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The
DISTRICT 5
Heartbeat
Your Community News

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER, ISSUE 4, YEAR IN REVIEW

The End of Year Report: 2015

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

This year has been an incredible and transformative year for District 5; there are so many projects to be excited about and work to be done! My *Let's Paint D5!* project, a neighborhood revitalization program, has been sweeping the district with brand new exterior paint and repairs that bring out the rich heritage of our historic neighborhoods. After securing another \$1,000,000, the *Let's Light Up D5!* program continues to work in enhancing public safety by identifying areas where streetlights need to be fixed, replaced or installed. *Vision Zero*, the traffic safety initiative I brought to San Antonio in May of this year, is manifesting in innovative ways in our city's transportation policy.



Perhaps the most important, however, are your suggestions for what District 5 projects to include in the 2017-2022 Bond Election. As your representative, I rely on you and those like you who are willing to speak up and tell me the needs in your neighborhood.

As we move forward, I want the future generations of our families to feel our momentum as we push District 5 into a state of progress and prosperity—and I would like nothing more than to have the community I love by my side.

Sincerely,



Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales
Your District 5 representative

Pride in **5**
DISTRICT

Vision Zero



Drive safe. Bike safe. Walk safe.

In 2014,

- 54 people were killed while walking in San Antonio
- On average, 2 pedestrians and 1 bicyclists were involved in a crash daily
- 124 crashed per day involved someone driving
- 1 person died while riding their bicycle

The five essential elements for safer streets include:

1. **Education**– Inform the public of safety measures that may be taken whether a person is walking, driving or bicycling.
2. **Encouragement**– Encourage all to follow all traffic laws.
3. **Engineering**– Explore improvements to enhance safety and accessibility along crosswalks, walkways and bikeways.
4. **Enforcement**– Enforce traffic safety and support initiatives such as Click it or Ticket It, Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving and Distracted Driving.
5. **Evaluation**– Evaluate traffic safety efforts and implement improvements as needed.

On September 15, 2015 the City of San Antonio adopted Vision Zero: a policy presented by Councilwoman Gonzales to end traffic fatalities. Councilwoman Gonzales's Vision Zero Initiative is a traffic safety approach that ensures traffic crashes do not result in deaths or serious injuries. Vision Zero is a holistic approach towards eliminating traffic fatalities that looks at infrastructure design and identifies improvements needed including crosswalks, walkways and bike lanes, to maximize safety for pedestrians and motorists alike.



Councilwoman Gonzales leads the Vision Zero Initiative during a press conference introducing the policy to the public.



Councilwoman Gonzales at the State Capitol to introduce the Vision Zero Initiative to the Texas Legislature.

In October of 2015, Councilwoman Gonzales made the trip to our State's capital to encourage lawmakers to adopt statewide Vision Zero legislation in the upcoming 2017 Texas Legislative Session. Having already garnered the support of State Representative Ina Minjarez and State Senator Jose Menendez, Councilwoman Gonzales has taken the lead in maximizing the Vision Zero efforts in a statewide capacity. Councilwoman Gonzales will continue to work with elected officials to make sure that the safety we accomplish through Vision Zero stretches out beyond the limits of the City of San Antonio onto the streets of the State of Texas.

Constituent Services



Over the past year, the office of Councilwoman Gonzales has assisted over **3,000** constituents with SAWS related concerns in District 5.

As of November 2015:

- A total of **305** customers received Project Agua assistance in the amount of **\$30,137.91**.
- **3,903** customers enrolled on the Affordability Discount program.
- **36** customers enrolled in the Courtesy Notice program
- **190** customers enrolled on the Disability Billing program
- An additional **4,617** customers enrolled in the Senior Citizen Billing program.
- District 5 received **17%** of affordability funding, which is the highest of all districts.

In September 2015, Councilwoman Gonzales, along with SAWS, hosted a free event for D5 residents to learn about special discounts & payment assistance. Over 300 families were assisted on the day of the event. In total over 3,000 applications were submitted.

CPS Over **40,000** constituents with CPS related concerns were assisted in D5.
As of Nov. 1, 2015:

- **542** homes were weatherized
- **120** Customer Response Unit cases were opened
- Over **8,123** constituents were enrolled in the Affordability Discount Program
- **614** Residential & Commercial Rebates were issued, totaling **\$285,257**
- **120** Community Engagement events were held

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 DEPARTMENT SERVICE REQUESTS OCTOBER 1, 2014 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2015	
Departments	Total
Animal Care Services	11,748
DSD/Code Enforcement Services	26,571
Parks and Rec	1,657
Solid Waste Management	16,771
Transportation & Capital Improvements	5,742
Total:	62,489

One on One Engagement...Listening & Learning with a voice of reason

Councilwoman Gonzales takes pride in meeting with constituents *in person* to discuss concerns and assist in finding solutions at either of her field offices, city hall office, or while out and about in the City.

Since January 2015, Councilwoman Gonzales has met with over 300 constituents!



Economic Development

The Energy Partnership Innovation Center



District 5 serves as home to the only innovative center developed by a public energy company in the United States. The Energy Partnership Innovation (EPI) Center is located just south of downtown San Antonio on Mission Road. It will include an auditorium for conferences and events, collaborative and open work spaces, energy exhibits, education and presentation areas, office space, and a New Energy Economy think tank. All those activities will bring more people to the area.

With a burgeoning population, growing jobs and mixed-used developments, such as the newly purchased Lone Star Brewery site that also plans to contain

multifamily units, the area is set to become a unique destination where commerce, innovation and family wellbeing thrive.

Another significant project along Mission Road will be the biggest multifamily development project neighboring District 5. Up the street, The Blue Star Arts Complex will serve as one of the bookends to this string of new development and as important anchors to an up-and-coming part of San Antonio. The EPI Center has the potential to turn the vacant, passed-over part of Southtown into a thriving neighborhood where families want to be.

Centro Plaza at VIA Villa

Centro Plaza at VIA Villa is a state of the art transportation hub and marks a milestone in the development of multimodal transportation for the Greater San Antonio Region through the VIA SMARTMove initiatives. Centro Plaza's location in District 5 shows its continued commitment to offering enhanced services and amenities to San Antonians. The Plaza is dedicated to the community and honors the contributions of those who make it possible to celebrate VIA's history in San Antonio.

Information courtesy of VIA Metropolitan Transit



Economic Development

Center for Health Care Services



A rendering of the multi-service facility to replace the existing structure

The new multi-medical center will replace an older facility on South Zarzamora Street. A center that can minimize travel time between services for seniors and residents without transportation is important so that residents can make full use of those services.

Center for Health Care Services (CHCS) will relocate **164** personnel with plans to create **20** new jobs when it

opens in late 2017. Their goal is to build something new in District 5 that can spur other economic activity and become a generator for the area.

We want the community to be healthy and our economic growth to continue to expand, especially as part of the Historic Westside Gateway Project.

Chateau de Vitre Housing



Located just two blocks from the UTSA Downtown campus at Cattlemen Square, the future housing development of Chateau de Vitre is expected to attract a diverse group of tenants that includes students, young profes-

sionals and local residents. The apartment complex will contain **242** units within a **5,000** square foot site. The city and county are providing incentives to make living close to downtown more affordable for a wider range of individuals. To avoid parking issues for those in the area, Vitre will provide parking garages for tenants. Councilwoman Gonzales welcomed the much-needed development to District 5 during the September 2015 groundbreaking. She is excited to see the completion of this project in the next 20 months.

Boards & Commissions



Karen Speers

Animal Care Services Advisory Board

Since her retirement from CPS Energy in 2008, Speers has focused her energy on educating District 5 residents about responsible pet ownership. As a promoter of Spay/Neuter and Trap Neuter Release events, she has worked to achieving low maintenance costs for District 5 residents. In addition to serving on the Advisory Board, Speers is highly active in her neighborhood as a board member for the Collins Garden Neighborhood Association.

Speer's mission is to educate as many as she can about coexisting with other animals in a healthier and positive world.



Robert Gonzales

Transportation Advisory Board

Robert Gonzales has been owner and manager for National Cab Company for 34 years. An advocate in the taxicab industry since 1980, Gonzales stays actively involved with the industry association and industry stakeholders. This will be his second term on the Transportation Advisory Board and has worked to improve the transportation industry by advocating and supporting strong vehicle for hire, and driver regulation.



Guadalupe G. Ochoa

San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees

A lifetime public servant, Ochoa began her civic career immediately following her Masters of Arts degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio. She has worked for many nonprofits as well as holding several positions on the City, State, and National level. Having served on over 8 boards, commissions, and associations, Ochoa has the distinction of having worked in the last three decennial censuses. She now works for CentroMed as a Certified Application Counselor for the Affordable Healthcare Act and Healthcare Reform.



Julius G. Lorenzi

SA2020 Commission on Education

Currently a Special Education major at Palo Alto College, Lorenzi serves as a Youth Volunteer for the Presbyterian Church USA where he collaborates with Divine Redeemer in writing newsletters and helping with the afterschool program. He formerly interned at Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales Office, helping to address and resolve constituent concerns in District 5. Lorenzi has also had the chance to supervise a youth camp for the City's Parks & Recreation Department over the summer. He continues to work in several communities and organizations across San Antonio.

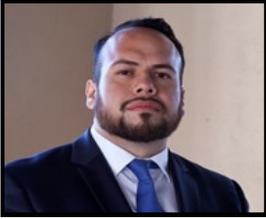


Magdalena B. Alvarado

Ethics Review Board

A member and executive to over a dozen notable organizations and committees, Alvarado also retains several nominations and recognitions including *Outstanding Young Careerist* by the Mexican American Business & Professional Women's Club. The first Latina to accomplish numerous endeavors in the City and several counties, she was also the first Latina to work as a professional Girls Scouts in San Antonio. Alvarado currently works as one of the few bilingual Healthcare Navigator for the Affordable Care Act, helping her community to access secure healthcare.

Boards & Commissions



Ricardo Briones
Zoning Commission

Ricardo Briones is a local attorney and lifelong resident of District 5. He has served the community by being on the Board for San Anto Cultural Arts and currently is a volunteer for the organization. He has represented disadvantaged groups such as DREAM ACT students and UNITE HERE! Hyatt Workers. He has also been a feature speaker for several seminars such as Know Your Rights! Legal Seminar by Southwest Workers Union. He is now a Managing Partner of the Law Office of McKnight & Bravenec.



Gloria Zamora
City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs

As a longtime resident and volunteer of District 5, Gloria serves in an advisory capacity on issues affecting the City/County's elderly citizens, 60 years and older. Her mission is to work to improve the quality of life for seniors in San Antonio and Bexar County through outreach, advocacy and support of senior services.



Jesus Rodriguez
Small Business Advocacy Committee

Rodriguez's professional career spans over 28 years and includes extensive experience in both the public and private sectors. His career includes experience in the fields of engineering analysis and design, computer technology, project and resource management, construction management, quality control and safety training. His education includes a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University he holds certifications as an OSHA Trainer and a Property & Casualty Agent for the Texas Department of Insurance.



Kamala Platt
Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee

Kamala Platt is a San Antonio Texas activist. She is a poet, activist, and comparative literature scholar, presently teaching at UT-Pan American in Edinburg. She earned a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the University of Texas, Austin. Kamala Platt creates her own visual, performance and written works, and supports grassroots activism toward environmental, gender and racial justice. She also spends summers in Kansas, working with The Meadowlark Center, an alternative, arts, education, environmental and social justice center.



Juan F. Solis
Port Authority of San Antonio

Juan F. Solis III, is a former local elected official and currently works as Vice President and Branch Manager for BB&T Bank in San Antonio. In 1999 he was elected as Texas State Representative for District 124, serving one term. Solis' experience includes serving as a tri-chair of the Initial Base Adjustment Strategy Committee (IBASC), formed in 1995 to develop a community response plan as Kelly Air Force Base began closure and its ownership transitioned to the redevelopment organization that is today Port San Antonio.

Boards & Commissions

Carlos J Contreras

Brooks Development Authority

Jazmyn M. Frederick

San Antonio Youth Commission

Jovanna Lopez

SA2020 Commission on Strengthening Family Wellbeing

Maria R. Cruz

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Valeria Hernandez

San Antonio Arts Commission

Gloria Ramirez

San Antonio Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation

Gerardo Gonzalez Noriega

Capital Improvements Advisory Committee

Laura S. Martinez

San Antonio Housing Trust

Hilario Henry Garcia

City Commission on Veterans Affair

Adriel Alvarez

San Antonio Youth Commission

Lori B. Rodriguez

Historic and Design Review Commission

Vanessa L Martinez

Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women

“The Boards & Commissions positions allow San Antonians to engage in local governance and promote civic participation. My hope is for residents to seize these leadership opportunities and make their own unique contribution to the growth of the District 5 community.”

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Available

Disability Access Advisory Committee

Available

Parks and Recreation Board

Available

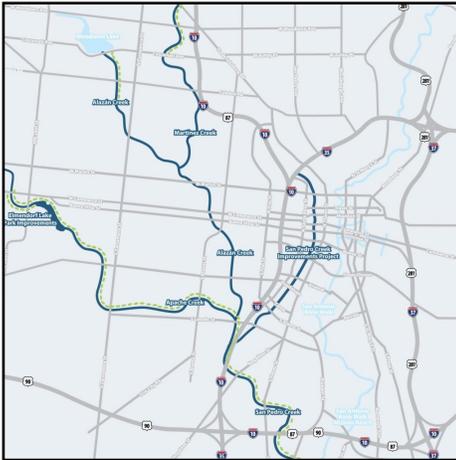
Building Standards Board

Available

Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board

See what positions you can apply for by visiting:
sanantonio.gov/clerk/legislative/boardscommissions.aspx

Westside Linear Creeks



The Westside Creeks Project is a community-based creek restoration effort. Started in 2008 by the San Antonio River Authority, it's mission is to:

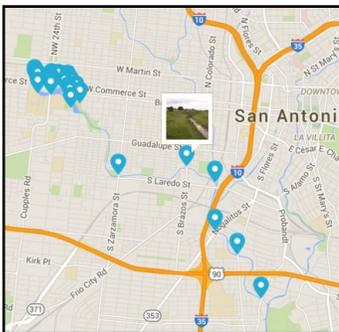
- Develop and advance planning concepts for restoring the environmental condition of the Alazán, Apache, Martínez, and San Pedro Creeks
- Enhance or maintain the current flood control components of these creeks
- Provide increased opportunities for community enjoyment

Apache Creek Trail

The project limits for Apache Creek, also known as the “Charquito de los Apaches”, begins at Elmendorf Lake near the Our Lady of the Lake University campus and runs past the housing authority’s Cassiano Homes, near Avenida Guadalupe and past several parks extending **3.83 miles** to the confluence with San Pedro Creek near the stockyards. Cassiano Park is one of the largest

parks along the Apache Creek. The land was first acquired by the City of San Antonio in 1898 and other property was added in 1936. Construction started in June of 2015.

Total Project Cost: \$3,917,133.00 — CONSTRUCTION IS ESTIMATED TO BE COMPLETED ON MARCH 2016



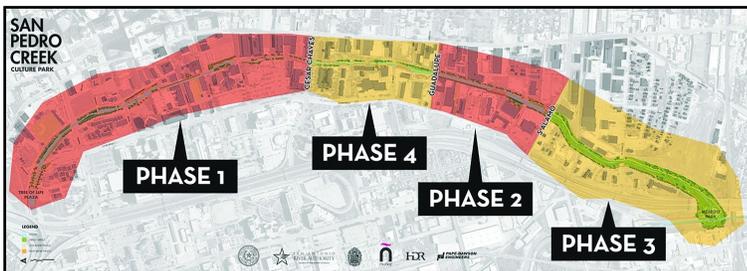
Google Map View of 3.8 Mile Apache Trail



Apache and San Pedro Creek Map of Trailheads, Nodes & Amenities

San Pedro Creek Trail

The boundaries for San Pedro Creek project extends **3.82 miles**, beginning at the creek’s flood control tunnel inlet near the IH 10/IH 35 interchange by W. Quincy and extends to the confluence with the San Antonio River. This historic and once flourishing creek flows behind the Christopher Columbus Italian Society Hall, past the Alameda Theater, Spanish Governor’s Palace, City of San Antonio and Bexar County Offices, past urban residential housing, and an emerging arts district. It then meanders south of downtown through primarily residential neighborhoods before flowing into the San Antonio River, just south of Probandt Street. Bexar County has allocated **\$175 million** for the project. Following final design, Phase 1 is scheduled to begin construction in **2016** and be **completed in 2018** in celebration of the **300th anniversary** of the establishment of the City.



San Pedro Creek— Project Segments by Phase



Conceptual Rendering of “The Outlet,” near the D5 Border (Phase 3)

District 5 Pets & Community Pet Services

FREE Spay & Neuter Surgeries

ACS Service/Activity	FY 15 (Oct 1 – Jul 31)	FY 14 (Oct 1 – Jul 31)	FY 13 (Oct 1 – Jul 31)
D5 Spay & Neuter Surgeries	3,298	3,211	2,221

Last Year **3,298 animals** were spayed or neutered for **FREE** in D5.

NEED YOUR PET SPAYED OR NEUTERED?

The Following D5 ZIP Codes Qualify for Free Surgeries:

78201, 78204, 78207, 78210, 78211, 78214, 78225, 78228, 78237

For more info or to schedule an appointment, call: (210) 207-6688

Microchipping & Wellness Clinics

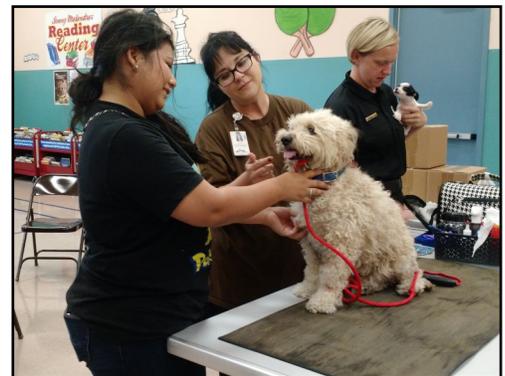
Councilwoman Gonzales & ACS held **3 FREE** Micro-chipping & Wellness Clinics in the district during 2015—resulting in **530 cats and dogs** getting chipped. The first **100** attendees also received **free** rabies shots at each clinic.



Councilwoman Gonzales with D5 residents at the Microchipping & Wellness Clinic

Microchips aid in identifying and reuniting pets with their families and loved ones should they ever become lost. Need your dog or cat microchipped? Stop by ACS headquarters during regular operating hours and get them microchipped for FREE or as low as \$5.

ACS Headquarters — 4710 TX-151 San Antonio, TX 78227.
For more info, call: 210-207-4738



A D5 pup is all smiles after getting his free Microchip



Microchips are now required by law!

Stray & Roaming Dogs

The D5 ACS Report

ACS Service/Activity	FY 15 <i>(Oct 1 – Jul 31)</i>	FY 14 <i>(Oct 1 – Jul 31)</i>	FY 13 <i>(Oct 1 – Jul 31)</i>
IMPOUNDS – Dogs	3,268	3,211	2,221
RETURN TO OWNERS – Dogs	586	434	199
VIOLATIONS ISSUED	1 443	1,022	710



Shirley Sweeps

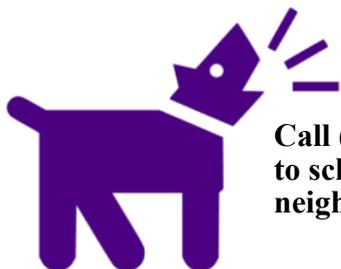
Councilwoman Gonzales has made the pervasive issue of stray animals, particularly dangerous and infirm dogs, one of her top priorities for District 5.

Several times a year, Councilwoman personally walks the streets with ACS and neighborhood leaders in an effort to remove stray and roaming dogs from our neighborhoods. This is all part of the Councilwoman’s larger vision for creating a safe and walkable D5 community.



For example, her walk in the Christ of King area resulted in **18 dogs being impounded, 7 citations issued and 3 dogs being returned** to their owners.

Councilwoman Gonzales continues to work with ACS in a combined effort to identify, address and sweep areas in District 5 where the problem of stray and roaming dogs persists.



Call (210) 207-0960
to schedule a sweep in your
neighborhood!

Park Improvements

Normoyle Park

Along with the grand opening of the transformed Normoyle Senior Center, this year Normoyle Park also received a wide variety of improvements including:

- New walking trail
- Enhanced lighting
- Resurfacing of the basketball court
- Parking lot resurfacing
- Fencing improvements near the softball fields
- Updates to the swimming pool



Collins Garden Park

This year, Councilwoman Gonzales is pleased to announce added safety features surrounding the park to create a safer environment for pedestrians and those visiting the park:

- Reduced speed zones
- Upgraded school zone signs
- Refreshed crosswalks
- Installation of green bike lanes

In August 2015, Councilwoman Gonzales helped break ground for a community garden right in the heart of Collins Garden Park. The garden makes an important contribution to the overall health and food choice in the community, surrounded by exercise equipment and walking trails that promote family fitness and wellbeing.



Light Up The Night!

Due to a generous gift to District 5, the following 5 parks have been identified to receive a share of **100** LED lights to increase visibility, mobility and safety:

- Benavides Park
- Cassiano Park
- Collins Garden Park
- Martinez Park
- Vidaurri Park

Increased lighting at these parks heightens safety and enhances community recreation and wellness by making sure visibility is not restricted as families and community members finish their evening activities.



Lending Our Support

Councilwoman Gonzales allocated a total of \$49,621.83 in 2015 for Community Events

Using **City Council Project Funds (CCPF)** Councilwoman Gonzales was able to provide assistance with local organizations for events in District 5. These events bring the community together and promote health, safety, family welfare, as well as social and economical stability. In addition, these events promote community education and training, which in part prepares the local workforce for productive employment, while meeting the professional needs of the city's economy. Through these projects, districts have the potential to revitalize their neighborhoods and create foundations for sustainable communities. Councilwoman is proud to continue to support her district through these events for years to come.



Helping to provide D-5 seniors with basic needs, education and stimulating programs.



Helping D-5 neighborhoods have the best National Night Out in San Antonio.



Supporting events that have impacts on future generations such as Father's Day.



Making sure our children are prepared with events like Back to School.



Lending a hand in small yet meaningful local events like library youth programs.



Helping to cultivate a culture of local artistry and expression in District 5.



Supporting our Veterans through events like VFW Posts and homeless prevention.



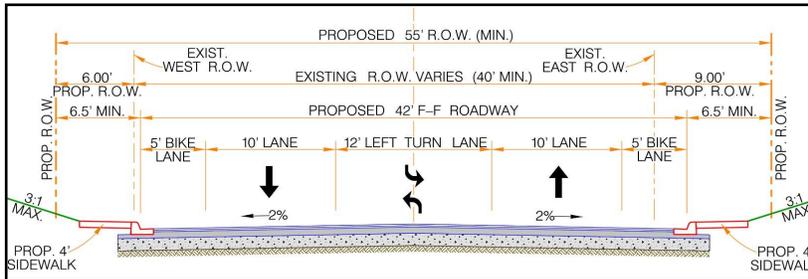
Supporting family occasions that bring residents together such as Posadas.



Preserving the community's heritage through cultural events all over D-5.

D5 Bond Projects

Cupples Rd



The above diagram is an example of the proposed street widening and lane configuration for Cupples Road.

- **Location:** Merida St to Castroville Rd
- **Scope of Work:** Reconstruction and widening over half a mile of Cupples Road from two 15 ft lanes to two 10' ft travel lanes with one 12 ft center turn lane. The addition of 4 ft sidewalks and new bike lanes will enhance public safety. Driveway approaches and drainage will be added as needed.
- **Appropriations:** \$6,612,723
- **Status:** Advertising Contract-Ordinance
- **Projected Completion:** August 2017

Frio City Rd

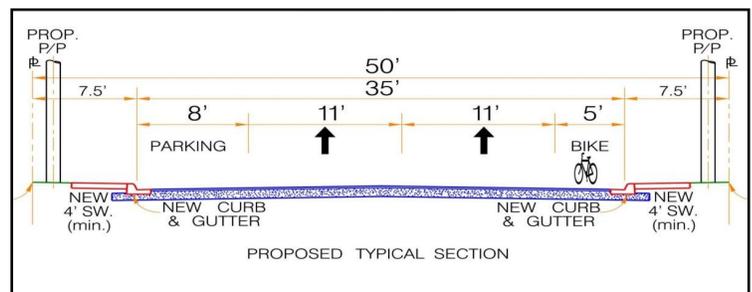


Frio City Road is now complete with 2 miles of fresh overlay, striping that creates distinctive lanes, along with pedestrian safety enhancements.

- **Location:** W Malone to Brazos St
- **Scope of Work:** Street pavement mill & overlay for over 2 miles of Frio City Road. Brand new street markings were included. 4 ft sidewalks were ensured for pedestrian mobility. Traffic signal at the Zarzamora intersection were also upgraded. Storm drain inlets were included as a part of this project.
- Savings from this project were redirected towards funding sidewalks for Thompson PI from General Hudnell to SW 28th St.
- **Appropriations:** \$5,039,174
- **Status:** COMPLETE

Theo & Malone Corridors

- **Location:** S. Zarzamora St to I-35
- **Scope of Work:** Total reconstruction of both avenues into two 11 ft travel lanes, 8 ft parking lanes and 5 ft bike lanes. 4 ft sidewalks will be added along with curbs, drain inlets and driveway approaches. New traffic signals will be added to the Nogalitos intersections. Under I-35, 6 ft sidewalks and pedestrian crossing signals will be added for safe passing.
- **Appropriations:** \$20,685,805
- **Status:** UNDER CONSTRUCTION
- **Projected Completion:** February 2017



The above diagram represents how the community will travel on each of the avenues once construction is completed.

D5 Bond Projects

Boys & Girls Clubhouse

- **Location:** 829 Nogalitos St.
- **Scope of Work:** The Mays Family Clubhouse will provide 21,000 sq ft of recreational and administrative space in the Lonestar neighborhood to include: gymnasium, parking spaces, administrative offices, landscaping, indoor basketball court, curbside walks, classrooms, site utilities, teen lounge areas, and connection to San Pedro Creek.
- **Funding agreement:** \$1,850,000
- **Status:** DESIGN
- **Groundbreaking:** October 21st, 2015
- **Projected Completion:** January 2017



Mays Family Clubhouse will be the latest Boys Girls Clubhouse in San Antonio, located at 829 Nogalitos in the Lonestar neighborhood.

Normoyle Senior Center

- **Location:** Community center at 700 Culberson Ave.
- **Scope of Work:** Now operating as a senior and multigenerational center, the renovated Normoyle Center received 3,970 additional sq ft to the existing 13,000 sq ft in recreational, community and administrative spaces. These features include a renovated gymnasium, nursing center, computer lab, fitness room, arts & crafts room, and wide variety of senior and youth programming.
- **Appropriations:** \$1,750,000
- **Status:** COMPLETED
- **Grand Opening:** October 21st, 2015



The grand opening event included the introduction of several exciting additions to the center, such as attentive nursing staff, brand new exercise equipment for seniors and a lounge room fully decorated with modern furnishings.

To reach the center,
please call:
210.924.0770



D5 Bond Projects

Laredo Bridge

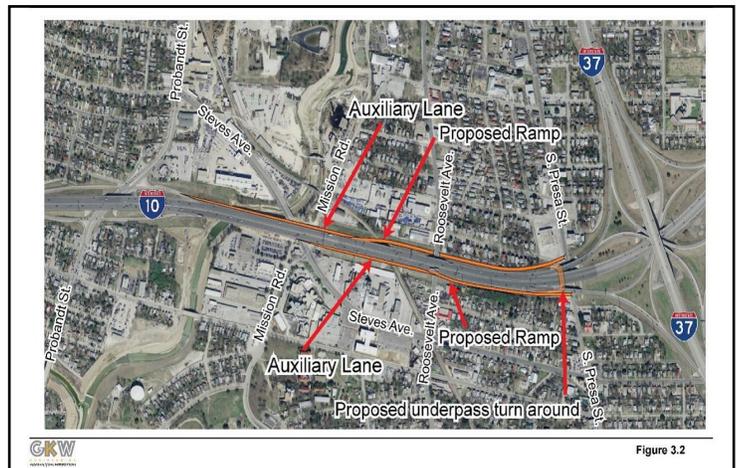
- **Location:** Bridge between S. Brazos St and S. San Marcos St
- **Scope of Work:** The bridge and underlying drainage system was replaced with stronger reinforced culvert pipes. The street received a brand new overlay with fresh striping for distinctive lanes. 6 ft wide sidewalks were added to enhance pedestrian safety and accessibility in such a busy, commercial area.
- **Appropriations:** \$1,940,000
- **Status:** COMPLETED



Councilwoman Gonzales demonstrates the width and accessibility of the new 6ft wide sidewalks on the bridge

S. Presa Hwy Ramps (US 90)

- **Location:** Proposed entrance/exit ramps at S. Presa
- **Scope of Work:** Project will entail the design of an entrance ramp at US 90 and Presa St. for the westbound US 90 traffic and an exit ramp at US 90 and Presa St. for the eastbound US 90 traffic. Project will include an entrance ramp from Roosevelt St. to US 90 westbound, an access road from Presa St. to Roosevelt in the westbound direction, as well as improvements to S. Presa St.
- **Appropriations:** \$16,128,240
- **Status:** PRE-DESIGN



- **Location:** Renovations to current GCAC center.
- **Scope of Work:** In an agreement with the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, the interior will be renovated with the addition of a gallery and meeting space for art exhibitions, education and community events. Staff office spaces will also be added as an expenditure separate from the 2012-2017 Bond Program.
- **Funding agreement:** \$845,000
- **Status:** PRE-DESIGN
- **Projected Completion:** October 2016

Guadalupe Cultural Arts



Quiet Zones

Frio St

- **Location:** Commerce St to Cesar Chavez Blvd
- **Scope of Work:** Improvements will be made to pedestrian connectivity on Frio Street between Commerce and Cesar Chavez. New sidewalks, hawk signals, lighting improvements and the addition of bike lanes will enhance safety in an area where students, bus riders and workers are the primary pedestrian traffic.
- **Appropriations:** \$1,700,000
- **Status:** PRE-DESIGN
- **Projected Completion:** February 2016

LEGEND	
	RECONSTRUCTED NEW MEDIAN
	EXISTING MEDIAN
	EXISTING MEDIAN TO BE REMOVED
	EXISTING LANDSCAPE



2017-2022 Bond Election

We need your voice!

The 2017-2022 Bond Election will provide the opportunity for the community to decide what projects are best for the community at-large. Bond level projects are usually high dollar projects that cannot be funded through the annual general budget. Every five years, an election is held to determine what projects the voters will approve for funding through bond dollars. Infrastructure improvement categories that could be funded through the bond include:

- Streets, Bridges & Sidewalks
- Drainage & Flood Control
- Parks, Recreation & Open Space
- Parks, Recreation & Open Space
- Library, Museum & Cultural Arts Facilities

Get in touch with Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales Office to tell her what you think the important needs are in the community. Call, reach out on social media or send us a descriptive email!

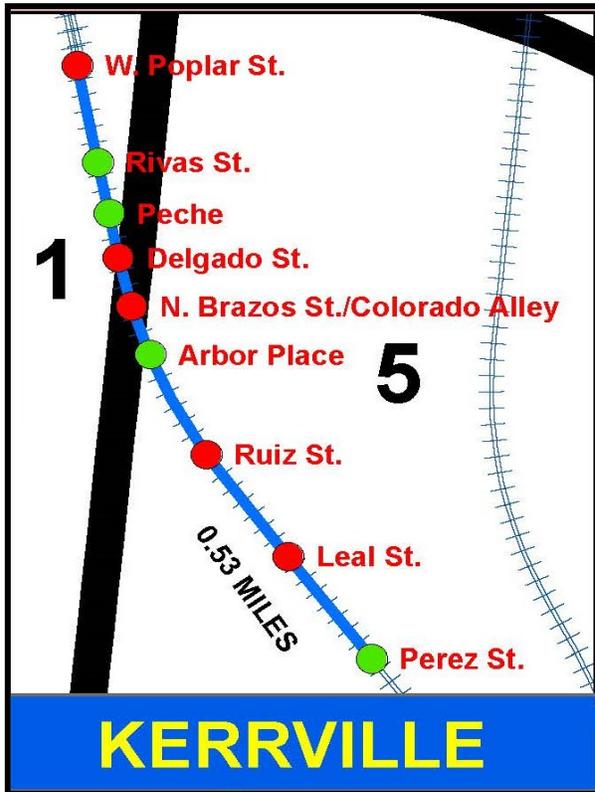
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City Hall Office
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210-207-7043

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Quiet Zones



Kerrville

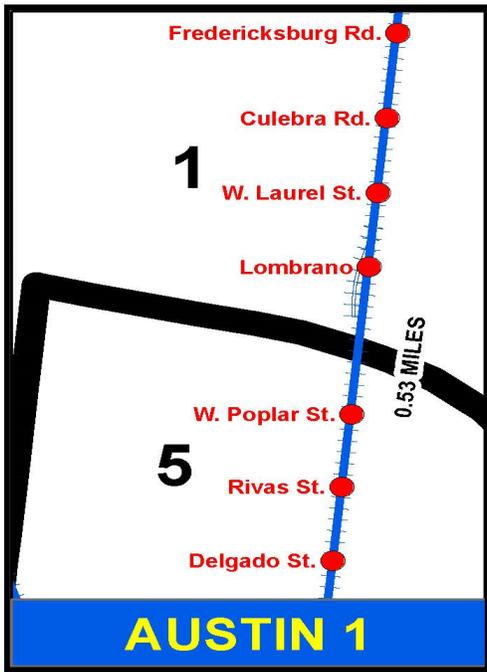
- The Kerrville Quiet Zone is currently in the design process.
- This quiet zone includes nine (9) crossings (Poplar, Rivas, Peche, Delgado, Brazos, Arbor, Ruiz, Leal and Perez)
- Quiet Zone Length: approximately 0.53 miles

Lone Star - Kerrville

- City staff is in the process of preparing paperwork and FRA calculations to be submitted with the NOI, early next year (2016).
- This quiet zone includes four (4) crossings (S. Flores, Laredo, Pecos La Trinidad and Medina)
- Quiet Zone Length: approximately 0.50 miles

Austin

- Staff is in the process of calculating each crossing and preparing paperwork to the FRA for feasibility.
- This quiet zone includes seven (7) crossings : Fredericksburg [D1], Culebra [D1], Laurel [D1], Lombrano [D1], Poplar [D5], Rivas [D5], and Delgado [D5]). Four (4) crossings are located in District 1 and three (3) crossings are located in District 5
- Quiet Zone Length: approximately 1.38 miles



Quiet Zones



Railroad Quiet Zones are established when train crews do not sound the horn at sections of a railroad corridor near the railroad crossings. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) provides the requirements necessary to establish Quiet Zones and has the ability to approve/disapprove the implementation of a Quiet Zone. Trains are allowed to honk their horns in cases of emergencies or to comply with federal regulations or other railroad operating rules.

Councilwoman Gonzales has worked relentlessly to address the concerns of the District 5 neighbors that live near railroad crossings to help implement new Quiet Zones. The Councilwoman continues to work closely with the City of San Antonio's Transportation and Capital Improvements Department, Congressman Joaquin Castro and Union Pacific to make sure we safely establish the necessary Quiet Zones in District 5.

Lone Star Del Rio

- The Lone Star Del Rio Quiet Zone was established on May 20, 2015
- This quiet zone includes six (6) railroad crossings (S. San Marcos Street, S. Flores Street, Ellis Bean [closed], Probandt Street, S. St. Mary's Street [closed], and S. Presa Street)
- Quiet Zone Length: approximately 1.75 miles



Frio City

- The Frio City Quiet Zone was established on June 12, 2015
- This Quiet Zone includes six (6) railroad crossings: Brazos, Pendleton, Cumberland, Drake/Academic, Harriman Pl and Zarzamora
- Quiet Zone Length: approximately 1.16 miles



Housing & Neighborhood Improvements

Let's Paint D-5!

The D5 Let's Paint Program is a home rehabilitation program that includes exterior paint and minor repairs. After having successfully secured CDBG, HOME and General Funds for the one of a kind D5 Let's Paint Program, this past year proved a productive year for home rehabilitation in District 5. Councilwoman Gonzales has secured an additional **\$200,000** for the 2016 fiscal year in addition to the **\$750,000** already allocated for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

To Date:

63 homes out of 80 have been completed with a full paint job and minor repairs made on the exterior of the home.

214 Helena



Before & After



“ Thank you for the paint program that you have. My wife and I just got our house painted because of this program. Carlos and his staff from the city did an excellent job of keeping us informed about what was going on. The contractor did an excellent job of painting and repairing all that needed to be done. We live on Sims Ave. just down from the Nogalitos field office. Our house has been receiving complements from the neighbors and from people parking by the school waiting for their children. So once again, thank you. ”

— George Santella
Proud District 5 homeowner

318 Hortencia



Before & After



Dial-A-Trailer

Since September, 2015 we've collected...

148.66 tons of unwanted items on **28 occasions** with an average of **2.4 times per month**

The Dial A Trailer program provides residents of District 5 the opportunity to get rid of unwanted bulky items, brush, metals and tires. The trailers are placed throughout District 5 and mostly located near churches, schools and neighborhoods.

Dial A Trailer events are scheduled on Saturdays from 8:30 am to 12 pm at least twice per month. Special pick ups may be arranged for urgent cases.

Housing & Neighborhood Improvements

Let's Paint D-5: Completed Homes

435 Taft



**Before
&
After**



1115 Merida



**Before
&
After**



Housing & Neighborhood Improvements

Let's Paint D-5: Completed Homes

306 Southlawn



**Before
&
After**



402 N San Horacio



**Before
&
After**



Housing & Neighborhood Improvements

Let's Paint D-5: Completed Homes

3410 San Fernando

1650 SW 19th



**Before
&
After**

**Before
&
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Housing & Neighborhood Improvements

Let's Paint D-5: Completed Homes

508 Dowdy



**Before
&
After**



1146 Sims



**Before
&
After**



Information & Resources

Nogalitos Field Office moves to Collins Garden



Rendering provided by Alvidrez Architecture, Inc.

This January 2016 the **Nogalitos Field Office will be moved** into Collins Garden Library, which will be renovated and expanded to include:

- Entry plaza with outdoor seating
- Expanded front of building by approx. 800 sq ft.
- Improved exterior sidewalk
- Increased the number of computers
- Designated spaces for children and teens
- New service desk for more convenient access
- New flex room for meetings
- New carpet and paint the walls
- Renovated existing restrooms
- Improved ADA accessibility

ARCHITECT
Alvidrez Architecture Inc.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR
MGB Construction

CITY FUNDING
\$724,000 TOTAL

FY2016 City Holiday Schedule

As San Antonio’s numerous festivities and holidays approach, it is important for our constituents to know when the City is available to serve you. That’s why we’ve included a brief schedule for the upcoming holidays closures.

Proposed Holiday Schedule	
Christmas Eve – December 24, 2015	New Year’s Day – January 1, 2016
Christmas Day – December 25, 2015	Martin Luther King Jr. Day – January 18, 2016
Winter Holiday – December 28, 2015	Fiesta San Jacinto Day – April 22, 2016
City Closure – December 29, 2015	Memorial Day – May 30, 2016
City Closure – December 30, 2015	Independence Day – July 4, 2016
Winter Holiday – December 31, 2015	Labor Day – September 5, 2016

Public Safety

Light Up D5!

For the second year in a row, District 5 is getting another **\$1,000,000** to “Light Up D5” neighborhood streets. What started as a District 5 project will now be expanded to all 10 districts with District 5 getting an additional \$30,000 to install more lights, thanks to the efforts of Councilwoman Gonzales.

What does this program include?

- Increased visibility, mobility and safety of our neighborhood
- Making sure our schools, parks, senior centers and churches are fully visible and safe
- Optimizing light around essential public institutions with the use of LED neighborhood lights.



A comparison between HPS and LED shows the difference in light uniformity and visibility

As part of this program, we ask community members to report burnt, missing or broken street light bulbs, incomplete installations, and/or dark areas that are suitable sites for possible new installations.

A New Approach to Lighting Neighborhood Streets

Jean Street is a pilot project where we have 5 lights rather than the traditional 3 per block. The neighborhood blocks receive uniform lighting around the homes and provide additional safety for all those traveling on the street.

LED Luminaires are set to replace over **20,000** high-pressure sodium (HPS) bulbs in the commercial corridors and neighborhood streets. The benefits of LED lights are numerous in both quality and efficiency.

Pedestrian Z- Crossings



The above rendering roughly shows how Culebra Road will look after Z-Crossings are installed. The medium in the middle allows pedestrians to take their time when crossing busy roads like Culebra. Notice the additional signage, lights and overall design of the road itself contribute to the general safety of vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians.

Z-Crossings are pedestrian crossings that provides a refuge in the middle of the roadway. This allows a pedestrian to watch traffic in one direction at a time to enhance crossing safety. It is paired with appropriate signage, markings and flashing beacons to emphasize the crossing location.

As a component of her Vision Zero initiative, Councilwoman Gonzales has successfully secured funding through the Texas Legislature for Z-Crossings in District 5 and even beyond.

- **Location 1:** Culebra, between Rawlings and NW 28th Street
- **Location 2:** Commerce, in the vicinity of Elmendorf Lake
- **Appropriations:** \$375,000 from FY 2016
- **Status:** Currently in design

Volunteers & Community



“This year, I continue to be touched by the unwavering dedication of our interns, volunteers and partners in the community. The passion of our neighborhoods is seen through the warmth, support and hard work that is radiated when we work as a team. A sincere thanks to all those who have given it their all for the betterment of their community.”

— Shirley Gonzales



Well Wishes from District 5



“My staff and I wish you a safe, happy holiday and a wonderful New Year. I hope you spend the rest of this year in the comfort and joy of your loved ones.”

— *Quintana Jones*

Important Resources and Contacts

24 hr. City Hotline.....	311 or 207-6000
Utility/Rental Assistance.....	207-7830
Housing Rehabilitation.....	207-0147
Fair Housing.....	207-5910
Senior Services.....	207-7172
Childcare Services.....	230-6300
Health Department.....	207-8780
SAPD (West Substation)	207-7420
SAPD (South Substation).....	207-8191
SAFFE Office (West).....	207-0810
SAFFE Office (South)	207-8964
SAPD Non-emergency.....	207-7273
Animal Care Services.....	207-4738
Graffiti.....	207-6460
CPS Energy.....	353-2222
SAWS.....	704-7297
VIA Metro Transit.....	362-2020
United Way.....	211
Animal Resource Center	351-SPAY

Get In Touch

Office hours: 9:00am—5:00pm

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January 2016, will move to:
Collins Garden Field Office
200 N Park Blvd
San Antonio, Texas 78204



Email us at: district5@sanantonio.gov

Seeking Interns:

- *Knowledge of Word & Excel required
- *College students and recent grads welcome
- *5 hours per week minimum

Seeking Volunteers:

- *Must enjoy working with people from all walks of life.
- *Hours/days may vary