



Capital Improvements Management Services Department
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City celebrates River Walk's Phase I upgrades

District 1 City Councilwoman Mary Alice Cisneros joined representatives from Downtown Operations, Public Works, and CIMS in showing off improvements to the River Walk.

Officials unveiled phase I of the River Walk Capital Improvements Project during a ribbon-cutting ceremony near the Hugman Bridge outside Omni La Mansión Hotel.

Totaling more than

\$3 million, the first phase addresses the most needed infrastructure improvements, including walkways, landscaping, electrical and lighting fixtures, and Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility enhancements.

Guillermo Moya, CIMS Senior Architect, managed the project. Beaty Palmer Architects was the design consultant and Guido Brothers Construction Co. was the contractor.



Judy Babbitt, with the Public Works Disability Access Office, tries out a new ramp at the River Walk ribbon-cutting ceremony. Looking on are (left to right) Majed Al-Ghafry, Public Works Director; Bill Lyons, chair of the River Walk Capital Improvements Advisory Board; Paula Stallcup, Downtown Operations Director; and District 1 City Councilwoman Mary Alice Cisneros.

River Walk ADA improvements project recognized with award

Downtown Alliance San Antonio honored recent improvements on the River Walk at the "Downtown's Best Awards" on April 9.

The phase I improvements that included accessibility enhancements were recognized as the "Best Public Improvement Work in Progress." CIMS Senior Architect Guillermo Moya managed this project.

The River Walk Capital Improvements Master Plan was developed to serve as a guideline to sustain the developed portions of the River Walk and to enhance its life safety, accessibility and aesthetics. With phase I completed, the next phase is scheduled to begin in late 2010.



Bernie Cantu with Downtown Alliance makes his way up a new River Walk ramp at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

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

Hello CIMS family, and greetings to community members who read *The CAPital Letter* on the department's Website or through other means.

Here we are, in May 2010, exactly three years after San Antonio voters approved the largest Bond Program in the City's history.

The 2007-2012, \$550 Million Bond Program includes 150 projects designed to improve and enhance existing, as well as construct, new, local streets, bridges, sidewalks, drainage facilities, parks, athletics facilities, libraries, and public health centers.

At the time of this writing, 92 percent of overall projects are on schedule. I can assure you that our entire department is committed to substantially completing the



Bond Program - on time and on budget - by June 2012.

You can view the Bond Program's status by going to the Internet-based Dashboard on the CIMS and City of San Antonio Websites.

Fast forward to May 2012, and San Antonio voters will likely be considering another bond program to address more infrastructure and capital-improvement needs in our community. I do mean fast forward, because the next 24 months will be a whirlwind of activity in completing the 2007 Bond and preparing for a bond referendum.

City management and City Council agree that a new bond program is needed to continue building a great San Antonio. A comprehensive public participation process to obtain community

input on potential projects will be incorporated into the program similar to what was done for the 2007 Bond Program.

I give City Council a quarterly update on the 2007-2012 Bond Program. Recent discussion has started on looking ahead to a future bond election.

Nothing is set in stone yet; no future projects have been mentioned; and no dollar amount has been approved.

What I can say is that while the 2007-2012 Bond Program is going a long way in making our city a better place to live, San Antonio still has tremendous infrastructure needs.

CIMS was created in October 2007 to manage this large Bond Program. Our department is committed to forward thinking and respecting our customers. We are here to serve.



Photo from Aero Photo

University Way taking shape toward new Texas A&M campus

Construction of the north-south University Way is making progress toward a completion scheduled for May 2010. Also, construction on the east-west roadway to be known as Verano Parkway started construction in April.

University Way is approximately 5,000 linear feet with a four-lane concrete street section from Loop 410 to the proposed Verano Parkway.

This project serves the new Texas A&M University-San Antonio campus. A groundbreaking ceremony for the campus is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, May 7.

University Way includes curbs, sidewalks and bike lanes, and a portion will include slip ramps and parking lanes. Underground storm sewer systems and associated channels will be included for drainage improvements.

The developer is VTLM Texas, LP; consultant is Pate Engineers; contractor is Yantis Company; and construction cost is \$14.5 million. Project Manager **David McBeth's** team is providing project oversight.

Fireworks explode as ground broken for 36th Street project

The symbolic start to the 36th Street: U.S. 90 to Growdon project got off with a bang April 13.

City of San Antonio, Bexar County, and Port San Antonio leaders pressed handles on mock TNT boxes while fireworks exploded nearby.

The 36th Street: U.S. 90 to Growdon project may start by July 2010, pending utility adjustments to be clear. The 36th Street Extension project, meanwhile, is scheduled to begin in the fall.

The project will provide the City's share to widen the primary access roadway to Port San Antonio. The project is approximately 2,300 linear feet and will reconstruct 36th Street from U.S. 90 to Growdon with curbs, sidewalks, necessary drainage, and utility relocation.

This is a Local Agency Managed project and will include funding from the



Representatives from the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, and Port San Antonio simulate the detonation of TNT to start construction on the 36th Street project.

2009 federal stimulus. The project is a joint effort with Port San Antonio and the 2007 Bond.

The 36th Street Extension: Growdon to Billy Mitchell project is approximately 6,700

linear feet and will include curbs, sidewalks, and necessary drainage.

This project is the link to Kelly USA to major thoroughfares, providing ingress and egress to and from Kelly USA. The total cost for this project is currently estimated to be \$20 million, with the City's share expected

to equal approximately 20 percent of that total.

Design is being managed by Port San Antonio. This project is a joint-coordination effort between the City and Port San Antonio.

The 36th Street projects are managed by **David McBeth's** team.



*CIMS inspectors for the 36th Street project are (left to right) **Thomas Gonzalez**, Construction Inspector I; **Paul McClure**, Senior Construction Inspector; **Juan Mata**, Construction Inspector I; and **Robert Diaz**, Construction Inspection Supervisor.*



This field on Sam Houston Boulevard between Wilson Boulevard and Robert Dover Street at Port San Antonio is part of the 36th Street project.

CIMS Quarterly Meeting highlights - April 28



LEFT PHOTO: CIMS Director Mike Frisbie congratulates John Tapia, Construction Inspections Supervisor

(Technical Services), as the latest winner of the CIMS Exceptional Customer Service Recognition program. Tapia's photo and nomination will be displayed on the CIMS Wall of Honor on the 5th floor at Municipal Plaza Building, and he will receive several prizes. Juan R. Martinez, Construction Inspections Manager, nominated Tapia. Other nominees for the recognition program were LeAnn Lindquist-Thome, Contract Coordinator for Airport Expansion, and Regina Peaches, Special Projects Manager in Fiscal Planning. **RIGHT PHOTO:** Mike Frisbie stands with David



Palacios, Contracts, and Juan Frausto, Technical Services, who received 15-year service pins. Other 15-year recipients are Mauro Calvo, International Center, and Jackson Whalen, Technical Services.



LEFT PHOTO: Mike Frisbie is shown with 10-year pin recipients Rodney Dziuk, Vertical; Diana Vasquez, Contracts; Paul McClure, Technical Services; Lupe Bustos, Fiscal; and Imelda Molina, Fiscal. Not present were David Sesters, Technical Services; Elizabeth Vidal, Horizontal; Richard Casiano, Horizontal; and Glen Lee, Technical Services.



RIGHT PHOTO: Mike Frisbie introduced 5-year pin recipients Michael Wright, Technical Services; Gerlach Laven, Vertical; Andrew Slavens, Horizontal; Guillermo Moya, Vertical; Alma Nuñez, Vertical; Padmasiri Chandrasekera, Fiscal; and Michael Ortiz, Environmental. Not shown is Rita Warmbier, Vertical.

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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 May

CIMS wishes a happy birthday to employees born in May:

Jorge Perez, Director's Office (1st); **Mario Mata**, Environmental Management (1st); **John De La Rosa**, Technical Services (7th); **Diana Vasquez**, Contract Services (7th); **Rodney Dziuk**, Vertical (10th); **Edward Scott**, Technical Services (11th); **Randy Esparza**, Technical Services (12th); **Randy Matyear**, Vertical (12th); **Jeffrey Thigpen**, Real Estate (12th); **Derik Samuelson**, Technical Services (14th); **Mark Wittlinger**, Vertical (18th); **Ruben Guerrero**, Horizontal (19th); **David Hakes**, Fiscal (22nd); **Fernando Hernandez**, Compliance (22nd); **Hope Perez**, Vertical (23rd); **Mark Patterson**, Aviation Expansion (25th); **Guillermo Moya**, Vertical (26th); **David Sesters**, Technical Services (26th); **Michael Wright**, Technical Services (28th); **Jennifer Di Cocco**, Environmental Management (30th); **Angelica Gloria**, Web Portal (31st); **Razi Hosseini**, Technical Services (31st).