



Groundbreakings start four projects; Collins Gardens Park cheers work

In one of the coldest months yet for groundbreaking ceremonies, CIMS, City Council offices, and residents observed the start of four projects, while community members celebrated the completion of new park amenities.

On January 11, District 10 City Councilman John G. Clamp led the turning of ceremonial shovels on the Citywide Bridge Replacement Program package that includes Lookout and Weidner road bridges.

On December 16, 2010, Council approved an ordinance awarding a construction contract for \$1.3 million to Yantis Company. San Antonio Water System will pay \$168,886.

Citywide Bridge Replacement Program is a 2007 Bond project. Six City-owned bridges were selected for the program. The first package to enter construction has the Lookout Road at Draw Creek and the Weidner Road at Beitel Creek projects.

Both bridges involve widening to a total proposed section of 42 feet and improvements in drainage capacity.

Construction is estimated to be completed by February 2012. Pape-Dawson Engineers is the design consultant. **Luis Maltos**,



District 10 Councilman John G. Clamp, CIMS Director Mike Frisbie, Luis Maltos and Chris Alonso from Technical Services, representatives from Yantis Company and Pape-Dawson Engineers, and residents get the Citywide Bridge Replacement Program started on Weidner Road next to Beitel Creek.

P.E., is the Project Manager.

District 1 Councilwoman Mary Alice Cisneros and District 9 Councilwoman Elisa Chan kicked off construction on the Catalpa-Pershing Bridge Reconstruction at a groundbreaking ceremony January 14.

On November 4, 2010, City Council awarded a construction contract for \$1.4 million to E-Z Bel Construction, with \$1.2 million funded by the 2007 Bond; \$102,064 by SAWS; and \$34,550 by CPS Energy.

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Gabriel Garcia, 3, and Teya Garcia, 4, children of Belen L. Garcia, Technical Services GIS Analyst, brave the cold to turn shovels at the Catalpa-Pershing Bridge Reconstruction groundbreaking.

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

Greetings CIMS family and friends! February is the month in which we express and show our love to significant others.

I hope that this month and throughout the year, we show a passion to do a great job for the community we serve and to build a great San Antonio. Our work has not gone unnoticed.

The San Antonio Express-News recently printed an article praising the City and CIMS for managing the 2007 Bond Program well.

The article recognized senior-level leadership for establishing "a new culture of professionalism at City Hall that continues to pay



dividends for taxpayers."

The story also stated that voters support bond programs when they believe projects are needed and the money will be well-managed.

This was a great article for the City, CIMS, the 2007-2012 Bond Program, and a proposed future bond program.

Between that and strong City management, we will continue to be successful. The article was a wonderful tribute to the entire CIMS team.

The Express-News also reported on a January 12 "B" session presentation where we told City Council of budget savings in the 2007 Bond Program.

Due to proper planning, organizational structure, and oversight, the Bond Program has been kept on schedule for substantial completion by June 2012.

Thanks to a favorable bidding environment, I reported at "B" session that 19 Bond projects are currently projected to have \$33.7 million in budget savings. Overall, the Bond Program remains under budget.

The Mayor, City Council, City Management, and staff will look at potential uses for this savings.

Planning for the next bond program is under way, with an election anticipated in May 2012.

Clearly, the CIMS teamwork is what has created our success to date. Thanks, CIMS Team!

Valles-Tovar, Esparza recognized at CIMS Quarterly Meeting

Two employees will be added to the CIMS Wall of Honor after being recognized at the department's Quarterly Meeting on January 25.

Randy Esparza, Construction Inspector 1 in Technical Services, and **Claudia Valles-Tovar**, E.I.T., Senior Engineering Associate in Horizontal, are the latest honorees in the Exceptional Customer Service Recognition program.

David Lopez, P.E., Project Engineer in Horizontal, nominated Esparza and **Sonia Cantu**, E.I.T., Senior Engineering Associate in Horizontal, nominated Valles-Tovar.

Esparza was assigned to the Jones Maltsberger: U.S. 281 to east of UPRR tracks project. He



Senior Engineering Associate Claudia Valles-Tovar, E.I.T., holds a certificate from Mike Frisbie.

was recognized for working long hours on the project, remaining in good spirits, and always being responsive to concerns.

"During the progress meetings, the contractors had only good things to say about him and his performance on the project," Lopez



Mike Frisbie congratulates Construction Inspector 1 Randy Esparza for his work on the Jones Maltsberger project.

wrote of Esparza.

Valles-Tovar was honored for her overall organizational efforts, professionalism, respect toward others, and good nature. She is described as a great team member who makes the workplace a joy.

"Every employee should strive to possess all the qualities that Claudia exhibits day in and day out," Cantu wrote.

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The project will upgrade the bridges at Mulberry and Millrace Road crossing the Catalpa-Pershing channel to relieve flooding along the channel. Mulberry, between Red Oak Road and Broadway, closed January 18 for an expected four months due to construction on the bridge west of Avenue B. The project is on an accelerated schedule, with incentives for the contractor to reduce the closure time.

Both bridges include an art enhancement from artist Diana Kersey. Unitech Consulting Engineers Inc. is the design consultant. The project is scheduled for completion by January 2012. **David Matney, P.E.**, is Project Manager.

CIMS and Parks & Recreation joined District 5 Councilman David Medina Jr. in celebrating the completion of new lighting and amenities at Collins Gardens Park.

Park enhancements, which were part of the 2007 Bond, included extension of the granite gravel trail with lighting in the block behind Collins Garden Branch Library; low retaining wall between the trail and the library; updated lighting for two basketball courts; renovations to the existing irrigation system; and landscaping.

GG&G General Construction Inc. was the contractor and Bender Wells Clark Design was the design consultant. **Mark Wittlinger** was the Project Manager.

District 3 Councilwoman Jennifer Ramos and District 4 Councilman Philip Cortez shared the podium January 26 at the Commercial Tributary Drainage Channel Reconstruction, Phase 2 (Petaluma to Interstate 35) groundbreaking.



District 5 Councilman David Medina Jr., CIMS Assistant Capital Programs Manager Rodney Dziuk, Parks & Recreation Director Xavier Urrutia, and residents cut a ribbon on the new trail at Collins Gardens Park on January 18.

On November 4, 2010, City Council approved an ordinance awarding a construction contract for \$10.2 million to Capital Excavation Co. San Antonio Water System will reimburse \$1.9 million; BexarMet Water District will pay \$491,659; and CPS Energy will reimburse \$190,708.

The tributary and related drainage structures along the channel will be reconstructed at cross streets from Petaluma to I-35. The tributary is an earthen channel with undersized box culverts at street crossings.

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District 3 Councilwoman Jennifer Ramos, District 4 Councilman Philip Cortez, CIMS Director Mike Frisbie, Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Chairman Terrell McCombs, and community members turn shovels at the Commercial Tributary Phase 2 groundbreaking ceremony.



City Manager Sheryl Sculley; Deputy City Manager Pat DiGiovanni; Assistant City Manager Erik Walsh; City Council Members Mary Alice Cisneros, Ray Lopez and Elisa Chan; CIMS Director Mike Frisbie; Fire Chief Charles Hood; and Police Chief William McManus break ground at the Public Safety Headquarters site.

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Reconstruction includes widening the channel and increasing capacity to accommodate a 100-year storm event. Work also includes placing concrete lining in the channel, to include the sides and bottom of the channel, from Petaluma to S.W. Military Drive.

Concrete lining is not necessary from S.W. Military to I-35, but undersized culvert crossings will be replaced. HNTB Corp. is design consultant. **Anibal Gutierrez, P.E.**, is Project Manager.

On January 28, City leaders broke ground on the Public Safety Headquarters, which will house Fire and Police in a single facility.

City Council approved an ordinance awarding a design/build services agreement to Hensel



District 1 Councilwoman Mary Alice Cisneros, Assistant City Manager Peter Zaroni, CIMS Director Mike Frisbie, Project Manager David Matney, and citizens break ground on the Catalpa-Pershing Bridge Reconstruction project.

Phelps Construction Co. for a guaranteed maximum price of \$47.1 million.

The LEED Silver project includes a 6-story, 243,000-square-foot administration building; 9-level, 657-space controlled-access parking garage and surface parking lot on Santa Rosa Street between Nueva Street and Durango Boulevard; and an ancillary fueling

station/vehicle wash facility at 515 Frio St.

Last year, City Council awarded a professional services agreement with Ford, Powell & Carson Architects and Planners Inc. to provide specialized architectural and engineering services for the design of this project.

Cathleen Crabb is Project Manager.

Happy birthday in February

CIMS wishes staff a happy birthday in February:

Eulalio Corpus, Technical Services (1st); **Mike J. Guerra**, Horizontal (3rd); **Ricardo Montes**, Technical Services (5th); **Eric Reyna**, Vertical (6th);

Paul McClure, Technical Services (7th); **James Bennett**, Web Portal (8th); **Eddie Ruiz**, Technical Services (8th); **David Hernandez**, Horizontal (8th);

Rafael Vazquez, Technical Services (8th); **Juan Martinez**, Technical Services (10th); **Mike Etienne**, Real Estate (11th); **Felicia Guzman**, Technical Services (14th).

**Presidents' Day
holiday:
February 21**

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Pat, thank you for your service!



Pat Mota (center), Capital Projects Officer on David McBeth's team, is surrounded by family at her retirement party January 21. She retired from the City after 33 years of service.