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Seven groundbreaking ceremonies in November kick off construction

The month of November saw groundbreaking ceremonies on six 2007 Bond Program projects and on a CIMS-managed project at Brooks City-Base.

Wallace, Medical Center, Valley Forge, Rivas, Goliad, East Lubbock, 911 call center

- Goliad Road Phase 2 (Lasses to Pecan Valley), Project Management team - **Anibal Gutierrez**, P.E.

- East Lubbock (South Flores to San Pedro Creek), Project Management team - Anibal Gutierrez.

- Fire & Police Emergency Dispatch Center at Brooks City-Base, Project Manager - **Cathleen Crabb**, AIA, LEED AP.

District 5 City Councilman David Medina Jr., CIMS staff, and community members celebrated the start of construction bringing drainage improvements to Wallace Street. A groundbreaking ceremony for Wallace was held Nov. 2.

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Ceremonies were held at these projects:

- Wallace (26th Street to Inca), Project Management team - **David Pulido**, P.E.

- Medical Center Intersection Improvements, Phase VII (Medical Drive at Babcock Road), Project Manager - **Luis Maltos**, P.E.

- Valley Forge Drainage System, Project Management team - David Pulido.

- Rivas (General McMullen to Rosabell), Project Management team - **Richard Grochowski**, P.E.



Just hours after rain and a hail storm moved through San Antonio, District 5 City Councilman David Medina Jr. and CIMS Director Mike Frisbie joined City staff and residents in turning dirt at the Wallace (26th Street to Inca) project.



Mike Frisbie and District 8 City Councilman W. Reed Williams talk about the Medical Center Intersections project.

From the Director's Chair - *By Mike Frisbie, P.E., City Engineer*

Ladies and gentlemen, here we are, at the end of 2010. As promised, this was a busy and productive year for CIMS.

Currently, 42 of the 150 projects in the 2007 Bond Program are complete. Sixty-nine projects are under construction. Eight projects are advertising for construction and 26 are in the design phase.

All of these numbers mean that 2011 will be just as busy. Back in 2007, CIMS was created to manage the \$550 million bond program, the largest in the City's history. I am proud to report that our department is fulfilling that mission.

As you will see throughout this issue of *The CAPital Letter*, we have been working closely with



various City Council offices on groundbreaking ceremonies for Bond and Capital Improvement projects. These ceremonies are important tools to show our citizens that construction projects are coming to their neighborhoods.

I am grateful to Assistant City Engineer **Razi Hosseini** and Construction Inspection Managers **Juan Martinez** and **David Zuniga** for their Technical Services inspectors delivering door-to-door flyers for our ceremonies. This grass-roots effort is paying off as more residents are attending these ceremonies.

I also enjoy making time for these ceremonies and listening to the citizens who will directly benefit from projects that will reconstruct streets, improve drainage, add sidewalks and driveway approaches, or enhance our public parks. In addition, I have the opportunity to confer with contractor and design consultant representatives who are helping CIMS deliver these projects.

As we bring 2010 to a close, my continued gift to you is a commitment to respecting our customers, and accountability and integrity in all that CIMS does in fulfilling our ultimate objective - Building a Great San Antonio.

Have a safe holiday season!



More residents are attending groundbreaking and ribbon-cutting ceremonies as a result of Technical Services inspectors delivering door-to-door flyers. Shown here is District 5 Councilman David Medina Jr. speaking to the audience at the Rivas (General McMullen to Rosabell) ceremony.



Mike Frisbie and Miguel Sanchez from Arcadis U.S. Inc. chat at the Valley Forge Drainage System groundbreaking.



CIMS employees receive 30-year, 25-year recognition

CIMS personnel were among those honored at the Employee Service Awards Reception. Jesse A. Acosta in Fiscal Services (red shirt) was recognized for 30 years. Twenty-five-year honorees were (left to right) Manuel Martinez, Robert Blanco, and David Chumchal, all from Technical Services. Not shown is Emilio Gonzalez, Technical Services, 25 years.



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LEFT PHOTO: Mike Frisbie answers questions from Bessie Cruz, Margarita Hinojosa, and Eduardo Hinojosa at

the Wallace Street groundbreaking.

RIGHT PHOTO: Councilman W. Reed Williams, Mike Frisbie, and Medical



Center Alliance representatives let dirt fly at the Medical Center Intersection Improvements groundbreaking ceremony.

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On Sept. 2, 2010, City Council approved an ordinance awarding a construction contract for \$914,778.39 to San Antonio Constructors. San Antonio Water System will reimburse \$288,389.37 of the construction cost.

The project will reconstruct Wallace from 26th to Inca with curbs, sidewalks, driveway approaches, and necessary drainage improvements. The drainage improvements include construction of a storm sewer system on Wallace from Lillita Court

to 26th and reconstruction of the existing drainage channel in the parallel alleyway south of Wallace.

Gonzalez-De La Garza & Associates is the design consultant. Construction is estimated for completion by June 2011.

District 8 City Councilman W. Reed Williams, the Medical Center Alliance, and CIMS kicked off construction on the Medical Center Intersection Improvements, Phase VII project with a groundbreaking ceremony Nov. 3.

On Oct. 14, 2010, City Council approved an ordinance awarding a construction contract to E-Z Bel Construction for \$3,591,368.15, of which \$406,049.89 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System and \$206,618.25 will be paid by CPS Energy.

The project provides for intersection widening and traffic improvements (additional dedicated right and left turn lanes)

at the intersection of Medical and Babcock. The projects' purpose is to redevelop the intersections and increase traffic flow within the South Texas Medical Center area, in cooperation with the Medical Center Alliance.

The Alliance, a network of hospitals in the Medical Center, funded the engineering design and right-of-way acquisition.

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LEFT PHOTO: Assistant City Engineer Razi Hosseini and Jason Winkler, CIMS Construction Inspector

I, talk about the Medical Center Intersection Improvements project.

RIGHT PHOTO: Mike Frisbie and



Councilman David Medina Jr. tour the Wallace Street project before the groundbreaking ceremony.

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District 10 Councilman John G. Clamp, Mike Frisbie, community members, and representatives from the contractor and design consultant toss ceremonial dirt for the Valley Forge Drainage System project.

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Pape-Dawson Engineers is the design consultant for Medical Center Intersection Improvements, Phase VII. Construction is estimated for completion by December 2011.

District 10 City Councilman John G. Clamp, CIMS, and nearby residents turned ceremonial shovels on the Valley Forge Drainage System

project on the Northeast Side.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new underground drainage system and street reconstruction was held Nov. 9.

On Sept. 2, 2010, City Council approved an ordinance awarding a construction contract to E-Z Bel Construction for \$982,746.94. San Antonio Water System will reimburse



Project Manager Richard Grochowski's team and design consultant representative Tom Bailey answer questions from a resident at the Rivas (General McMullen to Rosabell) groundbreaking ceremony.

\$210,704.54 of the construction cost.

The project provides for construction of the Valley Forge Drainage System from Crown Point Drive to the drainage channel. This underground drainage system will collect storm water from surrounding neighborhoods.

The design is to construct a single concrete box storm drain from Crown Point along Valley Forge Avenue to an existing drainage channel.

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Councilman John G. Clamp speaks at the Valley Forge ceremony on Nov. 9.



District 5 Councilman David Medina Jr. has plenty of help turning ceremonial shovels at the Rivas (General McMullen to Rosabell) groundbreaking ceremony on Nov. 9. CIMS thanks Pastor Rodolfo Macias from Iglesia de Dios (Church of God) on Rivas Street for use of the church's parking lot for the ceremony.

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The project requires street reconstruction of Valley Forge from Crown Point to Minuteman Drive. SAWS work includes both water and sewer lines throughout the project limits.

Arcadis U.S. Inc. is the design consultant. Construction is estimated for completion by July 2011.

Councilman Medina, CIMS, and community members celebrated as approximately 12 blocks of Rivas Street are reconstructed.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Rivas (General McMullen to Rosabell) project was held Nov. 9.

On Sept. 9, 2010, City Council approved an ordinance awarding a construction contract for \$2,722,579.03 to San Antonio Constructors. San Antonio Water System will



CIMS Utility Coordinator Jesse Rodriguez (left) and Randy Esparza, CIMS Construction Inspector I, join E-Z Bel Construction representatives and City Council District 10 aides at the Valley Forge Drainage System groundbreaking.

reimburse \$521,217.36 of the construction cost and CPS Energy will pay \$122,790.41.

The project will reconstruct Rivas from General McMullen to Rosabell with sidewalks, drainage, and driveway approaches. Additional traffic-signal modifications will be completed at Rivas and General McMullen.

Reconstruction includes work on the underground drainage system on Memorial that

will tie into the existing system. The City also will upgrade the existing wood traffic poles at Rivas and General McMullen with new metal poles, mast arms, and pedestrian signals.

Professional Engineering Design Group is the design consultant. Construction is estimated for completion by May 2012.

District 3 City Councilwoman Jennifer Ramos, CIMS, residents and

business owners, and even students and staff from Highland Hills Seventh-Day Adventist Church turned ceremonial shovels Nov. 15 on the Goliad Road Phase 2 project.

On September 30, 2010, City Council approved an ordinance awarding a construction contract to Texas Sterling Construction Co. for \$6,652,668.90. Of this amount, San Antonio Water System will pay \$1,207,460.60 and CPS Energy will reimburse \$626,342.00.

The project will reconstruct approximately 4,253 feet of Goliad Road from Lassess to Pecan Valley, along with curbs, sidewalks, driveway approaches, and necessary drainage improvements. Drainage work includes installing an underground storm sewer system the full length of the project to relieve flooding issues along Goliad.

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Councilman David Medina Jr.; Juan Frausto, CIMS Construction Inspector II; and citizens take a look at the East Lubbock Street (South Flores to San Pedro Creek) project.



CIMS Director Mike Frisbie answers questions from TV reporters at the Goliad Road Phase 2 (Lassess to Pecan Valley) groundbreaking ceremony on Nov. 15.

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SAWS and CPS Energy will also replace their facilities.

The earlier Goliad Road Phase 1 project (Military Drive to Lassess) was complete in August 2008 and reconstructed approximately 1,350 feet of Goliad, along with curbs, sidewalks, driveway approaches, and an underground storm sewer system.

Civil Engineering Consultants Inc. is the design consultant. Construction is estimated for completion by June 2012.

Councilman Medina, CIMS personnel, and community members rejoiced as East Lubbock Street undergoes reconstruction. A groundbreaking ceremony for East Lubbock (South Flores to San Pedro Creek) was held Nov. 23.

On Sept. 30, 2010, City Council approved an ordinance awarding a construction contract for \$395,038.23 to San Antonio Constructors. San Antonio Water System will reimburse \$135,103.12 of the construction cost.

The project includes street reconstruction of East Lubbock from South Flores to San Pedro Creek with grades to allow for better drainage. Additionally, curbs, sidewalks, and driveway approaches will be constructed. SAWS is replacing and adjusting its facilities.

Project construction is estimated for completion by June 2011. S&B Infrastructure Ltd. is the design consultant.

City leaders and community partners broke ground Nov. 29 on a new facility that will house the Fire and Police Emergency Dispatch Center at Brooks City-Base.



District 3 Councilwoman Jennifer Ramos, students from Highland Hills Seventh-Day Adventist Church, and nearby community members have fun tossing dirt at the Goliad Road Phase 2 (Lasses to Pecan Valley) groundbreaking ceremony.



Councilman David Medina Jr. talks to a mother and daughter at the East Lubbock Street (South Flores to San Pedro Creek) ceremony. The young girl said she looks forward to riding her bike on the reconstructed street.



Councilwoman Jennifer Ramos served as emcee at the Goliad Road Phase 2 (Lasses to Pecan Valley) groundbreaking ceremony. In 2008, she had a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the completed Goliad Road Phase 1 project.



Councilman David Medina Jr.; John Wolters, Assistant Capital Programs Manager; Project Manager Anibal Gutierrez; and community members don hard hats and shovels at the East Lubbock Street (South Flores to San Pedro Creek) groundbreaking on Nov. 23.

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City leaders and community partners turn ceremonial shovels for the Fire & Police Emergency Dispatch Center

at Brooks City-Base. The new facility is scheduled to be operational by December 2011.

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Councilwoman Ramos; Assistant City Manager Erik Walsh; Fire Chief Charles Hood; Police Chief William McManus; Donald Jakeway, president and chief executive officer of the Brooks Development Authority; and representatives from the Bexar Metro 911 District were among

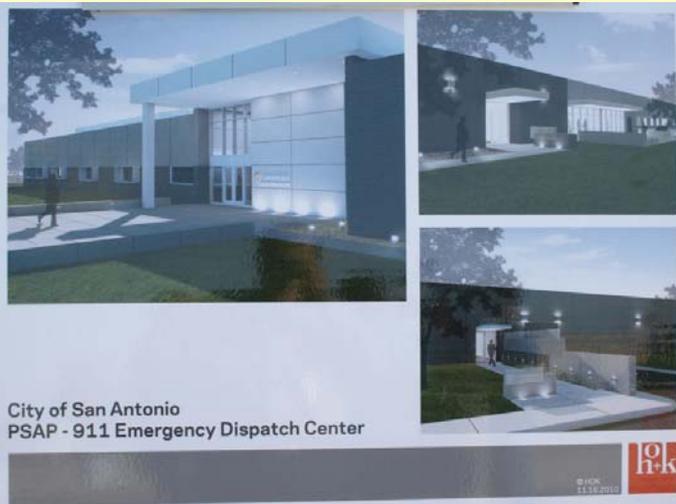
the participants in the ceremony.

The facility will be a single-story, 40,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art communications / 911 dispatch center for the Fire and Police departments. It replaces the current Emergency Dispatch Center located at the police headquarters on West Nueva Street.

The new dispatch center

will house approximately 120 employees. It is scheduled to be operational by December 2011.

City Council awarded this project to Guido Sundt, a joint venture, as Construction Manager-at-Risk. Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum (HOK) is the design consultant. The total project cost is \$28 million.



Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum (HOK) is the architect for the Fire & Police Emergency Dispatch Center.

2007-2012 Bond Update



Project Management course

At the Executive Retreat, one initiative was to professionalize project management across the City. Councilman John Clamp, PMP, expressed a desire to promote the professionalism of project management at the City. Since then, Assistant City Manager Erik Walsh led the charge to develop a Project Management Advisory Committee (PMAC) and to provide training in project management. PMAC is composed of Walsh, Mike Frisbie (CIMS Director), Hugh Miller (Chief Technology Officer), Maria Villagomez (Budget Director) and Debbie Sittre (CIMS Assistant Director), and serves as a resource to departments for their projects.

This past summer, a representative from every department attended an 8-hour basic course in "Applied Concepts in Project Management" taught by Brad Hunt. Hunt is a principal and partner with WHY Group, LLC, a San Antonio-based Organizational Development firm.

Ten CIMS employees and five ITSD employees successfully completed the 42-hour Project Management Certificate Program course offered through a partnership with the University of Texas at Austin and San Antonio College. Hunt taught this course. Completion of the course is the first step in being accepted to test for the Project Management Institute's Project



Management Professional (PMP) Certification.

Shown in the photo are (front row, left to right) David McBeth, CIMS; Jessica Shirley-Saenz, ITSD (now in CIMS); Leticia Arzate, CIMS; Debbie Sittre, CIMS; Cynthia Ramirez, ITSD; Guillermo Moya, CIMS; Martha Estrada, ITSD; (back row, left to right) Luis Maltos, CIMS; Sam Hutchins, CIMS; Brad Hunt, instructor; Rodney Dziuk, CIMS; Kelly Gray, ITSD; Scott Long, ITSD; and Randy Matyear, CIMS. Not shown but completing the class were Richard Grochowski, CIMS; and Chris Alonso, CIMS.

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CIMS Mission Statement

Together,
Dedicated to Our Community ...
Building a Great San Antonio

Our Core Values

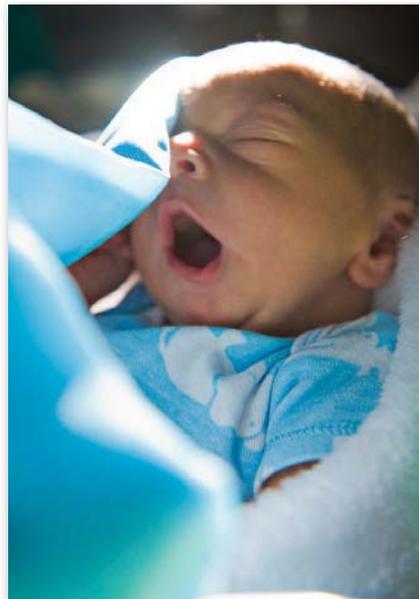
- Accountability & Integrity
- Enjoying every day
- Respecting our customers
- Valuing our diversity & history
- Forward thinking

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A work of art



Lauren Faske, Public Art Specialist in CIMS's Public Art San Antonio, and her husband Benjamin welcomed their first child, Forest Henry Faske. He was born Oct. 25, 2010, at 12:28 p.m. at Methodist Hospital. Forest weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

Happy birthday in December

CIMS wishes employees
happy birthday in December:

Jaime Camero, Vertical (2nd);
Rolando Lerma, Technical Services (9th); **Carlos Mendez**, Vertical (10th);
Luis Olivarez, Technical Services (10th);

Sean Strong, Horizontal (14th);
Aurelia Marotta, Fiscal Services (15th);
Steve Hodges, Real Estate (21st);
Elizabeth Vidal, Horizontal (23rd);

Lauren Faske, Public Art San Antonio (29th); **Luis Maltos**, Technical Services (30th); **Ricardo Ramirez**, Technical Services (30th); **Victor Maldonado**, Technical Services (31st).

