



## Ceremonies mark the start of two projects



*Councilmembers Ozuna and Medina are joined by the Mission Trails Oversight Committee in turning the shovels.*

District 3 City Councilwoman Leticia Ozuna, District 5 City Councilman David Medina, Jr., City of San Antonio staff, and community members celebrated the start of construction on the Mission Trails Project Packages 4 and 5 with a groundbreaking ceremony on December 5th.

The Mission Trails Project provides a variety of street and park improvements which connect San Antonio's historic Spanish missions along a nine-mile route from the Alamo south to Mission Espada. Previous phase packages of the Mission Trails Project that have been completed include the connection of Mission Concepcion, Mission San Jose, Mission San Juan, and Mission Espada. This \$4 million Mission Trails Project Packages 4 and 5 will be the final connection completing the nine-mile route.

Package 4 of this project provides for the reconstruction of Mission Road from Mitchell Street to Roosevelt Avenue, including the realignment of the road near Grove Avenue. The project includes curbs, sidewalks, storm drainage, retaining walls, bike lanes, landscaping, landscape pavers, themed lighting, railroad crossing improvements, ADA

compliant ramps and joint bid utilities. Package 5 includes the installation of various amenities which include decorative benches, picnic tables, trash receptacles and special signage along the Mission Trails Path.

On September 6, 2012, City Council awarded a construction contract for \$4,074,498 to Salinas Construction Technologies. Of the total contract amount, \$444,104 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System; \$537,209 will be reimbursed by CPS Energy and \$2,474,547 will be reimbursed by the Federal Highway Administration. Civil Engineering Consultants is the design consultant.

Project construction is estimated to be completed early 2014.

**David McBeth's** team oversaw the development of the plans while **Arnold Ramirez's** team will be overseeing the construction of the project.

*Community members, the contractor, design consultant and CIMS staff join Councilmember Medina in turning the shovels.*

District 7 City Councilman Cris Medina, City of San Antonio staff and community members celebrated the start of construction on the Seeling Channel Improvements - Phase I Project with a groundbreaking ceremony on December 11th.

The project provides improvements to Seeling Channel, from Woodlawn Lake to Wilson, to reduce flooding. The improvements include converting the existing South Josephine-Tobin Drive Bridge to a pedestrian-only bridge and constructing a new vehicular bridge 300 feet west of the existing bridge.

This project is part of the 2007-2012 Bond Program and is working in conjunction with the Woodlawn Lake Park Pedestrian Bridge Project.

On October 18, 2012, City Council awarded a construction contract for \$15,142,889 to Laughlin-Thyssen, Inc. Of the total contract amount, \$1,364,297 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System; \$73,565 will be reimbursed by CPS Energy for their work. AECOM, Inc. is the design consultant.

Construction is estimated to be completed by September 2015. **David Pulido's** team oversaw the development of the plans while **Christopher Alonzo's** team will be overseeing the construction of the project.



## From the Director's Chair

By Mike Frisbie, P.E., City Engineer

Greetings!

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. I sure did.

With a year coming to a close and a new year upon us, I reflect on all we have accomplished in 2012.

We were able to bring the 2007 Bond Program to substantial completion with 150 projects on-time and under budget. We sent the largest bond in the City of San Antonio's history, in the amount of \$596 million, to the citizens for their approval and got it passed. Also, City Council approved the design consultants who will be providing design services for the new bond



projects. Moreover, we were granted the approval from City Council for the Convention Center Expansion Project, the largest City project to date, and the staff augmentation plan supporting it.

These accomplishments were made possible by the teamwork, dedication, commitment, and the role you played. Each of you has a responsibility in making us shine. I look forward to 2013 and all the shining moments yet to come for us. Happy New Year CIMS family!



## Manuel Vidal retires after 37 years

In 1968, man first orbited the moon and . . . Manuel Vidal started working with the City of San Antonio!

Trained as a civil engineering draftsman at Fox Tech, Mr. Vidal started his career as a drafting technician with the Traffic Department where he worked on signal designs and layouts of streets. Though Mr. Vidal left the City in 1981, he returned in 1989.

"I will miss the work. The City has changed so much with so many improvements and it's grown!" Mr. Vidal started with the Traffic Department which later became the Traffic and Transportation Department then Public Works. Now, he is retiring as a Senior Engineering Technician with CIMS.

Mr. Vidal plans to do some traveling, gambling and catching up on his sports watching! His last day with this City was November 30. We wish you all the best!

## Congratulations to.....



Congratulations to Jaime Lalley-Mora, Special Projects Manager, for completing the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber's Alexander Briseño Leadership Development Program. The program is designed to provide participants with insights on challenges and opportunities in the city.

*Jaime is congratulated by Alex Briseño and Ramiro Cavazos, President & CEO of the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber.*

## Bitter Bulky Drop-Off Center Celebrates Grand Opening



*Solid Waste Director David McCary and Assistant Director David Newman, District 10 City Councilman Carlton Soules, CIMS Assistant Director Razi Hosseini, Deputy City Manager Peter Zandoni and Patricia Bryant with Vertex Corporation open the Drop-Off Center.*

District 10 City Councilman Carlton Soules, City officials and representatives of the construction and engineering firms celebrated the grand opening of the Bitters Bulky Drop-Off Center on January 18th. Although the center is located in District 2, Councilman Soules filled in for Councilwoman Ivy Taylor because he was instrumental in bringing drop-off centers to the City.

With a cost of \$1.2 million, the Center is the first to open in San Antonio. If residents pay the solid waste environmental fee through their energy bill, they are allowed to drop off bulky items for free.

The center accepts appliances, furniture and metal, among other things. Brush is not accepted at this location.

With the opening of this center, City officials hope to reduce illegal dumping. The City currently incurs the costs of cleaning up illegal dump sites.

HES Engineers and KJ Engineering provided services for the project. Dockery Architects was the design consultant. Vertex Corporation was the general contractor.

**Stacy Gonzales**, CIMS Project Manager, oversaw this project for the Solid Waste Management Department.

## Woodlawn Lake Community Room Renovations are Complete

District 7 City Councilman Cris Medina, City of San Antonio staff, and community members cut the ceremonial ribbon on December 18th to mark the completion of renovations and upgrades to the Woodlawn Lake Community Room.

This \$150,000 project upgraded technology infrastructure to support publically accessible Wi-Fi. Other

renovations included new paint, lighting, carpeting and furniture.

At this location, the San Antonio Public Library will offer children's Little Read Wagon/Story Time, teen programming, and the Dare to Read Club for Adults leaning to read English. Citizens can also utilize a newly installed health kiosk for basic health assessment information like

blood pressure, heart rate, weight and Body Mass Index.

F.A. Nunnelly Co. was the general contractor. Beaty Palmer Architects, Inc. and Julianne Hawkins Interior Designer were the design consultants.

**Eric Reyna**, CIMS Project Manager, managed this project for the Parks and Recreation Department.



*Mike Frisbie, Director of CIMS, speaks while District 7 City Councilman Cris Medina looks on. Improvements to the space included new lighting, paint, carpeting and furniture.*

**Special thanks to Ayten Cibildak for her work as Interim PR Manager. Great job, Ayten!**

## Westwood Village Drainage Ph. I Ribbon Cutting Takes Place



District 6 City Councilman Ray Lopez, City of San Antonio staff, and community members cut the ceremonial ribbon on December 19th to mark the completion on the Westwood Village Drainage Phase 1 project on Old Highway 90.

This project reconstructed and expanded the existing drainage culvert under Old Highway 90 at Westwood Village Creek and improved the channel within the City of San Antonio right-of-way. Westwood Village Creek

crosses Old Highway 90 in the vicinity between Westfield Drive and Arvil Avenue.

On November 3, 2011, City Council awarded a construction contract to San Antonio Constructors in the amount of \$645,329. Cude Engineers was awarded the contract as the design consultant.

This project was part of the 2007-2012 Bond Program.

**Richard De La Cruz's** team managed the project for CIMS.



*Councilman Ray Lopez is joined by community members, Mike Frisbie, Director of CIMS and others in cutting the ceremonial ribbon.*

## CIMS is all about the holidays!



Top Left: Cynthia Story,, Aurelia Marotta, Mary Gonzalez and Elvia Fernandez pose at the CIMS Holiday Party. Top Right: Luis Maltos and Jesse Rodriguez enjoy the festivities. Right: Leticia Arzate, Regina Peaches, and Aurelia Marotta cut up on the dance floor.



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*Carol Warkoczewski, City Architect, welcomed a new grandbaby, Emma-Marie. Carol's daughter, Carlá, gave birth on November 18. Congratulations!*

## Happy Birthday! December, January & February

### December

**Jamie Camero**, Vertical Services (2nd); **Vicki Ashelin**, Convention Ctr (5th); **Rolando Lerma**, Project Mgt (9th); **Carlos Mendez**, Vertical Mgt (10th); **Sean Strong**, Project Mgt (14th); **Aurelia Marotta**, Fiscal Services (15th); **Steven Hodges**, Real Estate (21st); **Claudia Ovalles**, Small Business (22nd); **Elizabeth Vidal**, Construction Mgt (23rd); **Jeffrey Rodriguez**, Vertical Services (27th); **Luis Maltos**, Project Mgt (30th); **Ricardo Ramirez**, Construction Mgt (30th); and **Victor Maldonado**, Construction Mgt (31st).

### January

**Courtney McClure**, Labor Compliance (4th); **Roberto Erazo**, Construction Mgt (4th); **Jenny Martinez**, Labor Compliance (5th); **Samuel Blanco**, Environment Mgt (6th); **Peter Rodriguez**, Project Mgt (13th); **Richard Casiano**, Construction Mgt (14th); **Arthur Rossman**, Vertical Mgt (14th); **Imelda Molina**, Vertical

Mgt (18th); **Angelica Mata**, Contract Svcs (20th); **Carol Newman**, Real Estate (20th); **Victor Vasquez**, Project Mgt (20th); **Jose Hernandez**, Construction Mgt (23rd); **David Lopez**, Project Mgt (24th); **Martha Almeria**, Real Estate (24th); **Bill Hensley**, Vertical Mgt (28th); **Alma Nunez**, Vertical Mgt (29th); **Richard Ramirez**, Project Mgt (30th); **Manuel Martinez**, Construction Mgt (30th).

### February

**Michael Guerra**, Project Mgt (3rd); **Ricardo Montes**, Construction Mgt (5th); **Eric Reyna**, Vertical Mgt (6th); **David Hernandez**, Project Mgt (8th); **James Bennett**, Portal (8th); **Rafael Vazquez**, Construction Mgt (8th); **Juan Martinez**, Construction Mgt (10th); **Mike Etienne**, Real Estate (11th); **Melissa Sparks**, Public Relations (11th); **Bianca Zapata**, Fiscal (14th); **Felicia Guzman**, Construction Mgt (14th); **Juan Nieto**, Construction Mgt (17th); **Sandy Garza**, Construction Mgt (24th).

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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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