

Tracy Press

A look back at 2025

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Throughout 2025 the Tracy Press covered issues and events, including some that have long been in the public eye, that will continue to be of interest well into 2026 and beyond. Following are summaries of 12 of those stories, certainly not a complete list, that describe where the city has been and where we are headed. In parentheses are the dates the stories ran, available at www.tracypress.com, or in our E-Edition.

Pacific Gateway

The Pacific Gateway development proposal came back as a reworked concept. Ridgeline Property Group LLC presented plans for a 1,577-acre industrial development between the Delta Mendota Canal and California Aqueduct at the start of the year. The new plan shows access to Highway 132 and Interstate 580 while being further to the south than the previous plan. Just like in 2023 when the project was introduced it is still opposed by rural neighbors who would see farmland in the area developed for warehouses, and new and expanded roadways bringing increased traffic to the proposed development (Jan. 17).

In the summer Ridgeline Property Group announced that California State University, Stanislaus, is interested in the 66.5-acre portion of the development dedicated to a university campus. The proposal gained the project endorsements from local leaders, including Tracy Mayor Dan Arriola, Assembly Member Rhodesia Ransom and San Joaquin County Supervisor Robert Rickman, who worked with Stanislaus State leadership, Ridgeline Property Group and the Sandhu family, the property owners, to bring the college campus to Pacific Gateway (Aug. 29).

In the fall the Draft Environmental Impact Report for Pacific Gateway was released, describing the details of the proposed development, and how it would affect south San Joaquin County in terms of land use, air and water quality, traffic and aesthetics, with development of prime farmland identified as a significant and unavoidable impact. Following a 45-day comment period, which concluded on Dec. 22, the San Joaquin County Planning Department will compile a Final EIR, including responses and comments to the Draft EIR and what measures can be taken to address those concerns (Nov. 14).

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