



Groundbreaking, ribbon-cutting ceremonies make for busy spring

Sixteen groundbreaking ceremonies and 13 ribbon-cutting events dotted the calendar from March to May as the 2007 Bond and Capital Improvements programs made big strides.

The following bullets briefly describe each project, with details on the ensuing pages::

- Walters Street (East Houston to Paso Hondo) - **ribbon-cutting** - Project Management team, **Anibal Gutierrez**, P.E.

- Monterrey Park parking lot lighting - **ribbon-cutting** - Project Manager, **Mark Wittlinger**.

- Rosedale Park Skate Park - **groundbreaking** - Project Manager, **Mark Wittlinger**.

- Hunt Lane (Ingram to Potranco) - **groundbreaking** - Project Management team, **David Pulido**, P.E.

- Elmendorf Lake Park - **ribbon-cutting** - Project Manager, **Carlos Mendez**.

- West Military (Marbach to Westfield) - **ribbon-cutting** - Project Management team, **Richard Grochowski**, P.E.



District 1 Councilwoman Ivy Taylor uses giant scissors to cut the ceremonial ribbon for Walters Street (East Houston to Paso Hondo) on March 7.



District 5 Councilman David Medina Jr. celebrates the completion of new parking lot lights at Monterrey Park on March 8.

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

Greetings CIMS family and friends! As you can see by the size of this month's newsletter - 16 pages - during the past couple months, much has happened with the 2007-2012 Bond Program, Capital Improvements Program, and with our employees!

Roland Martinez, our Public Relations Manager, with staff support, coordinated almost 30 groundbreaking and ribbon-cutting ceremonies in March, April and May. These involved CIMS-managed projects within our own Horizontal and Vertical divisions, and with client City of San Antonio departments - Parks & Recreation, Library, Police, and Fire.

The bottom line is that the Bond Program is moving toward substantial completion by June 2012, just one year from now. Eighty-eight percent (133) of the 150 Bond projects are complete or under construction.

In addition to the projects highlighted in this newsletter, our completed projects include Arnold Park, Heritage Neighborhood Pool, Johnston Branch Library, Lockwood Park Gym, Market Square, Northeast Area Recreational Facility (Walzem YMCA), Northampton Park, North New Braunfels Sidewalks, Oak Glen/Haskin Low Water Crossing Phase 1, Officer John R. Wheeler Park, Oscar Perez Park, and St. Cloud Pedestrian Improvements Project.

The Bond Program has seen a favorable bidding environment in the streets and drainage propositions. Many of these projects have come in under budget, resulting in a Bond Program savings of \$47 million.

These funds were available to be reprogrammed to new projects. City Council's Governance Committee



suggested that the funds be reprogrammed now instead of deferred to a 2012 Bond. The focus is on large projects, with consideration to projects within City Council Districts as well as projects with a Citywide impact.

City Council approved staff recommendation for \$18.6 million to be directed at Downtown street and drainage improvements and 28.4 million be used for projects in Districts Citywide. In the 2007 Bond Program, less than 3 percent of funds were directed Downtown.

Take the 2007 Bond's \$550 million package and the \$47 million in savings, and these are large investments in our city's streets, bridges, drainage, sidewalks, parks and recreation, open spaces, athletics, libraries, and public health facilities.

Still, San Antonio is a historic city and in need of additional new construction and infrastructure improvements and renovations. CIMS and our client departments, in conjunction with Mayor Julian Castro, City Council, and City management, are planning for a bond election in May 2012.

The potential propositions are streets, drainage, parks, libraries, and facilities/public safety. CIMS Project Manager Jeff Kauffmann, who was hired recently to oversee the proposed 2012 Bond, is meeting with staff from numerous City departments to identify potential projects and preliminary estimating.

The 2012 Bond Program planning amount is \$596 million, with no tax increase. The 2007 Bond was a classic example of public involvement with hundreds of citizens participating on various committees.

The 2012 Bond will be similar. Community Bond Committees will be formed this summer, with meetings starting in the fall. Together, dedicated to our community, we are building a great San Antonio. Thank you for all your great work!



Mike Frisbie confers with Assistant Capital Programs Manager Rodney Dziuk and Project Manager Carlos Mendez at the Elmendorf Lake Park ribbon-cutting on March 15.



Mike Frisbie explains the 24th Street Improvements Project at the groundbreaking ceremony on May 6.

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- Reed Road (Culebra to Military) - **groundbreaking** - Project Management team, David Pulido.
- Callaghan Road (Culebra to Commerce) - **groundbreaking** - Project Management team, David Pulido.
- Zarzamora Drainage #39, Phase 1 - **groundbreaking** - Project Management team, Anibal Gutierrez.
- Sports Lighting at Burbank H.S. Football Field - **groundbreaking** - Project Manager, **Brian Orebaugh**.
- Nani Falcone Park Skate Park - **groundbreaking** - Project Manager, Mark Wittlinger.
- Fire Station 27 replacement - **groundbreaking** - Project Manager, **Dale Lange**.
- Citywide Bridge Replacement Program (South Laredo Street Bridge at Alazan Creek) - **groundbreaking** - Project Manager, **Luis Maltos**, P.E.



District 4 Councilman Philip Cortez and District 6 Councilman Ray Lopez shared the shovel-turning duties at the Hunt Lane (Ingram Road to Potranco Road) groundbreaking ceremony March 14.

- SAPD Property and Evidence Management Facility - **ribbon-cutting** - Project Manager, Dale Lange.
- Rogers Road Extension - **ribbon-cutting** - Project Management team, **David McBeth**, P.E.
- Southside Lions Park - **ribbon-cutting** - Project Manager, Carlos Mendez.
- Zarzamora Drainage Project #83A, Phases 1 and 2 - **ribbon-cutting** - Project Management team, David McBeth.
- Kelly Area Park Playground - **groundbreaking** - Project Manager, **Pat Schneider**.
- Mission Branch Library - **ribbon-cutting** - Project Manager, **Randy Matyear**.
- Palm Heights Park covered basketball courts - **ribbon-cutting** - Project Manager, Dale Lange.
- 24th Street Improvements Project - **groundbreaking** - Project Manager, Luis Maltos.

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LEFT PHOTO: District 5 Councilman David Medina Jr. helps get things started at the Rosedale Park skate plaza groundbreaking March 11. Among those helping him is Carter



Dennis, Executive Director for Skaters for Public Skateparks. RIGHT PHOTO: The faux bois ("false wood") stage and sitting bench at Elmendorf Lake Park were restored.

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- Parman Branch Library - **ribbon-cutting** - Project Manager, Randy Matyear.

- Citywide Bridge Replacement Program (Rittiman Road at Salado Creek) - **groundbreaking** - Project Manager, Luis Maltos, P.E.

- Lackland Terrace Park Skate Park - **groundbreaking** - Project Manager, Mark Wittlinger.

- Collins Gardens Park covered basketball court and pavilion - **groundbreaking** - Project Manager, Mark Wittlinger.

- Marbach Streets and Drainage, Phase II-A - **groundbreaking** - Project Manager, David Pulido.

- Fort Sam Houston Drainage - **groundbreaking** - Project Manager, Anibal Gutierrez.

- Willie M. Cortez Senior Multi-Service Center Phase 3 - **project kickoff** - Project Manager, **Mick Haase**.

- Eagleland Riverwalk Link Pedestrian Phase - **ribbon-cutting** - Project Manager, David McBeth.

District 2 City Councilwoman Ivy Taylor led a ceremony for the project that reconstructed Walters Street from East Houston to Paso Hondo.

San Antonio Constructors was the contractor on the \$668,063 project that reconstructed this part of Walters with curbs, sidewalks, driveway approaches, and retaining walls. Garcia & Wright Consulting Engineers was the design consultant.

District 5 Councilman David Medina Jr. celebrated parking lot lighting improvements at Monterrey Park. Park enhancements, which were part of the City's 2007-2012 Bond Program, included parking lot lighting and associated electrical work.

Tropical Contracting was the contractor and



Neighborhood association representatives attended the West Military (Marbach Road to Westfield Street) ribbon-cutting ceremony March 18.

CFZ Group was the design consultant.

Councilman Medina helped break ground for a new skate plaza at Rosedale Park. Three skate parks are part of the 2007-2012 Bond Program - Lackland Terrace, Nani Falcone, and Rosedale parks.

City Council awarded a design-build package for these skate facilities to Grindline Skate Parks Inc.

The \$578,117 project at Rosedale is scheduled for completion by July 2011.

District 7 Councilman Justin Rodriguez broke ground on a similar skate plaza at Nani Falcone Park. The \$269,000 project is scheduled for completion by July or August 2011, depending on the weather.

District 4 Councilman Philip Cortez turned ceremonial shovels on the skate plaza at Lackland Terrace Park. The \$350,000 project is scheduled for completion by July or August 2011, contingent on the weather.

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LEFT PHOTO: Capital Project Officer Pete Rodriguez (middle) explains the Reed Road (Culebra to Military) project at the groundbreaking ceremony March 29. RIGHT PHOTO:



District 6 Councilman Ray Lopez and District 7 Councilman Justin Rodriguez lead the shovel ceremony at the Callaghan Road (Culebra to Commerce) groundbreaking March 30.

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District 4 Councilman Cortez and District 6 Councilman Ray Lopez helped start construction on the Hunt Lane project.

City Council awarded a construction contract for \$7.9 million to Ballenger Construction Co. Tedsi is the design consultant. Of the amount, \$5.3 million will be funded by the 2007-2012 Bond Program; Bexar Metropolitan Water District will pay \$957,312; San Antonio Water System will reimburse \$560,655; and CPS Energy will pay \$1 million.

The project will widen and reconstruct Hunt Lane from Ingram to Potranco from two lanes to four lanes with a multi-use shared-use path, sidewalks, curbs, driveway approaches, and necessary drainage and traffic-signal improvements. The drainage work includes construction of a storm drain system along Hunt Lane from Potranco to north of Heritage Farms, roadside drainage channels, improvement of the existing drainage channel, and new culverts south of Sugarloaf Drive.

In addition, Heritage Farms will be extended to intersect with Hunt Lane. Construction is estimated for completion by March 2012.

District 5 Councilman Medina, City staff, and community members celebrated several improvements at Elmendorf Lake Park. Park enhancements, which were part of the 2007-2012 Bond Program, included rehabilitation of the existing historic stage and boat dock structure, baseball field lighting, and Americans with Disabilities Act modifications.

The \$500,000 project restored a stage originally



John Wolters, Assistant Capital Programs Manager in CIMS Horizontal, talks about the Zarzamora Drainage # 39, Phase 1 project scope at the groundbreaking ceremony April 1.

sculpted by local artist Dionicio Rosales in the early 1940s. The restoration work was coordinated through the Historic and Design Review Commission and the Texas Historical Commission, who endorsed the project.

LVA Construction Inc. was the contractor and Rialto Studio Inc. was the design consultant.

District 6 Councilman Lopez used giant scissors to cut a ribbon for new sidewalks and curbs on West Military Drive from Marbach Road to Westfield Street. The project is part of the 2007-2012 Bond Program.

On May 13, 2010, City Council approved an ordinance awarding a construction contract for \$429,188 to Park Construction Co. Of this amount, \$1,701 was reimbursed by San Antonio Water System. Cobb, Fendley & Associates was the design consultant.

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LEFT PHOTO: Councilman David Medina Jr., CIMS staff, and San Antonio Independent School District

personnel rejoice at the groundbreaking for the light structures at the Burbank High School walking trail April 5.



RIGHT PHOTO: Councilman Justin Rodriguez kicks off construction for the Nani Falcone Park skate plaza April 6.

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Councilman Lopez helped break ground on the Reed Road (Culebra to Military) project. On February 17, 2011, City Council awarded a construction contract for \$4.5 million to E-Z Bel Construction. HDR Engineering Inc. is the design consultant.

Of the total contract amount, \$4 million will be funded by the 2007-2012 Bond Program and \$464,213 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System.

The project will widen Reed from Culebra to West Military to a two-lane roadway with left turn lane, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, new driveways, traffic signal modifications, installation of underground storm sewer, and approximately 3,800 linear feet of 12-inch water line replacement by SAWS.

Construction is estimated for completion by April 2012.

District 6 Councilman Lopez and District 7 Councilman Justin Rodriguez led the groundbreaking on the Callaghan Road (Culebra to Commerce) project.

On February 10, 2011, City Council awarded a construction contract for \$8.7 million to James Construction Group, formerly Cravens Services. Vickrey & Associates is the design consultant.

Of the total contract amount, \$7.7 million will be funded by the 2007-2012 Bond Program; \$498,301 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System; and \$547,591 will be paid by CPS Energy.

The project will widen and reconstruct Callaghan from Culebra to Commerce, to include dual turn lanes, multi-use path for pedestrians and cyclists, sidewalks, curbs, driveway approaches, a raised median, and necessary drainage and traffic-signal



Councilman Justin Rodriguez joins CIMS staff and San Antonio Fire Department personnel at the April 8 groundbreaking for the replacement Fire Station #27.



Assistant City Engineer Razi Hosseini speaks to a TV reporter at the Laredo Street Bridge groundbreaking ceremony April 11.

improvements. The drainage work includes the construction of a new storm drain system, culverts, and a drainage channel along Callaghan.

In addition, the project will realign the road to remove an "S" curve. A landscaping plan includes Cedar Elm, Texas Mountain Laurel, and Live Oak along the new alignment.

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This sign was unveiled April 18 at the SAPD's new Property and Evidence Management Facility.

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C o n s t r u c t i o n is estimated for completion by April 2012.

District 5 Councilman Medina led the turning of shovels to start construction on the Zarzamora Drainage #39, Phase 1 project. On February 17, 2011, City Council awarded a construction contract for \$5.9 million to E-Z Bel Construction. CP&Y Inc. is the design consultant.

Of the total contract amount, \$4.9 million will be funded by the 2007-2012 Bond Program; \$822,716 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System; and \$191,366 will be paid by CPS Energy.

The ordinance also awarded a public art professional services agreement to provide public art for this project.

The project will install



District 6 Councilman Ray Lopez, developer Dan Henke, CIMS Director Mike Frisbie, John Wolters from CIMS, and citizens cut a ribbon for the Rogers Road Extension on April 25.

new storm sewer systems and reconstruct Zarzamora from Winnipeg Avenue to Humble / Walton Avenue, and Winnipeg from Zarzamora to Jennings Avenue. Reconstruction on Zarzamora includes curbs, 6-foot sidewalks, driveway approaches, and shared-use bicycle lanes. The reconstruction on

Winnipeg includes curbs, 4-foot sidewalks, driveway approaches, and provides for a new underground storm sewer system.

C o n s t r u c t i o n is estimated for completion by June 2012.

Three murals will be added along sidewalks. A selection panel

recommended the artist mentorship team of Oscar Alvarado and David Lozano.

The art designs will reference the history of the surrounding neighborhood and honors landmarks that were integral to the area's economic development.

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LEFT PHOTO: District 3 Councilwoman Jennifer Ramos and Bexar County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson lead the ribbon-cutting at Southside Lions Park on April 26. RIGHT PHOTO: District 4 Councilman Philip Cortez, former



Councilman Richard Perez (currently President and CEO of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce), and citizens celebrate the completion of the Zarzamora Drainage Project #83A, Phases 1 and 2 on April 27.

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The 3-foot-by-9-foot mosaic mural landmarks will be placed in proximity to three selected bus stop benches along Zarzamora. The landmarks installation is expected to be completed by May 2012.

Councilman Medina, San Antonio Independent School District and City representatives observed the start of construction on light structures at the Burbank High School walking trail.

On February 10, 2011, City Council authorized the City to utilize a cooperative contract with Musco Sports Lighting to provide the CIMS Department with a contractor to install an energy-saving lighting system for the Burbank walking trail, which is located around the football field. This \$76,500 project provides electrical lighting infrastructure at the existing on-campus quarter-mile track.

Councilman Rodriguez joined the San Antonio Fire Department and CIMS in breaking ground on a replacement facility for Fire Station 27 at 1538 Hillcrest. Plans for the 13,000-square-foot station, being constructed next door to the existing station, include bays for the fire engine and medic unit already in service.

The current 2,760-square-foot station was built in 1964. The new station will include proper storage areas for Personal Protective Equipment. Continuing the City's efforts toward "Green" construction, the new station will include a rainwater collection system for irrigation.

McCall & Associates is the design consultant; Guido Brothers Construction is the contractor.

Councilman Medina turned ceremonial shovels for the



Students from Kelly Elementary stand patiently at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Kelly Area Park playground April 29.

South Laredo Street Bridge replacement project at Alazan Creek. On February 17, 2011, City Council approved an ordinance awarding a construction contract for \$2.1 million to Relmco Inc. Unintech Consulting Engineers is the design consultant.

The project is part of the 2007-2012 Bond Program's Citywide Bridge Replacement Program. The program is intended to replace City-owned bridge structures rated as deficient, due to compromised structural integrity, insufficient drainage capacity, or inadequate traffic provisions, or a combination.

This project, located near the intersection of Laredo Street and Interstate 35 southbound frontage road, was selected to improve the deficient structural integrity of the existing bridge, particularly in the lower support structures of the bridge. The bridge will be completely replaced.

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District 3 Councilwoman Jennifer Ramos and the community celebrated the new Mission Branch Library on April 30. The library is at the old Mission Drive-In site on Roosevelt Avenue.



Councilman David Medina Jr. led the cheers at the April 30 ribbon-cutting ceremony for the improvements of the Palm Heights Park basketball courts.

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The bridge cannot be constructed in phases and will be closed during construction to ensure public safety. The Laredo Street corridor off I-35 is traveled frequently by heavy freight trucks that access the nearby produce businesses.

Closure of the bridge has been contractually limited to 120 calendar days. The bridge closed June 6 and is scheduled to reopen by October 2011.

Councilman Medina, the San Antonio Police Department and CIMS unveiled a sign to officially open the SAPD's new Property and Evidence Management Facility at 555 Academic Court.

This renovated facility houses the Property and Evidence Room; Applicant Processing Office; Volunteers in Policing; and School Safety Office. In addition, the facility houses a 112,500-square-foot property and evidence storage warehouse; additional administrative office space; and a vehicle storage building.

The City purchased this building in 2007 with plans to relocate the San Antonio Police Property and Evidence Storage area from the Frank D. Wing Municipal Court Building, which had reached office and storage capacity.



District 5 Councilman David Medina Jr., City Manager Sheryl Sculley, and Our Lady of the Lake University representatives use ceremonial shovels to start the 24th Street Improvements Project on May 6.

The facility underwent extensive internal and external renovations and improvements, including limited sitework, electrical and HVAC systems, roof work, installation of warehouse racks, and ensuring the building is fully accessible.

The total project budget was \$19.4 million, including land and building costs. The design and construction team consisted of:

- Architect: Debra J. Dockery, Architect, P.C.

- Contractor: F.A. Nunnally Co.

- Civil Engineer: CDS/Muery Services Inc.

- Structural Engineer: Alpha Consulting Engineers Inc.

- Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing Engineer: Alderson and Associates Inc.

District 6 Councilman Lopez led a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Rogers Road Extension project in west Bexar County.

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District 9 Councilwoman Elisa Chan led a celebration May 7 for the new Parman Branch Library at Stone Oak. The library is at 20735 Wilderness Oak.



District 2 Councilwoman Ivy Taylor breaks ground for the Rittiman Road at Salado Creek Bridge on May 9. The project is part of the Citywide Bridge Replacement Program.

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The \$4.8 million project included right-of-way acquisition and extension of Rogers from Wiseman Boulevard to Mount Evans, just south of Culebra Road.

The City's share of construction costs was approximately 33 percent, or \$1.6 million.

This project, funded in part by the 2007-2012 Bond Program, widened Rogers to four lanes between Wiseman and Mount Evans with a raised median.

Rogers is an existing road that runs adjacent to the western boundary of the Mountain View Acres subdivision from Culebra.

The project was an agreement between the City and developer Dan Hanke to upgrade Rogers. Improvements

included eliminating a low water crossing on Rogers by converting this to a culvert crossing.

Pape-Dawson Engineers was the design consultant and Yantis Company was the contractor.

District 3 Councilwoman Jennifer Ramos helped celebrate several improvements at Southside Lions Park.

Enhancements, which were funded through the 2007-2012 Bond Program and 2009 Tax Notes, included improvements to the existing recreational amenities – road, parking, pavilions, multi-purpose trails, lighting, signage, playground improvements and Americans with Disabilities Act access.

The project included construction of a new restrooms facility, group



Community members listen to details about the upcoming Lackland Terrace Park skate plaza at the groundbreaking ceremony May 10.

picnic pavilion, basketball court, and walkway from the parking lot to the ball fields.

The \$1.7 million project, which was endorsed by the Historic and Design Review Commission and the Texas Historic Commission, was planned using input from residents and coordinated through Councilwoman Ramos' office.

R V K - L a n d s c a p e Architects Inc. was the design consultant and the contractor was GG&G General Construction Inc.

District 4 Councilman Cortez observed the completion of the Zarzamora Drainage Project #83A, Phases 1 and 2.

The \$18 million Zarzamora project, which was part of the 2007-2012 Bond Program, included rebuilding Zarzamora from Hutchins to Loop 410 to five lanes – 62-foot travel lanes and two 5-foot bike lanes for a total of 72-foot pavement.



Rodney Dziuk, Assistant Capital Programs Manager in CIMS Vertical, makes a point at the Collins Gardens Park groundbreaking May 13.



District 6 Councilman Ray Lopez has plenty of help at the Marbach Streets and Drainage, Phase II-A groundbreaking May 17.

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District 2 Councilwoman Ivy Taylor, Fort Sam Houston Col. Mary Garr, CIMS staff, and private-sector officials break ground May 24 on the Fort Sam Houston Drainage Project.

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Curbs, sidewalks, and driveway approaches were incorporated into the project. In addition, extensive underground storm drainage improvements were constructed. The project included joint bids with San Antonio Water System, CPS Energy, and Bexar Metropolitan Water District to install new sanitary sewer mains, gas mains and water mains with the roadway work.

Work also provided for improvements of Hunter Boulevard from Zarzamora to Janice Lavon, the drainage ditch north of Betty Street, and the drainage ditch from Zarzamora / Hunter to Ansley / Rockwell.

Lockwood, Andrews and Newnam Inc. was the consultant and Texas Sterling Construction Co. was the contractor.

Councilman Medina shared shovels with students from Kelly Elementary School to break ground for a new playground at Kelly Area Park. The \$200,000 project will add a playground to the 3.5-acre park.

TBG Partners is the design consultant and TCL Construction Enterprises Inc. is the contractor.

District 3 Councilwoman Ramos led a celebration for the grand opening of the Mission Branch Library, which was constructed on the former site of



CIMS Director Mike Frisbie; Edward Gonzales, Assistant Director in Community Initiatives; Gilberto Romero, administrator at the Willie M. Cortez Senior Multi-Service Center; and District 4 Councilman Philip Cortez attend the announcement for the center's Phase 3 enhancements May 25.

Mission Drive-In. The 16,400-square-foot facility is less than one mile from Mission San Jose.

The \$7.4 million project is from the 2007-2012 Bond Program. Kell Muñoz was the architect; design enhancement was by Chris Sauter; and construction was by O'Haver Contractors.

Councilman Medina and the community celebrated the completion of improvements at the Palm Heights Park basketball courts.

The \$400,000 project included constructing a new pavilion with metal roofing to cover the two basketball courts, new court surfacing, new basketball court lighting, new bleachers, and a new covered entry to the existing gymnasium entrance.

MJC & Associates was the contractor and RVK Architects was the design consultant.

Councilman Medina, Our Lady of the Lake University President Tessa Martinez Pollack, Ph.D., and CIMS Director Mike Frisbie kicked off construction on 24th Street in front of the university.



Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff; Bexar County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson; District 1 Councilwoman Mary Alice Cisneros; and San Antonio River Authority Board Chairman Gaylon Oehlke are all smiles at the Eagleland Riverwalk Link Pedestrian Phase ribbon-cutting May 27.

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City Council awarded a construction contract for \$2.3 million to EZ-Bel Construction for the 24th Street Improvements Project. Coyle Engineering is the design consultant.

Of the total construction amount, \$1.3 million will be funded by the City; \$479,722 will be paid by San Antonio Water System; and \$331,955 will be reimbursed by CPS Energy. The ordinance also amended a funding agreement with OLLU to accept an additional \$170,000 for this project.

In July 2009, OLLU conducted a traffic study for the proposed 24th Street Improvements. The study recommended that 24th Street – the primary entrance to OLLU and bisects the university into a west and east campus – be reconfigured from the existing four-lane roadway to a two-lane roadway to reduce the amount and speed of traffic.

This project consists of a full reconstruction of 24th Street from south of the Elmendorf Lake Bridge to just south of San Luis Street from a four-lane road to a two-lane road. Construction also includes new median islands, 4-foot shoulders on both sides of the street for bicycles, dedicated crosswalks for student pedestrians, sidewalks and wheelchair ramps, traffic signals at each crosswalk, street beautification, and landscaping.

A new storm sewer system, water line and gas line will be installed. CPS Energy will enhance the aesthetics with an underground conversion of the existing overhead utilities along the east side of 24th Street.



The Eagleland Riverwalk Link Pedestrian Phase, covering City Council Districts 1 and 5, extended the San Antonio Riverwalk from Guenther Street to south of Alamo Street on a pier-supported concrete and stone walkway within the river channel.

There are no overhead utilities on the west side of the street.

Project construction is scheduled for completion by February 2012. Two-way traffic will be maintained during construction.

District 9 Councilwoman Elisa Chan welcomed the new Parman Branch Library. The 17,000-square-foot facility is situated on 10 acres donated by developer Dan Parman.

A walking trail donated by San Antonio Public Library Board Trustee Loyce Ince in memory of her husband winds behind the library. An outdoor amphitheater was donated by the Salomon family in memory of Evelyn Salomon.

The branch library is on track to earning a Silver-LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification, which will make it the first City-owned building to be LEED-certified.

Marmon Mok was the architect for the \$7.4 million facility; design enhancement was Peter Zubiate; Lyda Swinerton Builders was the general contractor.

District 2 Councilwoman Taylor

officially started reconstruction on the Rittiman Road at Salado Creek Bridge.

On March 31, 2011, City Council awarded a construction contract for \$5.1 million to Ballenger Construction Co. Structural Engineering Associates is the design consultant.

Of the total contract amount, \$4.5 million is funded from the 2007-2012 Bond Citywide Bridge Replacement Program. San Antonio Water System will pay \$599,904.

This project will improve the drainage and traffic deficiencies associated with the Rittiman Bridge, which in its existing condition becomes flooded during peak storm events.

The existing bridge will be replaced and the proposed bridge span, crossing Salado Creek, will be increased from 350 to 700 linear feet. The project limits are approximately 1,600 feet.

The bridge will be raised approximately 9 feet at the center to completely remove it from the 100-year flood plain. The bridge roadway traffic section will be widened from 44 feet to 50 feet and the sidewalks will be increased from 3½ feet to 6 feet.

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Construction is expected to be completed by June 2012. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction during construction; however, the bridge will not be completely closed.

Councilman Medina helped break ground on new improvements at Collins Gardens Park.

Park enhancements will include a shade canopy over the existing basketball court, with tree planting. The \$95,078 canopy project is scheduled to begin construction this summer and be completed by November 2011. The consultant is Debra Dockery, Architect-PC; Alpha Building Corp. is the contractor.

Another enhancement is a new pavilion next to the basketball court. The \$154,300 pavilion project is scheduled for completion by October 2011. The consultant is Alpha Consulting Engineers; T.F. Harper & Associates is the contractor.

Councilman Lopez led the shovel-turning for the Marbach Streets and Drainage, Phase II-A project.

On March 3, 2011, City Council awarded a construction contract for \$8.9 million to Ballenger Construction Co. Bain Medina Bain Inc. is the design consultant.



CIMS Director Mike Frisbie explains the Phase 3 enhancements at the Willie M. Cortez Senior Multi-Service Center to a citizen. Looking on is Mick Haase, Sr. Management Analyst in CIMS Real Estate / Leasing.

Of the total amount, \$6.1 million will be funded by the 2007-2012 Bond Program; approximately \$2 million will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System; and \$713,363 will be paid by CPS Energy.

This project will reconstruct Marbach from Military Drive to Meadow Way Drive, including curbs, sidewalks, driveway approaches, bike-accommodation lanes, and an underground storm sewer system.

SAWS and CPS Energy are replacing and adjusting their facilities.

Two-way vehicular traffic will be maintained during construction. The project is estimated for completion by September 2012.

Councilwoman Taylor, City staff, and Fort Sam Houston personnel joined forces to celebrate the start of construction on the Fort

Sam Houston Drainage project.

On March 10, 2011, City Council awarded a construction contract for \$2.9 million to Rozco Contracting Inc. Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. is the design consultant.

Of the total amount, \$2.7 million will be funded by the 2007-2012 Bond Program and \$250,151 will be paid by San Antonio Water System.

This project provides for the realignment of Binz-Engleman and constructs a 600-foot span bridge over Salado Creek to handle a 100-year flood event. Binz-Engleman, which is a critical access point to Fort Sam Houston, is currently two lanes with a low water crossing over Salado Creek.

The new bridge and associated roadway approaches veer away from the existing Binz-Engleman roadway in order to align

with the new Fort Sam Houston road network made necessary due to the recent Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) building construction. This makes it possible for the work to proceed while keeping the old road in operation.

Construction is estimated for completion by June 2012. This bridge, once completed, will become the property of the Air Force.

District 4 Councilman Cortez announced the upcoming Phase 3 enhancements at the Willie M. Cortez Senior Multi-Service Center.

The latest enhancements include a pavilion, walking trail, perimeter fencing, additional parking spaces, landscaping, and new sidewalks. Phase 3 is scheduled for completion by November 2011.

Mick Haase, Sr. Management Analyst in CIMS Real Estate / Leasing, has been instrumental in all of the senior multi-service centers across the City. He helps find spaces for the centers, arranges leases, and see the projects through completion.

In addition to Haase, CIMS staff involved in the Phase 3 enhancements are City Architect **Betty Feldman** and staff, and Contract Administrator **Mark Patterson** and staff.

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District 1 Councilwoman Mary Alice Cisneros, City staff, San Antonio River Authority and Bexar County representatives, and community members celebrated the completion of the Eagleland Riverwalk Link Pedestrian Phase project, which is in City Council Districts 1 and 5.

This \$3.1 million project is one segment of the San Antonio River Improvements Project. The project extended the San Antonio Riverwalk from Guenther Street to south of Alamo Street on a pier-supported concrete and stone walkway within the river channel.

The project connects to a pedestrian overlook of the river that was previously constructed with the Eagleland Hike and Bike project. The San Antonio River Authority acted as Bexar County's agent for joint bid work.

Project funding sources were City bonds, Metropolitan Planning Organization (federal), and Bexar County.



CIMS Director Mike Frisbie and Natalie Balderrama, Interim Assistant Director in Parks & Recreation, talk to Lalo Villarreal, owner of Evolution Skate Shop on Bandera Road, at the Nani Falcone Park skate plaza groundbreaking April 6.

The design consultant was Civil Engineering Consultants (CEC) and the contractor was Jerdon Enterprises. The landscape architect working as a sub to CEC was Bender Wells Clark Design. Jacobs Engineering designed the plunge pool area.

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LEFT: Mike Frisbie welcomes Belen Garcia, GIS Analyst in Technical Services, as the latest winner of the Exceptional Customer Service Recognition award. Belen was nominated jointly by CIMS Assistant Director Mike Etienne and Assistant City Engineer Razi Hosseini. He was recognized for his long hours and hard work on a PowerPoint, which underwent several revisions, shown by Mayor Julian Castro at the Westside Summit April 30 at Lanier High School.



Mike Frisbie congratulates Razi Hosseini, Assistant City Engineer, for 20 years of service. Not available was Noe Del Valle, Technical Services.



TOP: Mike Frisbie with Jesse Acosta (Reporting/Portal), and Pete Rodriguez (Horizontal), 30-year employees. BOTTOM: Mike Frisbie greets John Barrera (Technical Services), a 15-year employee. Mark Wittlinger (Vertical) also was announced as a 15-year City employee.



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TOP LEFT PHOTO: Mike Frisbie salutes David Chumchal (Technical Services) and Annie Menchaca (Contract Services) for 25 years of service to the City. **TOP RIGHT PHOTO:** Mike Frisbie is proud of 10-year employees Robert Espinosa (Environmental Management), David Matney (Horizontal), Anibal Gutierrez (Horizontal), John Donnelly, (Horizontal), and Kevin Sadler (Real Estate). Not available were Ronald De Leon (Technical Services) and Carlos Gallegos (Technical Services). **BOTTOM RIGHT PHOTO:** Mike Frisbie stands with 5-year employees Juan Tapia (Technical Services), Sean Strong (Horizontal), Katy Otto (Horizontal), Eric Reyna (Vertical), David Lopez (Horizontal), Lisa Torres (Reporting/



Portal), Elda Esquivel (Horizontal), Luis Maltos (Technical Services), and Lisa Alvarado (Fiscal Services). Not available were Roger Carrillo (Vertical), Anthony Perez (Technical Services), Kevin Schmitz (Technical Services), and Rafael Vasquez (Technical Services).

What's happening around CIMS?



The Compliance Division won first place in the scavenger hunt at the CIMS Family Fun Day on May 14. The team, dubbed Compliance Alliance, found 18 items out of 20. Team members are Ruben Flores, Maria Godina, Jenny Martinez, Fernando Hernandez, and Brenda Navarro.



This wall on the 8th floor at Municipal Plaza Building was adorned with photos of military members in honor of Military Appreciation Month in May. The photos are of current and past CIMS family members serving in the Armed Forces. CIMS salutes all of our veterans for their sacrifice to our country and the world.



Contract Services and Reporting/Portal employees take part in the Walk & Roll to Work Rally on May 20. Shown are Sam Hutchins, Mark Patterson, Annie Menchaca, James Bennett, Jaime Lalley, Elisa Garcia, and Diana Vasquez.



Jesse Quesada, Management Analyst in Real Estate, was honored for his work on the East Houston Street closure with the State of Texas on behalf of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. He was recognized in a ceremony at the Alamo. The ceremony was to display the new survey of the Alamo that included the portion of Houston Street.

Ricardo Ramirez new CPO, recent college graduate

CIMS congratulates **Ricardo Ramirez**, the recently hired Capital Project Officer for **David McBeth's** Horizontal team.

He replaced longtime CPO Pat Mota, who retired earlier this year. Ramirez, who has been with the City almost four years, was an Inspector II before taking the CPO's position.

Ramirez recently received a Bachelor of Science in Management from the University of Phoenix.



Happy birthday!

CIMS wishes our employees a happy birthday in June, and belated well-wishes for April and May:

JUNE

Mike Frisbie, Director's Office (1st); Laura Flores, Technical Services (1st); Mick Haase, Real Estate (4th); Lupe Bustos, Fiscal Services (7th); John Donnelly, Horizontal (7th); Cathleen Crabb, Vertical (8th); Elda Esquivel, Horizontal (14th); Kevin Schmitz, Technical Services (15th); Robert Diaz, Technical Services (20th); Mauro Calvo, Real Estate (21st); David McGowen, Real Estate (22nd); Brian Orebaugh, Vertical (24th); Glen Lee, Technical Services (25th); Elisa Garcia, Web Portal (28th).

MAY

Jorge Perez, Director's Office (1st); Mark Beavers, Vertical (4th); 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 Services (22nd); Fernando Hernandez, Small Business (22nd); Hope Perez, Vertical (23rd); Mark Patterson, Contract Services (25th); Guillermo Moya, Vertical (26th); David Sesters, Technical Services (26th); Michael Wright, Technical Services (28th); Jennifer DiCocco, Environmental Management (30th); Razi Hosseini, Technical Services (31st).

APRIL

Roland Martinez, Director's Office (4th); Tom Nixon, Compliance (4th); Michael Buchanan, Web Portal (6th); Leann Lindquist-Thome, Aviation Expansion (6th); Juan Frausto, Technical Services (13th); Ira Roane, Technical Services (13th); Maria Godina, Small Business (15th); David Palacios, Compliance (17th); James Reeves, Fiscal Services (18th); John Cantu, Environmental Management (19th); Debbie Sittre, Director's Office (20th); Belen Garcia, Technical Services (29th).

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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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