



Groundbreaking ceremonies start Indian Creek, DeZavala, Skyline

CIMS helped three City Council offices kick off construction projects with groundbreaking ceremonies in September.

District 4 celebrated the start of Indian Creek Channel Improvements and War Cloud; District 8 launched the DeZavala Road, Phase 1 (Babcock to Cogburn) project; and District 10 broke ground for the Skyline Area Drainage project.

District 4 Councilman Philip Cortez had a ceremony for Indian Creek / War Cloud on Sept. 14.

On March 18, 2010, City Council approved an ordinance accepting the lowest responsive bid and awarding a construction contract for \$2,484,575.25 to Yantis Co. Indian Creek Channel Improvements is a 2007 Bond Program project and War Cloud is an authorized Housing and Urban Development 108-funded project.

The Indian Creek project widens the channel on Indian Creek from Five Palms to Godek and ties into the War Cloud project, which is downstream, and widens the drainage easement behind Kim Valley. The War Cloud project reconstructs War Cloud from Running Horse to Rain Dance to a two-lane typical pavement



District 4 Councilman Philip Cortez leads the charge in breaking ground for the Indian Creek/War Cloud project. Joining him are CIMS staff, community members, and representatives from the design consultant firm and construction company.

section, includes concrete curbs and sidewalks, and improves the low-water crossing at Indian Creek.

Construction is estimated for completion by November 2011. LNV Inc. is the design consultant. Project Manager **David McBeth's** team is managing the project.

District 8 Councilman Reed Williams got the DeZavala Road project started Sept. 20.

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Kevin Sadler from CIMS Real Estate (2nd from left) talks to Beto Camarillo, Fernando Camarillo, and Andy Poznecki at the DeZavala groundbreaking ceremony.

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

Greeting CIMS and friends. As most employees of the Capital Improvements Management Services Department know, we come together for quarterly meetings. We share information and show the camaraderie that, overall, exists in CIMS.

This teamwork extends beyond our 200 employees. CIMS is privileged to work with several City departments on the delivery of capital projects. For example, we are working with Aviation on the terminal expansion at International Airport, with Police and Fire on the new Public Safety Headquarters, Parks & Recreation on Southside Lions and Phil Hardberger parks, with Library on the Mission and Parman branches, and others.

Together, we are dedicated to building a great San Antonio. However, CIMS and our client departments cannot do this alone. We rely on the resources and expertise of the city's design consultant firms and construction companies to help us reach that mission.



CIMS Public Relations Manager **Roland Martinez** produces a 30-minute public service program called "Capital Ventures." The latest segment, currently airing on TVSA, features four firms working on several of our capital projects. These representatives are just a small sample of the cooperation we have in making San Antonio a better place to live and work.

My division managers have been sharing "leadership moment tips" at our weekly meeting. These managers, who bring an array of experience in engineering, architecture, finance, program management, information systems, and other fields, have great examples of teamwork and employee development.

We all need partnerships - at home, with family and friends, at work - to make our lives better. CIMS has developed and is nurturing strong alliances within and outside our department to deliver quality results.

cafécollege serves helping of opportunities for dreamers

With a toss of graduation caps, students celebrated the opening of cafécollege following a ceremony involving Mayor Julián Castro, community leaders, educators, and other guests.

The center, funded by the City and managed by the San Antonio Education Partnership, had its first day of service Sept. 28. It is at 131 El Paso St., formerly a City training facility.

One of Mayor Castro's cornerstone projects for San Antonio's education future, cafécollege will provide information, technology resources



Part of a large crowd waits for the grand opening of cafécollege.

and test-preparation courses to better prepare students to enter college.

The center is a City-owned building that was renovated with numerous green-building features.

RVK Architects completed the redesign. The Sabinal Group did the interior finish-out.

CIMS staff, especially City Architect **Betty Feldman** and Project Manager **Bill Hensley**, were instrumental in managing the work.

Public Works, under the direction of Majed Al-Ghafry, resurfaced El Paso Street in front of cafécollege. Texas Wilson provided the furnishings.

Happy birthday in October

CIMS wishes employees happy birthday in October:

John Rivera, Technical Services (1st); **Desiree Haifa**, Environmental Management (3rd); **Terri Lee**, Real Estate (4th); **Yolanda Marquart**, Director's Office (4th); **Angela Rangel**, Director's Office (7th); **Pat Schneider**, Vertical (14th); **Brenda M. Werts**, Fiscal Services (19th); **Ronald De Leon**, Technical Services (24th); **Rita Warmbier**, Vertical (24th); **David Marotta**, intern-Horizontal (24th); **Noe Del Valle**, Technical Services (28th); **Catherine Tkachyk**, Director's Office (30th); **Tammy Caverly**, Web Portal (31st).

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CIMS staff, Assistant City Manager Peter Zanoni, District 8 Councilman Reed Williams, community members, and representatives from the design consultant firm and construction company turn shovels at the DeZavala groundbreaking ceremony.



Councilman Reed Williams chats with Lesa Koster, who owns a business on DeZavala Road.



District 10 City Councilman John Clamp talks to Skyline-area residents at the groundbreaking ceremony.



Councilman John Clamp, CIMS Director Mike Frisbie, CIMS staff, and nearby residents have fun turning shovels at the Skyline Area Drainage ceremony.

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On Aug. 12, City Council approved an ordinance accepting the lowest responsive bid and awarding a contract for \$9,273,553.83 to Ballenger Construction. DeZavala is funded by the 2007 Bond Program, San Antonio Water System, and CPS Energy.

The project will reconstruct and widen DeZavala from Babcock to Cogburn from 2 to 5 lanes, along with curbs, sidewalks, driveway approaches, necessary drainage, and traffic-signal improvements. Lanes will be 15 feet wide to allow for shared use between vehicle and bicycle traffic. SAWS will install new water and sewer lines and adjust current lines throughout the project. CPS Energy will install a new gas line and make adjustments.

Completion is expected by June 2012. Poznecki Camarillo Inc. is the design consultant. Project Manager **Richard Grochowski's** team is overseeing construction.

District 10 Councilman John Clamp kicked off Skyline on Sept. 22. On August 19, City Council awarded a contract for \$4,112,901.42 to Salinas Construction Technologies. SAWS will reimburse the City for \$1,028,226.78.

This 2007 Bond project installs an underground drainage system and provides for reconstruction of Cisco, Middle, and Skyline streets from Erin to Dead End; Ronald and Erin from Nacogdoches to Skyline; and Bell from Nacogdoches to Uhr Lane with curbs, sidewalks, and driveways. Street improvements will be completed to improve the flow of storm water into the newly constructed drainage system.

HDR / Claunch & Miller is the design consultant. Construction is estimated for completion by May 2012. The project is under Project Manager **David Matney's** team.

Sam Hutchins addresses Military Engineers group

Sam Hutchins, P.E., Reporting & Web Portal Support Manager, explained CIMS information systems used to manage capital projects to 150 engineering professionals.

Hutchins was guest speaker for the September meeting of the Society of American Military Engineers.

His presentation gave an overview of CIMS and got into the balance the department performs between information systems such as SAP and Primavera.



Hutchins explained that the portal has improved invoicing to make it quicker and more accurate, increased accountability/visibility, improved document control, improved coordination, reduced printing costs, and standardized procedures.

He has been instrumental in developing the CIMS 2007 Bond Dashboard.

Clearing the way for 36th Street



A scraper does site work on the 36th Street Extension: Growdon to Billy Mitchell project. The photo shows what will be a new road through the Port San Antonio property and will consist of a 4-lane section with bike lanes and a center median. The drainage system will be a combination inlet and earthen channel system. This project includes demolition of an entire building that the Port no longer utilizes. Extensive coordination has been done with the Port over the past few years to ensure the linkage between both projects at the Growdon intersection. The contractor is Ballenger Construction. Nearby, the 36th Street: U.S. 90 to Growdon

project widens the existing 4-lane section to a 4-lane section with bike lanes and a center median. This project will have underground drainage as well as an earthen channel on the west side of 36th Street, at the Growdon project limit. The contractor is Yantis Company. Both projects are part of the Local Agency Management Program, meaning they are receiving federal funds through the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Texas Department of Transportation. These projects were selected for stimulus funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Both projects are managed by David McBeth's team.

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- Respecting our customers
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Talking about Skyline



Mike Frisbie discusses the Skyline Area Drainage project with a citizen at the groundbreaking ceremony Sept. 22.