



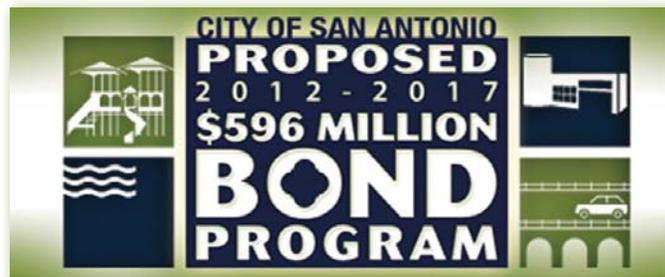
Council unanimously calls election of proposed bond program

Mayor Julián Castro and the City Council unanimously approved calling an election on Saturday, May 12, for the City of San Antonio's proposed 2012-2017 Bond Program.

The \$596 million program will be divided into five infrastructure categories:

- Streets, Bridges & Sidewalks – 41 projects – \$337.44 million
- Drainage & Flood Control – 17 projects – \$128.03 million
- Parks, Recreation & Open Space – 68 projects – \$87.15 million
- Library, Museum & Cultural Arts Facilities – 11 projects – \$29.03 million
- Public Safety Facilities – 3 projects – \$14.35 million

The proposed 140-project bond program would be the largest in the City's history.



A City of San Antonio property tax rate increase is not recommended to fund the proposed 2012-2017 Bond Program. The City's current property tax rate is projected to be sufficient to fund the debt service payments for the program.

The proposed bond program does not include funding or projects for VIA's streetcar program.

"This bond program reflects the input and priorities of San Antonians by focusing on the meat and potatoes of local government – streets, drainage, public safety, parks and libraries," Mayor Castro said. "Like past bond programs, it also invests in every sector of the city and emphasizes

projects with broad community-wide impact."

City Manager Sheryl Sculley said, "Extensive community input was used in the development of the proposed 2012-2017 Bond Program. This was an open and thorough process involving several months of hard work by citizens, City Council, and City staff."

Early voting will be from April 30 to May 8. More information will be available at www.sanantonio.gov/2012bond.

Last year, Mayor Castro appointed Lila Cockrell, Tessa Martinez Pollack and Carri Baker Wells as tri-chairs for the proposed 2012-2017 Bond Program. The Mayor and City Council

appointed 128 community members to serve on four Bond committees. Each committee consisted of Mayor-appointed co-chairs and 30 members. Each City Council member appointed three community members per committee.

The City of San Antonio continues making progress on the 2007-2012 Bond Program, with substantial completion scheduled for June 2012. Voters overwhelmingly approved that bond program of \$550 million in May 2007. The 2007-2012 Bond Program is 93 percent complete or under construction.

Due to a favorable bidding environment and proper planning, organizational structure, and oversight, the 2007-2012 Bond realized \$47 million in savings, which are being used for City Council-approved street, drainage, and park infrastructure projects across the city.

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

Hello, CIMS colleagues and friends. Welcome to February. This "new year" of 2012 is already picking up speed.

What does the second month of the year have to offer? We had the Super Bowl between the New England Patriots and New York Giants. The 16-game regular season winds down with a few playoff games and culminates with a game that is seen throughout the world.

Yes, the Super Bowl is the reward of many months of hard work, planning, developing, execution, adapting your game plan, and making the right personnel moves. CIMS is very much like a professional sports team.

From the procurement process to contracts, from labor compliance to financial management, from real estate acquisitions to environmental assessments, from schedule-building to project management, from design to construction, and other functions, CIMS and our client departments have worked extremely hard to bring the 2007-2012 Bond Program to substantial completion by this June.

We are in the home stretch of the 2007-2012 Bond Program. Thank you to everyone for being part of our team!

Speaking of this year's Super Bowl teams, CIMS has a couple of real patriots - Construction Inspectors **Julio Gomez** and **Victor Maldonado**. They are featured on Page 3 of this newsletter.

Gomez and Maldonado recently returned from nearly a year of military duty in Iraq. They are great examples of what unselfish service is and are true heroes. Gomez has been a City employee for 10 years; Maldonado for four years.

Thank you, Technical Services in particular, and CIMS for supporting these great men during their military service. They appreciated the care packages from home, and acknowledged Construction Inspections Supervisor **John Tapia**, "who is like a dad to us."

The Giants won the Super Bowl and will reign as champions. Our department is blessed with incredible team players who are champions of service to our community. Again, Page 3 of this newsletter has some of the good news shared at the recent CIMS Quarterly Meeting.



Regina Peaches, Special Projects Manager in Fiscal Services, is the latest employee who will be recognized on the CIMS Wall of Honor for exceptional customer service. She is described as having a knack for developing and utilizing strong, constructive and productive relationships that enable goals to be met in support of the CIMS mission.

Professional athletes constantly train to make themselves and their team better. Two of our newer employees pushed themselves to learn even more than what they acquired in school, and have the credentials to prove it.

Congratulations to **Bianca Thorpe, P.E.**, and **Claudia Valles-Tovar, P.E.**, for outstanding scores on their Professional Engineer exam. Even with the demands of CIMS responsibilities, they made time to study extensively and pass this rigorous exam. Great work!

February is also the month for Valentine's Day. This should remind us to open up our hearts to others and to what we do. Whatever our role may be at home, at work, or in the community, I hope you do your best with accountability and integrity, as the CIMS core values point out.

Finally, we observed Groundhog Day in February. Punxsutawney Phil's shadow predicts the duration of the winter season. We do not need a shadow to tell us that substantial completion of the 2007-2012 Bond Program is four months away. At the same time, we are three months from election day for the proposed 2012-2017 Bond Program.

City Council called for the election on February 16.

The next few months will be crucial as we prepare for the proposed 2012-2017 Bond Program, which is planned for \$596 million. City Council unanimously approved 140 projects to be included in the proposed program.

CIMS has come a long way in its short 4½-year history. We are making great strides every day as we deliver on our commitment to have the 2007-2012 Bond Program completed on time and on budget. CIMS will continue to be a super team if we stay dedicated to our community and build a great San Antonio.

I am proud to be on this winning team!

Regina Peaches honored for customer service

CIMS salutes **Regina Peaches**, Fiscal Services Special Projects Manager, as the new winner in the department's Exceptional Customer Service Recognition Program.

Mary Gonzalez, Fiscal Services Administrator, nominated Peaches, a CIMS employee since May 2008, for the award given at the CIMS Quarterly Meeting on January 20.

The nomination states that Peaches played a pivotal role in assisting the Aviation Department with fiscal administration of their

capital projects. She also has been the Fiscal representative on the new Public Safety Headquarters and the new 911 Call Center.

Robert Bethea, CIMS Vertical, said Peaches is always pleasant and informative when aiding Vertical with financial aspects of projects.

Edward Tapia, who works in the Office of Management and Budget, stated that Peaches was always available to answer questions during the budget process.



Mike Frisbie presents a certificate of achievement to Regina Peaches.

CIMS construction inspectors return from overseas military duty



*We are pleased to welcome back Construction Inspectors **Julio Gomez** (left in both photos) and **Victor Maldonado**, who were assigned to Joint Base Balad, Iraq, with the U.S. Army Reserve's 238th Support Maintenance Company. Sgt. Gomez and Spec. Maldonado served jointly from January 2011 to*



November 2011. Their company supported and aided all units, maintained equipment, and moved equipment out of Iraq. They endured summer temperatures around 140 degrees and sand storms. Gomez has been in the military for six years; Maldonado for three years. Thank you for your service!



Congratulations to our newest P.E.s!

CIMS is proud to announce that **Bianca Thorpe**, P.E., and **Claudia Valles-Tovar**, P.E., have passed their Professional Engineer exam.

Thorpe (left in photo), a City employee since April 2009, received her degree in Civil Engineering from Vanderbilt University. She is on **David McBeth's** Horizontal team.

Valles-Tovar, who joined the City in August 2007, has a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas at El Paso. She is on **Arnold Ramirez's** Horizontal team.

Obtaining a P.E. license is an automatic promotion, so Thorpe and Valles-Tovar are now Engineers.

Congratulations, ladies!

Happy birthday in February

CIMS wishes our employees a happy birthday in February:

Eulalio Corpus, Technical Services (1st); **Mike J. Guerra**, Horizontal (3rd); **Armando Salazar**, Technical Services (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).

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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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District 7 City Councilman Cris Medina, CIMS Director Mike Frisbie, and Project Manager Richard Grochowski are among those turning dirt to start the Culebra 58F, Phase II-B project.

Culebra 58F drainage project gets started

District 7 City Councilman Cris Medina, CIMS staff, and community members observed the start of construction on the Culebra 58F, Phase II-B drainage project.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held January 17 in the 4400 block of Culebra Road.

On November 17, 2011, City Council awarded a construction contract for \$6,529,438 to Ballenger Construction Co. Macina Bose Copeland & Associates Inc. is the design consultant.

Of the total contract amount, \$5,793,967 will be funded by the City's 2007-2012 Bond Program and \$735,471 will be reimbursed by San Antonio Water System.

This project includes expansion of the Zarzamora Creek channel along with the connection of previously constructed downstream improvements. The project will reconstruct Zarzamora Creek from approximately 1,600 feet north of Culebra to match channel improvements south of Culebra near Laven Drive.

Construction will convert Zarzamora Creek to a concrete-lined channel north of Culebra and provide natural stream restoration south of Culebra.

The project is scheduled for completion by November 2012. **Richard Grochowski's** team is managing this project.

CIMS Fiscal delivers holiday cheer



CIMS Fiscal Services held its 2nd annual Christmas Family program as staff collected from co-workers a total of \$336 in cash and gift cards, and games, clothes and food for a secret family. Several staff members delivered the gifts.