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SBBCOG Legislative Briefing Q & A and Update

Q & A

1. The Infrastructure Act is getting implemented in California through which agencies and which projects?

As of November, California has received more than \$16 billion of Infrastructure Law funding for projects across the state - this is from a mix of competitive and formula grants. More than \$170 million awarded of which is awarded to projects that directly impacts the CA-44 and surrounding communities. A few examples include the battery electric buses for public transit and a grade separation project to reduce truck traffic. Most of the funding going to California will be allocated through Caltrans, but local governments are eligible to apply directly for federal funding through many grant programs offered by the Department of Transportation, Environmental Protection Agency, and other agencies.

2. Are you optimistic that Congress will be able to function with the strong divisions we have seen?

With last week's election of a Speaker of the House, there is concern. With Speaker McCarthy's pledge to gut domestic government programs and refusal to raise the debt ceiling without massive budget cuts there could be a crash to the economy. Nevertheless, Congresswoman Barragán does anticipate bipartisan support for a couple issues like cyber security and research for Alzheimer's treatments. She is also looking forward to continuing to fight for Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and IRA funds to be spent on shovel-worthy projects that will help our communities meet their climate, health, and equity goals.

Legislative Updates

Voted Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus

1. Served as Vice Chair of CHC in the last Congress
2. With nine new members and 42 members in total, this will be the largest CHC in history
3. As Chair, the Congresswoman has plans to take the CHC on the road to hear directly from Latino communities about the issues impacting them and share what the CHC is working on in Congress for them. She also has a goal to work with the President and Administration to increase diversity in the White House.
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Redistricting

- California's 44th Congressional District no longer includes Compton, Watts, and Willowbrook.
- New communities in the South Bay include West Carson, Harbor Gateway South, and part of Harbor City.
- Carson and the LA Harbor Area remain in the district, as well as parts of Long Beach and Southeast LA.

Wins in the FY23 federal spending bill (omnibus)

Secured over \$20 million for 15 community projects in CA-44, such as:

- \$4 million for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor to develop a new club site in Harbor Gateway.
- \$2 million for the City of Carson to increase energy resiliency at Veterans Park and Sports Complex by installing carport and rooftop solar panels, as well as a battery storage system.
- \$4,000,000 for the United Wilmington Youth Foundation to build a new vocational training center.
- \$375,000 for Harbor Interfaith Services to modernize the San Pedro Family Shelter which serves approximately 20 families experiencing homelessness.

Also led efforts to increase funding for several important federal programs, including:

- \$15 million increase for the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership, which funds urban parks.
- \$7 million increase for the Energy Future Grants Program, which supports clean energy microgrids in underserved communities.
- \$7.9 million increase for the Targeted Airshed Grant Program which funds projects that reduce pollution in the five most polluted regions including LA County.
- Two additional years of funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program, a critical safety net program for low-income children.