



District 3 ground shaking, moving

District 3 City Councilwoman Jennifer Ramos, CIMS staff, and community members turned ceremonial shovels to mark the start of improvements on a low water crossing.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held Aug. 12 next to the existing pedestrian bridge on Petaluma Boulevard between Commercial Avenue and Moursund Road (bottom photo).

City Council on Aug. 21, 2008, approved an ordinance awarding a construction contract for \$4,870,979 to V.K. Knowlton Construction and Utilities Inc. for Ansley Boulevard Phase 1 and Commercial Tributary Phase 1 to Six Mile Creek.

This project combines Ansley Phase 1 (Commercial to Moursund) and Commercial Tributary Phase 1 (Six Mile Creek to Petaluma).

Ansley Phase 1 includes

reconstruction; widening the street to 30 feet; adding curbs, sidewalks, accessibility features, and drainage improvements.

Commercial Phase 1 consists of channel and drainage improvements, including two bridge structures – Ansley and Petaluma.

Construction began last year and is slated for completion in April 2010. HNTB is design consultant for Commercial Phase 1, and PBS&J and LNV are consultants for Ansley.

Project Manager **David McBeth's** team oversees both Commercial Phase 1



and Ansley Phase 1.

The photo above (courtesy of Kestrel Development LLC) shows progress of University

Way in the proposed Verano development project in District 3.

McBeth's team also is managing construction of University Way, a north-south thoroughfare from Loop 410 east of Zarzamora Street to Mauermann Road. The road goes through the planned Texas A&M University campus.

In addition, an east-west thoroughfare will run along the northern edge of the proposed campus.



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

I hope you had a chance to take vacation or at least a long weekend this summer. As I have mentioned many times, it is important to have a healthy balance between work and family.



This has been a full summer with City staff concentrating on the budget process. After not having meetings in July, City Council resumed its meetings Aug. 5 with the "B" session.

The 2007-2012 Bond Program was the first item of discussion as Mayor Julian Castro and his Council colleagues started the 2009-2010 meeting schedule. I presented a quarterly update on the program. It was well received.

I want to thank CIMS staff, especially Assistant Director **Debbie Sittre**, Special Projects Manager **Nicole Fowles**, and Reporting & Web Portal Support Manager **Sam Hutchins** for their assistance.

Council and City Manager Sheryl Sculley heard mostly good news. In addition to a background on the Bond Program and our department's creation in 2007 to bring the new

Council members up to speed, I gave a status of the program.

As of August, 18 Bond projects are completed, 20 are in construction or approved funding agreements, 106 are in design, and seven are in pre-design. The completed projects are three streets, one drainage, nine parks, four libraries, and one public health facility.

I showed our Web-based Dashboard, which gives Internet users a latest status of the Bond Program. Besides completing projects on time and within budget, another expectation is accountability to citizens. Dashboard shows the public immediate feedback on whether the projects are adhering to schedule and budget.

CIMS specifically and the City in general were in the summer edition of *Construction Today Quarterly*. We had an 8-page article, part of which is shown here. If you want to read that, Public Relations Manager **Roland Martinez** can e-mail you a PDF copy.

Lastly, and unrelated to the

"B" session, I had the pleasure to listen to Drayton McLane Jr. at the Institute of Transportation Engineers Annual Meeting and Exhibit in San Antonio. He is chief executive officer of the Houston Astros.

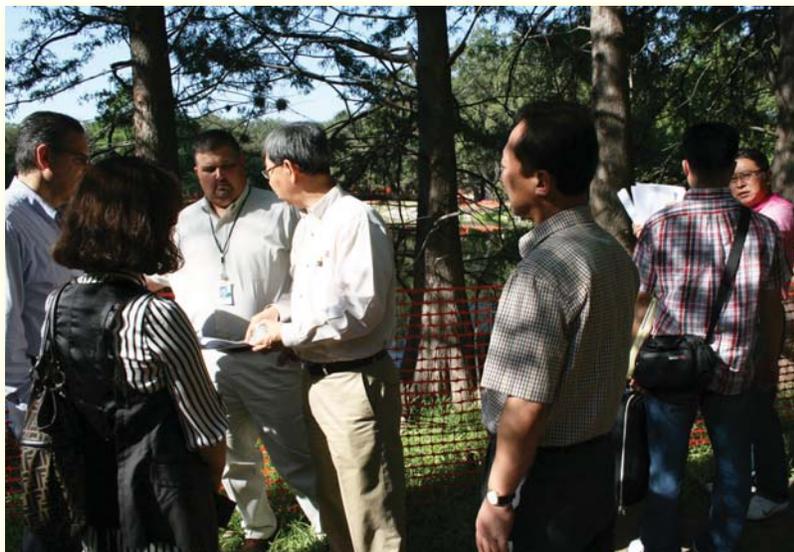
McLane had a simple but powerful message, "Take risks on big ideas." He offered insight as to how hard work and dedication, coupled with big ideas and the bravery to execute them, are key for achieving goals with lasting importance.

McLane is involved with a team that performs where everyone can see their efforts and results. His philosophy applies to anything we do in our lives.

Let's all strive to be unselfish team members in which our individual work is in the best interest of the organization.



South Korean delegation



A delegation from San Antonio's sister city of Gwangju, South Korea, was in the Alamo City to discuss the potential building of an authentic Korean pavilion at Denman Estate Park. The proposed pavilion is a joint gift of Gwangju and a Korean construction firm. In the photo, **Rodney Dziuk**, CIMS Assistant Capital Program Manager, confers with delegation members. Other CIMS staff on site were **Carlos Mendez**, Senior Landscape Architect, and **Alma Nuñez**, Architect Assistant. The Parks & Recreation and International Affairs departments were also represented.

CIMS shows off Airport expansion project to City management

CIMS Assistant Director **Jorge Perez** wears many hats, but recently donned a hard hat to give a tour of the San Antonio International Airport Expansion Program.

The group included Assistant City Manager **Penny Postoak Ferguson**

and CIMS Director **Mike Frisbie**, P.E., shown with Perez in the photo on the right.

Tour highlights included a walk through construction of the new Terminal B, part of which is shown below. Projected substantial completion

is expected in November 2010.

The group saw and heard an update on the new Central Utility Plant, which will house chillers, cooling towers, water, and electrical for the passenger terminals. Substantial completion is scheduled for January 2010.

Also on the site visit was a look at the consolidated baggage handling system. Work is expected to be substantially complete in October 2010.

A Clark/Byrne joint venture is the contractor for the terminal, utility plant, and baggage-handling projects.



Perez arranged for a pickup to drive the group through the new terminal roadway and utilities, showing the precast bridge concrete deck pavement and post-tension bridge and shoring.

Archer Western is the contractor for the roadway and utilities, as well as hydronic line relocation. This work is scheduled for substantial completion in April 2010.



Edwards Aquifer Protection Program lands more parcels

The Conservation Advisory Board, CIMS Real Estate, The Nature Conservancy, and Green Spaces Alliance of South Texas announced the protection of an additional 5,100 acres of sensitive properties located over the Edwards Aquifer.

The latest acquisition is located in Uvalde County. It involves eight separate transactions with private landowners. The properties, ranging in size from 340 to 1,200 acres, lie within the Blanco Creek watershed.

Voters approved the 2000 Proposition 3 and the 2005 Proposition 1, each of which allowed an additional 1/8-cent local sales tax to raise funds to purchase sensitive properties located over the aquifer.



The Edwards Aquifer Protection Program has secured some 78,000 acres critical to the aquifer through partnerships with some of the largest landowners west of San Antonio.

The photo above, courtesy of The Nature Conservancy, shows a portion of the latest acquisition in the Blanco Creek Ranches.



New structure bridges gap on Eagleland RiverWalk project

The Eagleland RiverWalk Link - Hike and Bike Phase project took a big step forward Aug. 22.

That morning, workers from TNT Crane & Rigging installed a 180-foot-long pedestrian walkway across the San Antonio River at the western end of Eagleland Drive. The bridge structure weighs approximately 56 tons.



Eagleland RiverWalk Link, under Project Manager **Richard Grochowski's** team, includes 2,400 feet of hike and bike path, and walkway across and along the San Antonio River Flood Control Channel.

Civil Engineering Consultants is the consultant and Jerdon Enterprise is the contractor.

Behind-the-scenes: The taping of 'Capital Ventures' show

CIMS is among the City departments that produce a 30-minute show for broadcast on TVSA.

"Capital Ventures" gives viewers an update on the 2007-2012 Bond Program and other news. Public Relations Manager **Roland Martinez** is the producer and host.

The show airs at 8 a.m. Mondays, 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, and 1:30 p.m. Fridays on Time Warner Cable channel 21, and anytime on the City's Web site under TVSA.

Director's Office, Real Estate (Edwards Aquifer Protection Program), Public Art San Antonio, and Environmental Management have been featured.

Technical Services will be showcased in the next segment, scheduled for taping in September. Assistant City Engineer **Razi Hosseini, P.E., R.P.L.S.**, is shown below at a construction site for field video footage.

Other divisions are encouraged to participate in "Capital Ventures."

CIMS divisions



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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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Happy birthday in September

Happy birthday to CIMS staff born in the month of September:

Mary Gonzalez, Fiscal Services (2nd); **Regina Peaches**, Fiscal Services (2nd); **Jeffrey Snyder**, Technical Services (5th); **John Wolters**, Horizontal (5th); **Daniel Rodriguez**, Public Art (6th); **John Barrera**, Technical Services (10th); **Richard Grochowski**, Horizontal (11th); **Kristyl Smith**, Real Estate (14th); **Sam Hutchins**, Web Portal (15th); **Michael Ortiz**, Environmental Management (16th).

Bradley Smilgin, Contract Services (17th); **Brenda Navarro**, Contract Services (20th); **Robert Diaz**, Technical Services (20th); **Claudia Zarazua-Urdiqui**, Public Art (21st); **Francisco Orta**, Technical Services (22nd); **Fernando Lopez**, Technical Services (25th); **David McBeth**, Horizontal (27th); **David Matney**, Horizontal (28th); and **Jose Luis Noriega** (temp), Vertical (30th).