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# CATCHING UP WITH CARLOS

## LENGTHY BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS PROTECT DELTA FROM TUNNEL PROPOSAL

Governor Newsom proposed a package of budget bills in May to streamline the construction of certain water projects around California. Problematically, this "Infrastructure Proposal" included numerous ways to ease the construction of a controversial Delta Tunnel Project.

Assemblymember Carlos Villapudua was quick to join the negotiations, and led a bipartisan effort to [formally and publicly oppose](#) the inclusion of the dangerous Delta Tunnel Project from any aspect of the Infrastructure Proposal.

After many long nights and lengthy meetings between Assembly, Senate, and Administrative leadership, an agreement was made to explicitly prohibit the streamlining in the Infrastructure Proposal from applying to a Delta Tunnel Project.



# STOCKTON'S MIRACLE MILE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TO FUEL MIRACLE MILE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

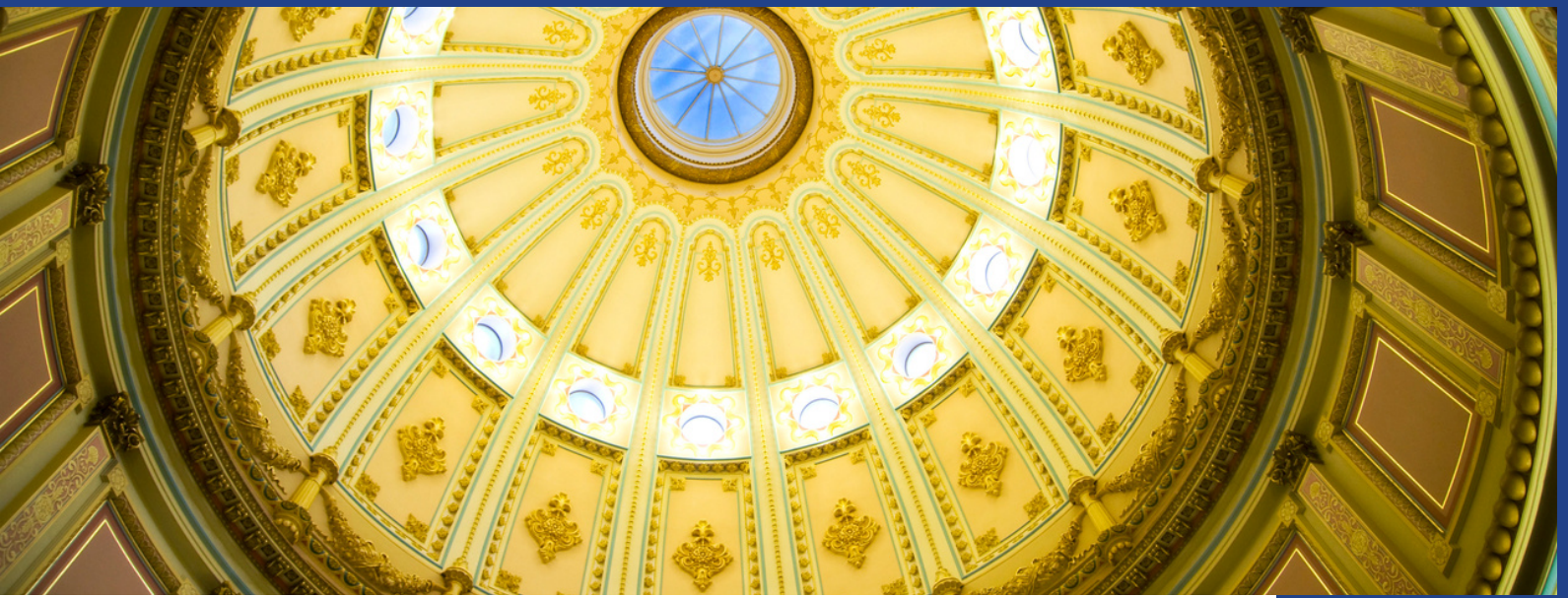
Villapudua secured \$20 million in last year's State Budget to fund renovations along the [Miracle Mile](#) for pedestrian safety and beautification projects. Working with the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans), the Assemblymember took in applications from the public to serve on an Ad Hoc Work Group to make final decisions for the renovations.

21 individuals will be selected in the coming weeks to serve on the Work Group, and bi-weekly meetings will convene shortly after to begin considering how the \$20 million would best be spent.

## **4TH OF JULY FESTIVITIES IN TRACY**

Villapudua celebrated the morning of Independence Day with his wife, Edith, and their daughter, Catalina, at the Tracy Lions Club breakfast and the Tracy City Parade.





## 2023 LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

### [AB 701: Fentanyl Sentence Enhancements](#)

Cracks down on large-scale fentanyl dealers and traffickers by qualifying the possession of a kilogram or more of fentanyl for a sentence enhancement.

This tool is used for the trafficking of heroine, cocaine, methamphetamine, and other dangerous substances.

AB 701 has passed all policy committees and is currently awaiting a vote in the Senate fiscal committee before a final vote on the Floor.

### [AB 376: Scholarship Aid for Trucking Students](#)

Expands scholarship eligibility for students pursuing a trucking career to help backfill the aging workforce.

While the trucking industry provides stable, high paying jobs, financial barriers have prevented many from being able to pursue this lucrative career.

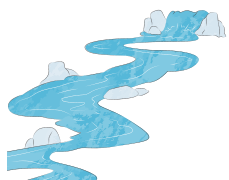
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### [AB 305: Flood Protection Bond](#)

If approved by voters, issues a \$4.5 billion bond to fund flood protection infrastructure projects around California.

AB 305 is currently awaiting a vote in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water.

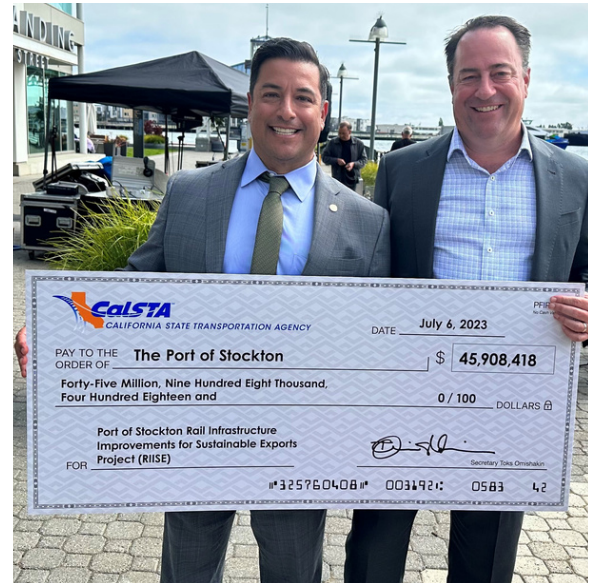






## MONEY COMING TO THE DISTRICT

The **Port of Stockton** was awarded \$45,908,418 by the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) on July 6. These investments will go towards bolstering freight & rail capacity, and building out a clean and more efficient supply chain network. This grant acknowledges Stockton and the San Joaquin Valley as a critical link in California's logistics system.



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The Honorable Carlos Villapudua  
 California State Assembly, District 13  
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Dear  
 Dear Assemblymember Villapudua:

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is pleased to inform you that funds from the Excess Sites Local Government Matching Grants (LGMG) Program totaling \$6,000,000 have been awarded in your district.

On January 15, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Executive Order N-06-19, which allows affordable housing production on excess state-owned property (Excess Sites). The Executive Order authorizes the Department, in partnership with the Department of General Services, to select developers to build and operate multifamily affordable housing projects that are sustainable, cost-effective, and innovative on Excess Sites. These selected projects are eligible to apply for LGMG funding pursuant to California Assembly Bill 140 (Statutes of 2021, Chapter 8.2 Section 50704.81 a (2)).

LGMG provides gap funding for Predevelopment and Development Costs to Excess Sites projects that receive a contribution from a city, county, or public housing authority toward total project costs. LGMG leverages the value of local "soft" sources and associated contributions to make Excess Sites projects more competitive for additional public funding, such as Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, and fosters a spirit of collaboration between the state, local governments, and developers to facilitate meaningful community engagement and multi-benefit outcomes. For specific LGMG information, please visit the program website at the following link: [Excess Sites Local Government Matching Grants Program \(LGMG\)](#).

The Department is working diligently to create strong, healthy, and resilient communities with affordable housing throughout California. We look forward to continued collaboration with our legislative partners. A fact sheet with specific information about your district's LGMG award(s) is enclosed. If you have any questions about this LGMG award, do not hesitate to contact Pedro Galvao, Deputy Director for Legislation, at (916) 263-6206.

cc:

A poll we conducted in the community earlier this year indicated 73.7 percent of respondents feel that we aren't doing enough to address the housing and homelessness crisis in our region. We understand the need to act now on this.

A housing project in Stockton was awarded \$2.8 million on July 14 to help construct 94 new units. This brings San Joaquin County to a total of over \$29 million in funding received from the State just this year for housing and homeless services. The funding alone is not enough, but this is a good start to relieving the crisis we find ourselves in today.



# CONCLUDING COMMENTS

This year has been highlighted by many heavy and challenging conversations so far, but with that has also brought forward many policy and budget discussions that will benefit the every day of Californians.

Important proposals continue to work their way through the Legislature that will help enforce against fentanyl dealing, bolster our workforce, increase our housing supply, reduce emissions around a number of sectors like transportation, protect our natural resources and water, expand access to healthcare, and ensure our children are receiving the resources and education they need to thrive.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about resources that may be available to you. My door is open, and my staff are available to assist you. You can contact me through my website or by calling one of my offices.



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