

## Groundbreaking, ribbon-cutting ceremonies showcase infrastructure progress



Almost half of the City's Council Districts have plenty to cheer about as recent groundbreaking and ribbon-cutting ceremonies celebrated the start or completion of road projects.

District 3 Councilwoman Jennifer Ramos and District 4 Councilman Philip Cortez (top left photo) led a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Ansley Boulevard project. Joining in the ceremony were CIMS staff (including Pat Mota, Kent Hickingbottom and Ruben Guerrero), former District 4 Councilman Richard Perez, community members, and officials from Alamo Consulting Engineering and Surveying and San Antonio Constructors.

The Ansley project, funded by 1999 and 2003 drainage improvement bonds, included reconstruction from Zarzamora to Wilma Jean, 4-foot sidewalks,

curbs, driveway approaches, underground drainage, and earthen channel work.

District 4 broke ground (top right photo) for the Zarzamora project, which includes rebuilding the thoroughfare to five lanes, two 5-foot bike lanes, curbs, sidewalks, and driveway approaches from Loop 410 to Hutchins Street. The project will improve Hunter Boulevard from Zarzamora to Janice Lavon and two nearby drainage ditches.

Zarzamora is scheduled for completion in the



summer of 2010. The \$17 million project is part of the 2007-2012 Bond Program.

Lockwood, Andrews and Newnam Inc. is the consultant and Texas Sterling Construction Co. is the contractor.

In the photo below, District 6 Councilwoman Delicia Herrera and District 7 Councilman Justin Rodriguez join CIMS (including John Donnelly and David Matney), community leaders, and representatives from consultant Chiang, Patel &

Yerby Inc. and contractor Texas Sterling Construction Co. in celebrating the completion of the Tezel reconstruction project.

The \$14.8 million Tezel work, part of a 1999 Street Bond Metropolitan Planning Organization project, was jointly funded by the federal government and the City. Other funding sources were 2001 and 2004 certificates of obligation. The Texas Department of Transportation managed the nearly 2-mile project.

Tezel from Old Tezel to Timber Path was widened to 69 feet (four lanes) with turn lanes, curbs, 6-foot sidewalks, drainage, signal improvements, and 6-foot bicycle lanes. Other enhancements included street print, colored and stamped concrete in the medians, and a landscaped area.

Construction began in 2005.





# From the Director's Chair



By Mike Frisbie, P.E., City Engineer

Greetings CIMS!

My family's recent vacation in Arizona reminded me of the intense heat in that part of the country, with temperatures well above 100 most of the time. I will gladly take San Antonio's upper-90s weather any time.

Still, Mother Nature cannot match the energy that is driving our Capital Improvements Program.

Here, in the middle of summer, it is full steam ahead as CIMS and City staff take giant steps in the 2007-2012 Bond Program and capital improvements.

We negotiated and executed the three Program Management contracts for the \$550 Million Bond Program. This effort was handled by many folks, including Debbie Sittre, Denise Shaffer, Razi Hosseini, Kent Hickingbottom, Sam Hutchins, and Art Sosa.

This is a great accomplishment that will help us deliver the Bond Program on time. Great job team!

The Design Guidance Manual and new Specifications have now



been implemented. These specifications are available on the CIMS website.

I want to thank Razi and Luis Maltos for heading up these efforts; they were critical in ensuring we got the best product.

Their work and the input from our Divisions will make sure the City continues to "Build a Great San Antonio." Thanks to all who helped with these documents!

How about the 1999 Bond?

In November 2007, we had 11 projects in design

funded through the 1999 Bond Program. We now have only three projects remaining in design.

In the last month, City Council awarded construction contracts for Callaghan, Nacogdoches, Prue, Stahl and Woodlawn.

Of the three remaining projects, one (Medical at Fredericksburg) is tied to our 2007-2012 Bond Program.

On a personal note, I am happy to report that I am now a licensed professional engineer in the state of Texas.

Keep up the excellent work and I will talk to you soon!

## Did you know?

## International Center available for non-City functions

The International Conference Center, a facility located above the San Antonio River Walk, is now part of the CIMS family.

Although the main focus of the room is for use by City departments, it is also available to the general public needing meeting space. The Conference Center became part of CIMS when Asset Management merged with the department.

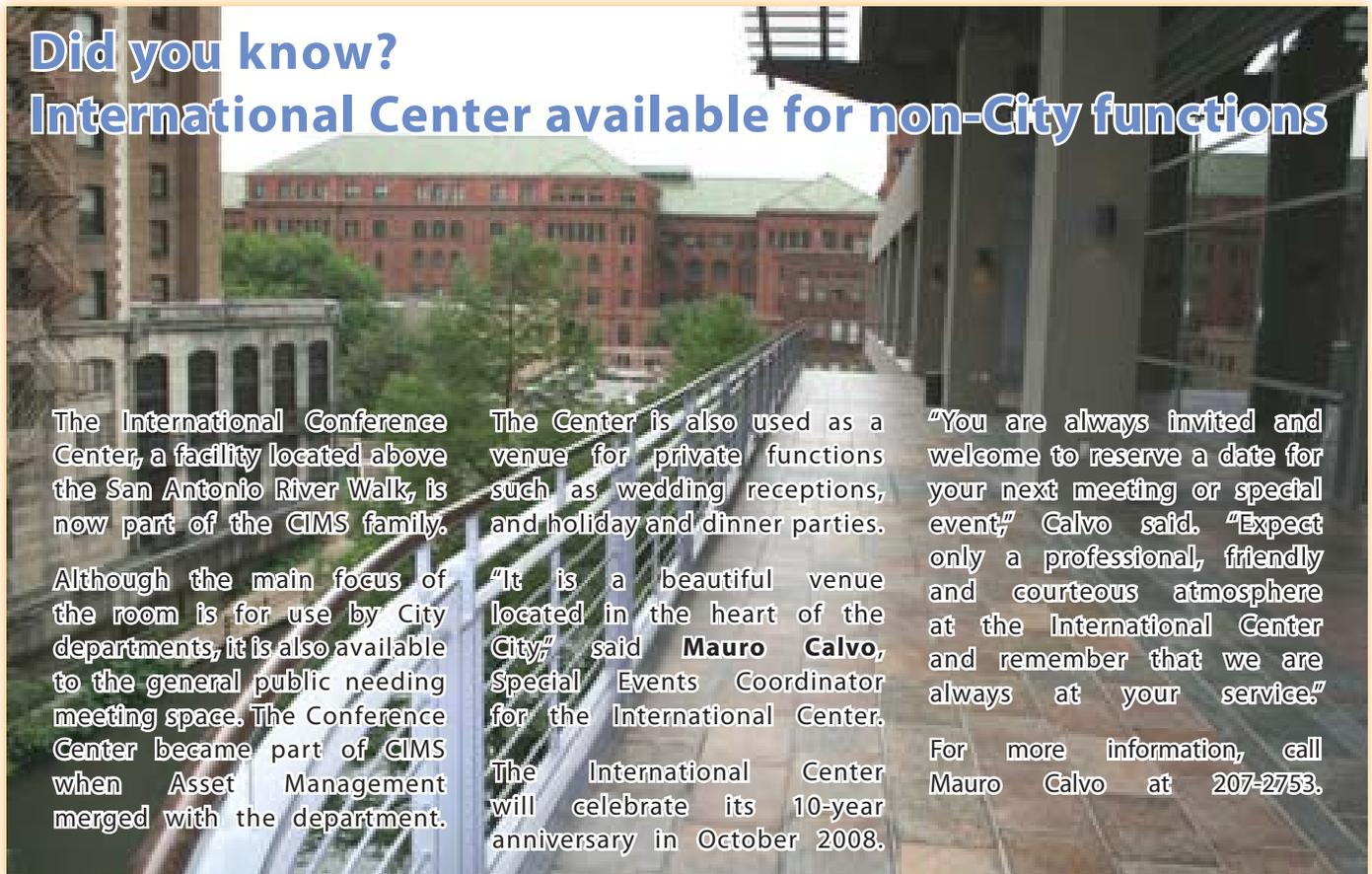
The Center is also used as a venue for private functions such as wedding receptions, and holiday and dinner parties.

"It is a beautiful venue located in the heart of the City," said Mauro Calvo, Special Events Coordinator for the International Center.

The International Center will celebrate its 10-year anniversary in October 2008.

"You are always invited and welcome to reserve a date for your next meeting or special event," Calvo said. "Expect only a professional, friendly and courteous atmosphere at the International Center and remember that we are always at your service."

For more information, call Mauro Calvo at 207-2753.



# CIMS Whims

## David Lopez now is professional engineer

In the words of Senior Engineering Associate **David Lopez**, he is now breathing a sigh of relief.



Lopez passed his exam to become a professional engineer. The two-year City employee has a Bachelor of Architectural Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin.

Congratulations David!

## Manuel De La Torre named CI Supervisor



**Manuel De La Torre**, a 17-year City employee, has been promoted from Construction Inspector II to Construction Inspection Supervisor.

De La Torre, who started in Public Works Street Maintenance, is now responsible for a crew of six. Keep up the good work Manuel!

## Valerie Alegria receives Bachelor's degree

Congratulations to **Valerie Alegria**, Administrative Assistant I in Project Management - Buildings/Parks, for earning a college degree in May.

Alegria received a Bachelor of Arts

in Social Service & Humanities with a minor in Business Administration from St. Mary's University.

## Guillermo Moya extends invitation to SAEP event

Architect **Guillermo Moya** is inviting everyone to the San Antonio Education Partnership's 20th anniversary celebration.

The celebration, "Flashback for the Future," is scheduled from 6 p.m. to midnight Aug. 23 at La Villita's Maverick Plaza. Moya, an alumnus of SAEP's first group in 1988, is on the planning committee.



The Partnership was established to increase academic performance levels, school completion rates, and college attendance among at-risk high school students. SAEP makes college possible for students who take personal responsibility for their own future.

Table reservations for the celebration are available by calling Moya at 207-2147 or John Benage at 229-9900.

## Arthur Sosa addresses longtime Lions Club

City Architect **Arthur Sosa** (shown in the photo at the top of the next column) was the guest speaker at the June meeting of the Founder Lions Club of San Antonio, one of the oldest clubs in the world. Sosa gave a history of Main Plaza and described the plaza's redevelopment.



## Cynthia Story's vacation tale

**Cynthia Story**, Administrative Associate in Technical Services, headed just north of Texas for her vacation this year.

She is shown in the photo below with her sister, Nancy Young, at Mount Scott in the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma.



## Carlos Mendez writes, doing well in Iraq

Landscape Architect **Carlos Mendez** sent a postcard from his military assignment in Kyrgyzstan saying he is fine and safe.

The weather halfway around the world has been above 100 degrees, with hotter temperatures expected in August. Mendez said his deployment with Operation Enduring Freedom is taking him back to Iraq.

## CIMS continues to add employees

CIMS is pleased to announce the following additions to our department: **Kristyl Smith**, Special Projects Manager; **Michael Cuellar**, Contract Officer; **Angelica Gloria**, Engineering Technician; **Tammy Caverly**, Department Systems Aide; **Peter Herrera**, Surveyor; **Sylvia Starrett**, Senior Economic Development Specialist; **Brenda Navarro**, Economic Development Specialist; **Theresa Larson**, Senior Environmental Protection Officer; **Regina Peaches**, Financial Accountant II; and **Armando Delgado**, Administrative Associate.

Employees who were part of Asset Management, which merged with CIMS, are: **Oscar Serrano** and **Chris Kurzon**, Real Estate Managers; **Mick Haase** and **Aurora Garza**, Senior Management Analysts; **Angelica Mata**, **Martha Almeria**, **David Segovia**, and **Jesse Quesada**, Management Analysts; **George Treviño**, Architect Assistant; **Mauro Calvo**, Special Activities Coordinator; **Terri Lee**, Administrative Assistant II; **Lupe Bustos**, Executive Secretary; and **James Ramirez**, Fiscal Officer.

Immersed in his work



CIMS Surveyor Fred Rojas holds a prism as he and a survey crew gather field information at Olmos Dam as part of a flood study. Survey party chief is Noe Del Valle.

## Public Art Division assumes role in Medal of Honor monument

"Military City, USA" will soon see development of another initiative to acknowledge the service of our military heroes while also enhancing Veterans Memorial Plaza and creating a focal point for downtown's energy.

With Mayor Phil Hardberger's leadership, CIMS' Public Art Division is working with the Economic Development Department and Veterans Affairs Commission to develop a new memorial to honor local Medal of Honor recipients.



The Plaza is near Jefferson and Martin Streets and includes other military memorials, including the Vietnam and Korean Veterans' Memorials. Also notable in this list is Municipal

Auditorium, which is a memorial to soldiers killed in World War I and is slated to be redeveloped as a state-of-the-art performing arts center.

City Council approved the selection of Tucson-based artist Barbara Grygutis, who has more than 30 years' public art experience, to design the memorial. Grygutis is creating conceptual designs for presentation at a public meeting July 29 at UTSA's Downtown Campus, Durango Building. For details, visit [www.samoh.org](http://www.samoh.org).



## What's Ahead?

- Thursday, July 10 - Goliad Road Phase I ribbon-cutting ceremony, 10 a.m., northeast corner of Goliad and S.E. Military Drive (next to Walgreens)
- Thursday, July 24 - CIMS quarterly meeting, Central Library, 3 to 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 29 - District 2 Councilwoman Sheila McNeil and San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside community celebration for completion of East Commerce project, 10 a.m., corner of East Commerce and Pine Street (Friedrich Building)

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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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