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## Districts 6, 7 applaud Callaghan project

District 6 Councilman Ray Lopez, District 7 Councilman Cris Medina, former Councilman Justin Rodriguez, CIMS staff, and community members celebrated the completion of the Callaghan Road (Culebra Road to Commerce Street) project.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Sept. 27.

This approximately \$8.7

million project was awarded to James Construction Group, formerly Cravens Services. Vickrey & Associates was the design consultant.

The project widened and reconstructed Callaghan from Culebra to Commerce. In addition, the project realigned the road to remove a severe "S" curve. **David Pulido's** team managed the project.



*District 6 City Councilman Ray Lopez and District 7 Councilman Cris Medina hold the ceremonial scissors at the Callaghan Road ribbon-cutting. Joining them are Ruben Guerrero, CIMS Assistant City Engineer; Mike Frisbie, CIMS Director; former District 7 Councilman Justin Rodriguez; David Pulido, CIMS Project Manager; and Brenda Vickrey Johnson, Vickrey & Associates Inc.*



*Philip Branson*



*Jeff Rodriguez*

## Capital Program Managers named for Convention Center, Airport projects

CIMS congratulates our newest Capital Program Managers who will oversee the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center expansion and the Aviation-related projects.

**Philip Branson** is heading the convention center expansion, which is the largest single project in the City's history. His previous experience was overseeing the Terminal B project at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

**Jeff Rodriguez** is managing the Terminal A renovation at the Airport and the Consolidated Rental Car Facility (CONRAC) at the Airport.

Branson, who grew up in California, has a degree in Architecture from the University of Oregon. Rodriguez, a graduate of San Antonio's John Jay High School, has a degree in Environmental Design from Texas A&M University. Both are registered architects.

## From the Director's Chair

By Mike Frisbie, P.E., City Engineer

Hello, CIMS colleagues and friends. Happy birthday to CIMS, which turns 5 years old on October 1.

We are still a relatively newcomer compared with other City departments, but CIMS already has a reputation for taking on projects of any size, managing them from beginning to end, and delivering quality work on time and within budget.

In September, Mayor Julián Castro and the City Council approved a staff-recommended joint-venture team to manage the design and construction of the expansion of the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. This project attracted extensive competition with local and national interest.

This is the largest single project in the City's history. The expansion will create uniform quality throughout the facility; contiguous exhibit halls; more uniform meeting space; and modernize the facility to meet the market's needs.



The convention center expansion will bring San Antonio's prime contiguous exhibit space from 22nd largest into the top 10 among comparable cities nationally.

The scope of work generally includes addition to and renovation of existing exhibit halls, construction of a new well-defined entrance, renovation of food service facilities, renovation to improve circulation and way-finding, and complimentary meeting space.

The convention center expansion project is being done through the design-build method of project delivery. Design-build is a method in which one entity – the design-build team – works under a single contract with the project owner, in this case, the City, to provide design and construction services at a guaranteed maximum price.

The selected design-build team is the Hunt-Zachry Joint Venture. We look forward to completion of this project in 2016.

## CIMS involved in initiative for low impact development

CIMS is taking a key role in a new initiative for San Antonio called the Central Texas Land & Water Sustainability Forum.

A central piece of the Forum is a low impact development (LID) competition scheduled for spring 2013, spearheaded by San Antonio River Authority. CIMS organized a Lunch-and-Learn seminar to discuss the economic and environmental benefits of LID practices and introduce the competition to City staff.

The panel presented outcomes of a similar LID competition in Houston in 2009. Twenty teams competed to incorporate sustainable stormwater best practices into their designs, which were judged by panels of experts and city officials. Documentation of the innovative design practices showed runoff reductions of 40% and cost savings of 12% to 17% for the multi-million dollar projects.

SARA will begin advertising for design team entrants for the Central Texas LID competition, anticipated to begin in December 2012.

## Happy birthday in October

CIMS wishes our employees a happy October birthday:

**Desiree Alderete**, Contract Services (3rd); **Terri Lee**, Real Estate (4th); **Yolanda Marquart**, Vertical (4th); **Marissa Newman**, SBEDA (8th); **Pat Schneider**, Vertical (14th); **Ronald De Leon**, Technical Services (24th); **Noe Del Valle**, Technical Services (28th); **Richard De La Cruz**, Horizontal (31st).

## Farewell, from a friend



This is my last issue of *The CAPital Letter*. I will be the new Public Relations Officer at Edgewood ISD. I was honored to be CIMS first-ever Public Relations Manager. Future issues will resume as soon as possible. God bless you. **Roland E. Martinez**

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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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