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Commissioners approve contract for redevelopment of Mission County Park

Commissioners Court today further solidified its commitment to the South Side with the approval of a \$5.275 million contract with Guido Brothers Construction to redevelop and improve Mission County Park. The design of the redevelopment will tie the park into the Mission Reach project, serving as a major portal between the river trails and the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park.

The project includes renovating the 1950's era Rotunda Pavilion, kitchen and barbecue building and the existing restrooms. Salvaged structural steel frames will be repurposed for use in the park. New structures will include picnic pavilions, a performance pavilion, new restrooms and a service and maintenance building. Commissioner Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez, whose Precinct 1 includes the park, conducted several public meetings to gather community input for the redesign.

"I am very proud to have received the support from my colleagues in pursuing this investment for Mission County Park," Commissioner Rodriguez said. "My commitment to bring projects that will enhance the South Side and improve the quality of life for the surrounding communities are clearly shown with this park project."

The project will take approximately one year to complete and the work will coincide with work on the adjacent Mission Reach of the San Antonio River Ecosystem Restoration and Recreation Project being completed by the San Antonio River Authority. A new river portal will be inside the park boundary and will provide direct pedestrian access to the park from the river.

Mission County Park No. 1 is one of the four most used recreational areas in Bexar County's park inventory. The park's 16 acres occupy a historically significant area of southern Bexar County dating back to the early Late Archaic period and Spanish Colonial period of this region's history. From its first established use as farmlands associated with Mission San Jose to its establishment as a county-owned park in 1950, Mission County Park continues to play a vital role in the historic and cultural story of Bexar County.

A portion of the project will be paid for through two Texas Parks and Wildlife grants totaling \$1.75 million.