



River Walk project opens new sidewalks

CIMS is doing its part to improve areas that were designated as "high priority" on the River Walk.

Capital improvements include new sidewalks to meet accessibility standards, and replacement of

existing stairs with sloped walks or ramps to ease pedestrian traffic, thus giving existing trees and vegetation more room to grow, CIMS Senior Architect **Guillermo Moya** said.

"The challenge is maintaining the historic fabric with the new work," Moya said.

The latest River Walk section to be enhanced is known as Area 4, which is behind Briscoe Western Art Museum, formerly Hertzberg Museum. Approximately 150 feet of sidewalks were improved as seen in the left photo. The right photo shows



a newly installed fountain, whose site was a planter for more than a decade.

Other areas that have seen improvements are by the Marriott River Walk and Drury/La Mansion hotels, and by Casa Rio Restaurant. The project also brought electrical upgrades to the Presa Street Bridge at the river level. New electrical panels, conduits, lines, and outlets will be used for Christmas lights.



BIM technologies helping Vertical achieve outstanding results

Technological advances are designed to help everyone do better and more cost-effective work.

One of the advances that is particularly helpful to architects is Autodesk's Revit® Building Information Modeling (BIM) software. BIM is a parametric database that gives complete development of information resources to be placed in a building "model" during



the early stages of design, City Architect **Betty Feldman** said.

Revit® provides a

complete inventory of everything in a building from early stages of design to construction. This feature facilitates

the management and maintenance schedule of the facility.

The photo shows a rendering of a possible public safety headquarters at the old K-Mart property on Santa Rosa Street. The 3D image was created on Revit®.

Feldman said several architecture firms involved with City projects are using Revit®, and hopes consultants will follow suit.

From the Director's Chair

By Mike Frisbie, P.E., City Engineer

Greetings CIMS team. Where is 2009 going? Our department turned 2 years old on October 1. In human years, CIMS is still an infant.

In reality, however, CIMS has been growing and developing very quickly, facing challenges, pushing ourselves and others to meet deadlines, producing results, and delivering projects on time and within budget. CIMS is not your typical 2-year-old.

In just a few months, we will turn the calendar to 2010. Next year will be the busiest construction period in San Antonio's history and our department will be the grown-up leader in this activity.

Fifty-eight projects from the 2007-2012 Bond Program are scheduled to start construction in the 2010 fiscal year.

Those projects include Bulverde Road (Loop 1604 to Evans Road); Medina Base Road Phase 1; Walters Street (Interstate 35 to Fort Sam Houston gate); Commercial Tributary Phase II (Petaluma to I-35); Ave Maria Outfall (Ave Maria



to Burwood); Green Street Phase 1; Tom Slick Park; and District 3 and 9 libraries.

The upcoming projects either cover specific areas of San Antonio or have Citywide benefit for all residents. I am excited as the fruits of the Bond Program are becoming a reality, and the CIMS team - whatever your role may be - is molding the program's success.

Our Web-based Dashboard, which uses various colors to show different stages of progress and the latest status of the Bond Program, will begin to flourish next year. The Dashboard gives feedback on whether the projects are on schedule and on budget.

Dashboard colors are blue for ahead of schedule; green for on time; yellow for off schedule; and red for behind schedule. Currently, our projects are 92 percent in the green range. All of us will be responsible for keeping the Bond Program in blue or green.

Thanks for all your effort and get ready for what will be a busy 2010!



Exceptional customer service recognized

CIMS is looking to recognize our employees - individuals or teams - for exceptional customer service to citizens and to fellow City workers.

An Exceptional Customer Service Recognition program will honor employees for performance and effort that exemplifies a standard of excellence and dedication within the department in the delivery of services to our customers.

Recognition of individual employees or teams will be done at the CIMS quarterly meetings.

Nomination forms for the recognition are available on CIMS SharePoint or by contacting Public Relations Manager **Roland Martinez**.

Happy birthday in October

CIMS wishes a happy birthday to employees born in the month of October:

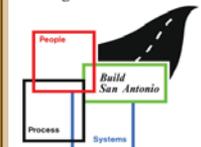
John Rivera, Technical Services (1st); **Desiree Haifa**, Environmental Management (3rd); **Terri Lee**, Real Estate (4th); **Yolanda Marquart**, Director's Office (4th); **Patrick Schneider**, Vertical (14th); **Brenda M. Werts**, Fiscal Services (19th); **Andrew Slavens**, Horizontal (22nd); **Ronald De Leon**, Technical Services, (24th); **Rita Warmbier**, Vertical (24th); **Noe Del Valle**, Technical Services (28th); **Tammy Caverly**, Web Portal (31st).

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



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