

## CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

October 2, 2014

### **REDEVELOPMENT BOND PROCEEDS- AB 2493 VETOED**

Governor Jerry brown vetoed AB 2493 this week. The bill would have allowed agencies throughout the state to spend bond proceeds that were issued prior to the dissolution of redevelopment agencies for important community projects, creating thousands of jobs in the process. The remaining bond proceeds will now sit, unable to be used or accessed by local governments or the state for many years. The money in Galt was planned to be used to improve the railroad property along 4th Street, and create parking and other public infrastructure necessary to support an entertainment complex in the heart of the City's historic district. The City is still proceeding with an appeal of a prior superior court ruling denying the City access to the bond proceeds.

While this is a setback for the City's ongoing old town revitalization efforts, we will continue to look for ways to encourage private development and business opportunities in the area. We will also work towards securing other funding sources to improve the railroad property. The City is still proceeding with plans for a \$2 million SACOG grant it received, which will be used for Old Town improvements including sidewalks, streetlights and landscaping on the west side of 4th Street and other complete street improvements along C Street and 4th Street. Environmental and design work is currently underway with construction expected in late 2015. The railroad Quiet Zone project, including a fence along the railroad tracks will also continue as scheduled, as it does not rely on redevelopment money. This Quiet Zone project is scheduled to be under construction by the end of the year.

### **DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT**

On Saturday, September 27, The Galt Police Department in partnership with the Department of Justice and the Drug Enforcement Administration, collected 95 pounds of prescription medications in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day in the City of Galt. This was the second Prescription Drug Take Back Day in the City this year. In 2014 in the greater Galt community, 140 pounds of prescription medications have been removed from homes.

### **LOCAL UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS HEARING**

The Sacramento Area Council of Governments will hold a local Unmet Transit Needs Hearing on Thursday, October 16, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. in the City of Galt Council Chambers. The purpose of this hearing will be to provide a forum for City residents to share their comments as to whether SCT/Link transit services is meeting their needs.