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Bulverde, Medina Base road projects begin

Groundbreaking ceremonies on opposite parts of the city marked the start of construction for the Bulverde and Medina Base Road projects.

District 9 City Councilwoman Elisa Chan and District 10 City Councilman John Clamp joined CIMS staff and community members Oct. 12 to break ground for Bulverde (Loop 1604 to Evans Road), one of the largest projects in the 2007-2012 Bond Program.

On Oct. 28, District 4 City Councilman Philip Cortez, City Manager Sheryl Sculley, CIMS personnel, and nearby residents

turned ceremonial shovels to start construction on Medina Base Road, Phase 1 (Loop 410 to Five Palms), a nearly \$6 million roadway-improvements project.

City Council on May 21, 2009, approved an ordinance selecting Texas Sterling Construction as construction manager-at-risk (CMR) for Bulverde (Loop 1604 to Evans Road). Under this alternative delivery method, the CMR works with the design consultant and provides input during the design phase in evaluating costs, materials used, and recommends sequencing and phasing of the construction schedule.

The project scope includes reconstructing and widening Bulverde to a 7-lane roadway, with curbs, driveway approaches, and necessary drainage and traffic-signal improvements. The project also includes the installation of bike facilities.



District 10 Councilman John Clamp and District 9 Councilwoman Elisa Chan team up at the Bulverde groundbreaking ceremony.

Construction cost is \$28,456,296 (\$21,209,610 is from the City's 2007 Street Bonds). San Antonio Water System will reimburse \$6,498,049, and CPS Energy will fund \$748,637.

The design consultant is Pape-Dawson Engineers Inc. Project Manager **David Matney's** team is overseeing construction.

Medina Base Road is part of the 2007-2012 Bond Program, with additional funding coming from 2009 Tax Notes.



City Manager Sheryl Sculley delivers remarks at the Medina Base Road groundbreaking ceremony as CIMS Director Mike Frisbie and City Councilman Philip Cortez listen.

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From the Director's Chair

By Mike Frisbie, P.E., City Engineer

Happy month of November CIMS and friends. We are in the season of giving thanks and sharing what we have.



As promised, 2010 has been a busy construction year in San Antonio. Seventy-one percent of the 150 Bond projects, or 107 projects, are complete or under construction. Twenty-two percent of projects are currently ahead of schedule.

As CIMS Director, I am grateful that our department has employees who work by our values:

- Accountability & Integrity
- Forward thinking
- Enjoying every day
- Respecting our customers, valuing our diversity and history

Additionally, as City Council approves numerous construction contracts every meeting, CIMS is proving our mission of, "Together, dedicated to our community...Building a great San Antonio."

I was emcee at a recent public meeting to announce our Broadway Corridor projects. There

were approximately 200 people in attendance at the Witte Museum Ballroom.

The meeting was a team effort among CIMS, Public Works, Bexar County, San Antonio Water System, San Antonio River Authority, and Witte Museum.

These agencies presented information on upcoming projects around Broadway. I talked about the Catalpa Pershing Bridge Modifications and the Broadway/Hildebrand intersection projects.

CIMS staff and the other agencies prepared extensively for this meeting. Our audience had the potential to include representatives from several high-profile entities and individuals.

In the end, the meeting was successful overall. This meeting, I believe, showed what can be accomplished when we work together to deliver a unified message with poise.

As we move closer to Thanksgiving, I appreciate you for delivering quality service, caring about our customers, and building a great San Antonio.



The American Planning Association honored Main Plaza for its transformation.

Main Plaza receives national award

Known historically as the "Heart of the City," Main Plaza was named as one of the 10 Great Public Spaces in the United States.

This national honor is the first designation for San Antonio that places the city among nationally known public spaces such as Bryant Park in New York City and the Charles W. Ireland Sculpture Garden in Birmingham, Ala.

The American Planning Association recognized Main Plaza for its transformation into a vibrant, cultural hub that embraces urban planning, environmental stewardship, and City and community leaders' commitment to preserving the plaza's rich historic character.

As one of the remaining Spanish colonial plazas in the country, Main Plaza underwent a multi-million dollar restoration further enhancing its connection to the River Walk. The restoration project maintained the plaza's historical charm with features such as small vignettes of San Antonio's history sprinkled throughout the plaza in 30 artistic pavers, each telling a story about the plaza through quotes and drawings by Char Miller.



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City Manager Sheryl Sculley chats with residents at the Medina Base Road groundbreaking ceremony.



Shovels ready for the Medina Base Road groundbreaking line the foreground while District 4 Councilman Philip Cortez does an interview with the media.



District 9 Councilwoman Elisa Chan and District 10 Councilman John Clamp interact with citizens at the Bulverde (Loop 1604 to Evans Road) ceremony.



District 4 Councilman Philip Cortez, City Manager Sheryl Sculley, CIMS Director Mike Frisbie, and guests turn shovels at Medina Base Road.

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On Sept. 30, 2010, City Council approved an ordinance awarding a construction contract for \$5.9 million to Ballenger Construction Co. CPS Energy will reimburse \$77,508.23 and San Antonio Water System will pay \$197,571.69.

The project scope is Medina Base Road from Loop 410 to Five Palms Drive. This project provides for widening of the roadway from two to

five lanes; construction of curbs, sidewalks, driveway approaches, bicycle facilities, and necessary drainage and traffic-signal improvements.

The project includes adding a right-turn lane, curbs, sidewalk, and re-striping for improved traffic flow at the Medina Base and Five Palms intersection.

SAWS will replace approximately 84 feet of sanitary sewer lines and 2,500 feet of water lines. CPS Energy work includes installation of 5,280 feet of 6-inch gas line.

Ford Engineering Inc. is the design consultant. Construction is estimated for completion by March 2012.

New Project Manager **David Pulido**, P.E., assumed the project from **David McBeth**, P.E. Pulido's team is composed of **Pete Rodriguez**, Capital Project Officer; and **Veronica Barefield**, E.I.T., and **Sonia Cantu**, E.I.T., Senior Engineering Associates.



Councilwoman Elisa Chan and Councilman John Clamp lead a larger-than-usual group in the ceremonial start to the Bulverde (Loop 1604 to Evans Road) project on Oct. 12. Bulverde is one of the biggest projects in the 2007 Bond Program.

PASA chalks up team award at art event

Downtown Houston Street became a giant canvas Oct. 9 during Artpace's annual Chalk It Up, a free, family-friendly event where San Antonio's premier artists transform city sidewalks into colorful works of art. CIMS's Public Art San Antonio won the Made for San Antonio Team Award in the University / Adult category. **Tommy Gregory** and **Lauren Faske** were the PASA members who coordinated the design and implementation, along with local artists Patrick Zeller, Holly Brooks, Bryson Brooks, Aaron Muñoz, and Gissette Padilla. PASA's artwork is shown on the right.



Happy birthday in November

CIMS wishes employees happy birthday in November:

Ronald Ramirez, Contract Services (2nd); **Veronica Barefield**, Horizontal (4th); **Rudy Guzman**, Technical Services (12th); **Cheryl Fuentes**, Vertical (14th); **Mary Esther Gaitan**, Real Estate (16th); **Mario Vasquez**, Technical Services (16th);

James Wucinski, Horizontal (16th); **Juan Rubio Jr.**, intern-Horizontal (19th); **Bianca Thorpe**, Horizontal (19th); **Lisa Torres**, Web Portal (20th); **Betty Feldman**, Vertical (22nd); **David Chumchal**, Technical Services (23rd);

Anthony Baerman, Technical Services (23rd); **Ray Doyal**, Real Estate (26th); **Chris Alonso**, Technical Services (26th); **Elvia Fernandez**, Web Portal (28th); **Jesse Quesada**, Real Estate (29th); **Anthony Perez**, Technical Services (30th).

Future engineer?



Sean Strong, P.E., Project Engineer in Horizontal, holds his son, Jaxon, who was born Oct. 7 at 2:13 a.m. at St. Luke Baptist Hospital. Jaxon weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz., and was 18.5 inches long. Mom's name is Tammy Noel Strong. Siblings Chase and Gage are excited about their new brother.

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