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April 9, 2021

The Honorable Ken Calvert U.S. House of Representatives 2205 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515

Re: City of Menifee / Community Project Funding (CPF) - THUD DOT – Local Transportation Priorities

Dear Representative Calvert and staff:

The City of Menifee thanks you again for taking the time to meet with staff in February. Additionally, your staff has been very helpful and responsive regarding the Community Project Funding process, which we truly appreciate. We are in full support of the CPF program. As a local government, we feel it is an essential funding source to supporting the local communities in much needed community projects.

On behalf of the 105,125 Menifee residents and growing, and City of Menifee staff and Council, it is our honor to submit the **Bradley Road Bridge over Salt Creek project (CIP 13-04)** for Community Project Funding consideration. We respectfully request \$3M, or available funds for this project from the CPF program. Enclosed you will find additional supporting documentation highlighting the need for this project, including articles and several letters of support from the community and organizations.

Below are a few details on the City and the project.

Menifee's Background

City of Menifee Stats:

Menifee continues to be one of the fastest growing cities in Southwest Riverside County. It is the second youngest, and the 4th fastest growing city in California. Additionally, according to the Derrigo Study, the population is estimated to be 105,125 in 2021 with an increase by 10% over the next 2 years. Currently, the median age is 36 years young, and the median home value is \$506,205.

Accolades for the City of Menifee include:

- Top Workplaces (2018, 2019, and 2020)
- Safest Cities
- Top 50 Boom Towns in America
- Top U.S. City to Raise Kids
- Top I.E. Places to Live
- Best Places to Celebrate Halloween

The City issued 1,481 housing permits in 2020 and currently have 1,119 units under active construction. Over 43 residential communities are under construction and 2 more are in plan check. Additionally, the City has 12,630 units approved for construction with 3,168 units to be building within 2 years.

Project Background

Bradley Road Bridge over Salt Creek (CIP 13-04):

Salt Creek is a regional flood control facility with a FEMA nexus, that is owned, maintained, and operated by the County of Riverside Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFC&WCD); Salt Creek runs east to west across the entire width of City of Menifee and discharges into Canyon Lake.

Bradley Road crosses Salt Creek in a north-to-south direction, generally at equal elevation to Salt Creek. Due to this design, Bradley Road is prone to flooding during even minor rain events, and is considered a public safety issue, which has historically presented hazards to motorists and resulted in the closure of the roadway. This greatly impacts calls for emergency services and the need to complete this bridge is critical. This project will construct a raised bridge across Salt Creek replacing the existing at grade crossing and reducing repeated severe closures at the crossing, which have impacted access to emergency vehicles during life and death situations. This pro ect is identified in our apital Improvement Program and is a priority

The City of Menifee is proposing to replace this low flow crossing with an all-weather crossing (bridge), effectively raising the roadway out of the floodplain for the safety of all that utilize the roadway. With the existing road conditions, when flooding occurs during a rain event, emergency response time is delayed or non-existent to over 20% of the City's population. The construction of this bridge will eliminate that delay, while enhancing safety and access to all.

Again, we appreciate your valuable time and consideration. As always, feel free to contact me any time with any questions or to discuss further at (951) 723-3700 or avilla@cityofmenifee.us. You may also contact our Senior Management Analyst, Imelda Huerta, at (951) 723-3774 or ihuerta@cityofmenifee.us.

Thank you,

Armando G. Villa City Manager

Enclosed:

- No Financial Interest Statements from Menifee City Council Members
- Excerpt of the Minutes from the April 7, 2021 City Council Meeting Council Action Regarding Community Project Funding Projects for Submittal to Congressman Ken Calvert (Supporting Resolution to follow)
- Emergency Response Delay Times Due to Flooding Estimate (provided by GIS team)
- Letters of Support
- Articles
- CIP Budget Detail Sheet
- Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal
- Notice of Determination (NOD) County Filing
- Strategic Visioning Plan (updates in process based on the March 15, 2021 workshop)
 - O Strategic Visioning Plan Task Summary March 2021 Update

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Marsha Swanson, Council Member, Dist. 5



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April 26, 2021

Honorable Ken Calvert United States House of Representatives 2205 Rayburn Building Washington, DC 20515

RE: Community Project Funding Letter of Support

Dear Honorable Ken Calvert:

I am writing to express my full support for the submission of the below noted Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects as part of the Congressional Delegation Community Project Funding process. The projects are socially equitable and will have a positive impact on the health and safety of residents, businesses, and visitors.

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For these reasons, I support the City of Menifee's CIP 13-04, CIP 20-01, and CIP 14-01 projects.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please feel free to contact Gary Nordquist, City Manager, at (951) 677-7751 or at gnordquist@cityofwildomar.org.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dustin Nigg City of Wildomar

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Cc: Menifee City Council



April 12, 2021

Honorable Ken Calvert United States House of Representatives 2205 Rayburn Building Washington, DC 20515

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please feel free to contact Louie Lacasella, Assistant to the City Manager at llacasella@murrietaca.gov.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Scott Vinton Mayor

Cc: Murrieta City Council

Menifee City Council

Armando G. Villa, City of Menifee City Manager

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County of Riverside



SUPERVISOR JEFF HEWITT FIFTH DISTRICT

April 12, 2021

Honorable Ken Calvert United States House of Representatives 2205 Rayburn Building Washington, DC 20515

RE: Community Project Funding Letter of Support

Dear Honorable Ken Calvert:

As Supervisor to the Fifth District of Riverside County, I am writing to express my full support for the submission of the below noted Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects as part of the Congressional Delegation Community Project Funding process. The projects are socially equitable and will have a positive impact on the health and safety of residents, businesses, and visitors.

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Sincerely,

Self Hewitt Fifth District

Cc: Menifee City Council



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April 27, 2020

Mr. Jonathan Smith, P.E. Director of Public Works City Engineer City of Menifee 29844 Haun Road Menifee, CA 92584

Dear Mr. Smith:

Re:

FY 2020-2021

Capital Improvement Project Request -

Budget Status

I want to thank you on behalf of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's (District) Zone 4 Commissioners and District staff for participating in the annual Zone 4 Budget Process. Your Capital Improvement Project Request Form(s) submitted to the District provided valuable input and was very much appreciated.

Based on available funding and the many project requests received from various parties, the District developed a recommended FY 2020-2021 budget and 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). At the Budget Workshop on February 19, 2020, this draft was presented and was subsequently approved by the District's Zone Commissioners. Final approval by the District's Board of Supervisors is tentatively scheduled for June 2020.

Please see the enclosed table for the status of the project request(s) submitted and a copy of the Proposed FY 2020-2021 Budget and 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

If you have any questions concerning the funding status of a project, please contact Claudio Padres, Chief of Design and Construction Division, at 951.955.8170.

Very truly yours,

JASON E. UHLEY

General Manager-Chief Engineer

Enclosures

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April 13, 2021

The Honorable Ken Calvert United States House of Representatives 2205 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Community Project Funding - Letter of Support

Dear Honorable Congressman Ken Calvert:

On behalf of the City of Lake Elsinore, we are writing to express our full support for the submission of the below noted Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects as part of the Congressional Delegation Community Project Funding process. The projects are socially equitable and will have a positive impact on the health and safety of residents, businesses, and visitors.

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please feel free to contact me at (951) 674-3124, ext. 204 or jsimpson@lake-elsinore.org.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely.

Jason Simpson City Manager

Cc: Menifee City Council

CITY OF CANYON LAKE



April 14, 2021

Honorable Ken Calvert United States House of Representatives 2205 Rayburn Building Washington, DC 20515

RE: Community Project Funding Letter of Support

Dear Congressman Calvert:

On behalf of the City of Canyon Lake, I am writing to express our full support for the submission of the below noted Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects as part of the Congressional Delegation Community Project Funding process. The projects are socially equitable and will have a positive impact on the health and safety of residents, businesses, and visitors.

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For these reasons, the City of Canyon Lake supports the City of Menifee's CIP 13-04, CIP 20-01, and CIP 14-01 projects.

If you have questions or would like to discuss further, please feel free to contact me directly at 951-244-2955 or chrismann@canyonlakeca.gov.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Mann City Manager

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Cc: Honorable Mayor and City Council, City of Menifee Armando G. Villa, City Manager, City of Menifee



April 12, 2021

Honorable Ken Calvert United States House of Representatives 2205 Rayburn Building Washington, DC 20515

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Cc: Murrieta City Council

Menifee City Council

Armando G. Villa, City of Menifee City Manager

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Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for the City of Menifee's Capital Investment Plan Community Project Funding Request

Dear Congressman Calvert:

On behalf of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), I am pleased to support the city of Menifee's Community Project Funding request for the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects noted below. SCAG believes that the projects are socially equitable and will positively impact the health and safety of residents, businesses, and visitors.

1. CIP 13-04 Bradley Road Bridge over Salt Creek

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pedestrian and bicycle accessibility, lighting, and aesthetics. It is critical that we help alleviate the impacts that small businesses, the backbone of our economy, face due to traffic congestion.

As a project that is consistent with the policies and goals set forth in the RTP/SCS, SCAG supports the city of Menifee's efforts and respectfully requests your office to give full consideration to their community project funding request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Naresh Amatya, Manager of Transportation Planning & Programming, at (213)236-1885 or by email at amatya@scag.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Kome Ajise

Executive Director



Director of Transportation

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Mojahed Salama Richard Lantis Deputy Directors of Transportation

Transportation Department

April 1, 2021

Honorable Ken Calvert United States House of Representatives 2205 Rayburn Building Washington, DC 20515

RE: Community Project Funding

Letter of Support

Dear Honorable Ken Calvert:

On behalf of the Transportation Department we are writing to express our full support for the submission of the below noted Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects as part of the Congressional Delegation Community Project Funding process. The projects are socially equitable and will have a positive impact on the health and safety of residents, businesses, and visitors.

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For these reasons, Transportation Department supports the City of Menifee's CIP 13-04, CIP 20-01, and CIP 14-01 projects.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please feel free to contact Mark Lancaster at (951) 955-6740 or mlancaster@rivco.org.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely.

Mark Lancaster

Director

Transportation

Cc: Menifee City Council

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April 6, 2021

The Honorable Bill Zimmerman Mayor, City of Menifee 29833 Haun Road Menifee, CA 92586

Dear Mayor Zimmerman:

Thank you for providing the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) the opportunity to comment on the City's efforts to advance three regionally significant projects. We have appreciated working closely with the City of Menifee on these effort as evidenced by our inclusion of the projects in the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvements Program, 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Plan (FTIP), and the 2020 Connect SoCal, southern California's Regional Transportation Plan.

The projects include:

- FTIP ID: RIV180133 Bradley Road bridge replacement of 400 feet, four lanes over the existing Salt Creek Channel from Rio Vista Drive to Potomac Drive.
- FTIP ID: RIV180136 Murrieta Road widening from two to four lanes from Park City Avenue to Camino Del Sol Sur over Salt Creek Channel, including a traffic signal at Murrieta Road and Valley Boulevard.
- FTIP ID: RIV151218 Widen Interstate (I)-215 interchange at McCall Boulevard from four to six lanes.

The project sites, located in the Inland Empire, are positioned along I-215. I-215 experiences significant truck traffic and provides a direct connection to I-15, which is a major multi-state freight corridor providing connections to I-10 and I-40 in San Bernardino County which are essential to the country's economy. The infrastructure enhancements presented by the City of Menifee will improve connectivity to the regional transportation system and ensure that freight traffic can continue to increase goods movement throughout the region.

The City of Menifee may include this letter in its submission for Congressional Delegation Community Project Funding to demonstrate that the projects are consistent with regional plans and benefit from multi-agency collaboration.

We look forward to continuing to work with the City and neighboring communities as these projects progress and we appreciate the continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Anne Mayer
Executive Director



April 5, 2021

Honorable Ken Calvert United States House of Representatives 2205 Rayburn Building Washington, DC 20515

RE: Community Project Funding Letter of Support

Dear Honorable Ken Calvert:

On behalf of Loma Linda University Medical Center – Murrieta, we are writing to express our full support for the submission of the below noted Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects as part of the Congressional Delegation Community Project Funding process. The projects are socially equitable and will have a positive impact on the health and safety of residents, businesses, and visitors.

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For these reasons, Loma Linda University Medical Center – Murrieta supports the City of Menifee's CIP 13-04, CIP 20-01, and CIP 14-01 projects.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please feel free to contact Peter Baker at 951-290-4248 or email at jpbaker@llu.edu.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

J. Peter Baker, JD, MBA

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Senior Vice-President / Administrator

Loma Linda University Medical Center - Murrieta

Cc: Menifee City Council



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April 8, 2021

Honorable Ken Calvert United States House of Representatives 2205 Rayburn Building Washington, DC 20515

RE: Community Project Funding

Letter of Support

Dear Honorable Ken Calvert:

On behalf of Sun City Civic Association (consisting of 4,800 surrounding the area project noted below) we are writing to express our full support for the submission of the below noted Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) project as part of the Congressional Delegation Community Project Funding process. The projects are socially equitable and will have a positive impact on the health and safety of residents, businesses, and visitors.

CIP 13-04 Bradley Road Bridge over Salt Creek
 The Bradley Road Bridge over Salt Creek project is a project that the community needs and is anxiously awaiting. The construction of a raised bridge across Salt Creek replacing the existing at grade crossing will significantly reduce repeated sever closures at the crossing, which will reduce impacts to life threatening calls for first responder services. Additionally, the project will link amenities on one end of the city to another, thereby, enhancing quality of life to the region, as well as all who reside, visit, or conduct business in Menifee.

For these reasons, Sun City Civic Association supports the City of Menifee's CIP 13-04 project.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please feel free to contact me at (951) 679-2311or via email at manager@suncitycivic.com.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely.

Norma Zermeno, AMS®, PCAM®, General Manager

As Agent for the Board of Directors

Sun City Civic Association

Cc: Menifee City Council



Western Riverside Council of Governments

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March 31, 2021

Honorable Ken Calvert United States House of Representatives 2205 Rayburn Building Washington, DC 20515

Subject: Community Project Funding Letter of Support

Dear Honorable Ken Calvert:

On behalf of the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG), we are writing to express our full support for the submission of the below noted Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects as part of the Congressional Delegation Community Project Funding process. The projects are socially equitable and will have a positive impact on the health and safety of residents, businesses, and visitors.

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CIP 20-01 Scott Road / Bundy Canyon Road Widening

Scott Road / Bundy Canyon Road links the Cities of Wildomar, Menifee, Murrieta and unincorporated areas of Riverside County. This area has experienced increased traffic demand due to residential and commercial development along the corridor. Due to the rural and narrow conditions of the roadway, Scott Road / Bundy Canyon Road has seen an increase of vehicle collisions from moderate to severe accidents. This Project will widen the existing two-lane road to a four-lane major arterial and provide dedicated bicycle lanes on both sides. Additionally, the improvements will significantly improve driver safety and reduce accident fatality along this high traveled multi-jurisdiction corridor, thereby saving lives and enhancing regional safety.

• CIP 14-01 McCall Boulevard / I-215 Interchange

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For these reasons, WRCOG supports the City of Menifee's CIP 13-04, CIP 20-01, and CIP 14-01 projects.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please do not hesitate to contact me at (951) 405-6710 or at cgray@wrcog.us.

Sincerely,

Christopher Gray Deputy Executive Director

Christopher Gray

Western Riverside Council of Governments



4-5-21

Dear Honorable Congressman Calvert:

On behalf of Menifee Interfaith and Community Service Council, please accept this letter in SUPPORT of the Bradley Bridge Road over Salt Creek Project. This is a very important project for the City of Menifee, and our regional partners. This segment of the Salt Creek receives tributary streams from the east of the City (Winchester, Hemet/San Jacinto, Riverside County), and is a collector before it discharges into Canyon Lake.

There are multiple reasons why the Bradley Bridge Road over Salt Creek Project needs Congressional assistance. At time of rainfall, it does not take much for this segment to wash out the only roadways into Sun City, bifurcating one of the most agile communities in Menifee. When residents of Sun City and surrounding areas place calls for emergency services, the flooded roadway makes reaching seniors very difficult. Though partnerships with FEMA, the City, and the federal government, this project could potentially save lives.

This improvement is a well-focused use of taxpayers funding to ensure that our seniors and community have access to emergency vehicles and first responders, and amenities for health and wellness.

Again, please use this letter as full SUPPORT of the City's application for the Bradley Bridge over Salt Creek Project for federal funding consideration.

Sincerely,

Kasey Crawford

Chair

Menifee Interfaith and Community Service Council

Cc: Menifee City Council