.



Congratulations to
Juan J. Rubio Jr., Intern II - Horizontal

**First child, Hanna Sabine Rubio,
 born June 29, 2010 - 6 pounds, 13 ounces**

Excited about cycling



The City's Office of Environmental Policy launched the 'Get Cycled' campaign at the Hays Street Bridge ribbon-cutting to educate the community about the new rules of the road for both drivers and cyclists. The new rules include the recently adopted Safe Passing and Bike Light ordinances.

Nominations sought for CIMS customer service award

We encourage you to nominate and recognize CIMS employees - individuals or teams - for exceptional customer service to citizens and to fellow City workers.

Elvia Fernandez, Management

Analyst in Reporting/Web Portal Support, and **John Tapia**, Construction Inspections Supervisor in Technical Services, are the first employees honored in the Exceptional Customer Service Recognition program.

Their portraits and nomination synopses are on the 5th floor at Municipal Plaza Building.

Nomination forms are available by contacting Public Relations Manager **Roland Martinez**.

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 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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Happy birthday in August

CIMS wishes a happy August birthday to our employees:

Anibal Gutierrez, Horizontal (3rd); **Carlos Castañeda**, Fiscal Services (4th); **Kelley Rodriguez**, temp-Public Art San Antonio (6th); **Emilio Gonzalez**, Technical Services (9th); **David Segovia**, Real Estate (11th); **Sylvia Ibarra**, Director's Office (12th); **Robert Adame**, Technical Services (15th); **Robert Bethea**, Vertical (15th); **Carroll Coston**, Real Estate (15th); **Trinidad Zepeda**, Technical Services (18th);

Manuel De La Torre, Technical Services (22nd); **Pat Mota**, Horizontal (22nd); **Katy Otto**, Horizontal (22nd); **Evelyn McRae**, Fiscal Services (27th); **Denise Shaffer**, Contract Services (27th); **Robert Espinosa**, Environmental Management (28th); **Leticia Arzate**, Environmental Management (29th); **Fred Rojas**, Technical Services (30th); **Tommy Gregory**, PASA (31st).