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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 Scott Road / Bundy Canyon Road Widening Project - Request for Federal Funding

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 CPF process, which we truly appreciate. We are in full support of the CPF program and Transportation Bill. 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 **Scott Road / Bundy Canyon Road Widening project (CIP 20-01)** for funding consideration. We respectfully request \$14M, or available funds for this project. 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

Scott Road / Bundy Canyon Road Widening (CIP 20-01):

Scott Road / Bundy Canyon Road is an existing two-lane regional facility which provides a regional east-west connection between the I-15 and I-215 freeways linking 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. The Scott Road / Bundy Canyon Road Widening Project will widen the existing two-lane road to a four-lane major arterial within the City of Menifee from Sunset Avenue to Haun Road. The project will address roadway geometry issues, upgrade drainage facilities, and provide dedicated bicycle lanes on both sides. The improvement project will significantly improve driver safety and reduce accident fatality along this high traveled multi-jurisdiction corridor.

This project is part of the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and has received support from the community and various organizations.

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)
- Letters of Support
- Articles
- CIP Budget Detail Sheet
- Strategic Visioning Plan (updates in process based on the March 15, 2021 workshop)
 - Strategic Visioning Plan Task Summary March 2021 Update

RESOLUTION NO. 21-1012

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MENIFEE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF THREE (3) COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST APPLICATIONS TO THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN KEN CALVERT, WHICH INCLUDES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) PROJECTS CIP 13-04 BRADLEY ROAD BRIDGE OVER SALT CREEK, CIP 20-01 SCOTT ROAD / BUNDY CANYON ROAD WIDENING, AND AXON IN-CAR CAMERAS FOR THE MENIFEE POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD) PATROL VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the United States (U.S.) House of Representatives is considering the inclusion of Community Project Funding requests as delineated by the House Appropriations Committee; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with reforms being instituted, only state and local governmental entities and eligible nonprofit organizations may submit requests for Community Project Funding; and

WHEREAS, each Member of U.S. Congress can submit no more than ten (10) total Community Project Funding requests, and the City of Menifee has been asked to submit no more than three (3) federal nexus projects; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Government Accountability Office will conduct regular audits of sampled community projects that are funded; and

WHEREAS, the Community Project Funding cannot exceed one percent (1%) that goes through the Appropriations Committee (an annual limit of about \$15 billion) for the United States; and

WHEREAS, staff analyzed projects, including Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects, and formally recommended four (4) community and regional projects (in order of priority) based on social equity, federal nexus, impacts to health and safety of residents, businesses, and visitors and congressional interest:

- (1) CIP 13-04 Bradley Road Bridge over Salt Creek
- (2) CIP 20-01 Scott Road / Bundy Canyon Road Widening
- (3) CIP 14-01 McCall Boulevard / I-215 Interchange

Alternative (3) Axon In-Car Cameras for Menifee PD Patrol Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2021 City Council voted to submit Community Project Funding applications for CIP 13-04 Bradley Road Bridge over Salt Creek, CIP 20-01 Scott Road / Bundy Canyon Road Widening, and Axon In-Car Cameras for Menifee PD Patrol Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Salt Creek is a regional flood control facility, in the City of Menifee, that has 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; and

WHEREAS, the Bradley Road Bridge over Salt Creek project will construct a raised bridge across Salt Creek replacing the existing at grade crossing and reducing repeated severe closures at the crossing, including reducing life threatening events for which calls for first responders' service are made, as well as linking amenities on one end of the City of Menifee to the other. The total cost of the project is \$14M, with a funding gap of \$3M; and

WHEREAS, Scott Road / Bundy Canyon Road is an existing two-lane regional facility which

provides a regional east-west connection between the I-15 and I-215 freeways linking the Cities of Wildomar, Menifee, Murrieta, and unincorporated areas of Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, Scott Road / Bundy Canyon Road 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; and

WHEREAS, the Scott Road / Bundy Canyon Road Widening Project will widen the existing two-lane road to a four-lane major arterial within the City of Menifee from Sunset Avenue to Haun Road. The project will address roadway geometry issues, upgrade drainage facilities, and provide dedicated bicycle lanes on both sides. The 2.77-mile stretch improvement project will significantly improve driver safety and reduce accident fatality along this high traveled multi-jurisdiction corridor. The total cost of the project is \$30M, with a revised funding gap of \$14M; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Menifee Police Department has resulted in the need to purchase large quantities of equipment to sufficiently outfit the sworn officers and has created the opportunity to explore the newest technology to meet the ever-changing environment that police personnel find themselves faced with; and

WHEREAS, the Menifee Police Department currently utilizes the Axon body worn cameras for all field staff and the addition of the in-car camera systems in patrol vehicles will create a wider net of transparency and documentation in this information driven age; and

WHEREAS, the in-car camera is a reactive tool that will expedite the investigative process and provide conclusive evidence of guilt or innocence involving criminal cases and will greatly enhance overall safety and protection. The total cost for this project is \$542,880;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Menifee, California hereby resolve as follows:

<u>Section 1.</u> Authorizes the submission of an application for CIP 13-04 Bradley Road Bridge over Salt Creek, CIP 20-01 Scott Road / Bundy Canyon Road Widening, and Axon In-Car Cameras for Menifee PD Patrol Vehicles as Menifee Community Projects that are significant to the City of Menifee's circulation plans, Strategic Visioning Plan, and regional plans that without the federal assistance would delay severe improvements that are needed to reduce flooding, traffic circulation, and overall safety impacts to the region.

<u>Section 2.</u> Certifies that are no conflicts of interests posed by any Menifee City Council Member or City staff member in the submission of the included projects.

Section 3. Certifies full support of the noted projects.

<u>Section 4.</u> Authorizes the City Manager or designee to take all actions necessary pertaining to the Community Project Funding requests.

<u>Section 5.</u> Authorizes City staff to coordinate with the Office of Congressman Ken Calvert to facilitate the Community Project Funding requests, and periodically report back to this City Council regarding of the status of the request(s).

<u>Section 6.</u> Authorizes the City Manager or designee to substitute another project or CIP for any of the above-listed CIPs or projects if doing so will increase the likelihood of receipt of federal funding for a project identified by the City of Menifee.

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of April, 2021

Bill Zimmerman, Mayor

Attest:

Sarah A. Manwaring

Sarah A. Manwaring, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Jeffrey T. Melching, City Attorney

T. Melding, City Attorney

Dustin Nigg, Mayor, Dist. 2
Ben J. Benoit, Mayor Pro Tem, Dist. 1
Bridgette Moore, Council Member, Dist. 4
Joseph Morabito, Council Member, Dist. 3
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.

• <u>CIP 13-04 Bradley Road Bridge over Salt Creek</u>

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.

• 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

The McCall Boulevard has experienced increased traffic demand due to large residential and commercial developments on the east side of the I-215 freeway. The increased traffic currently creates severe traffic congestion during peak hours.

The McCall Boulevard / I-215 Interchange Project from Sun City Boulevard to Encanto Drive will improve regional traffic circulation and provide improved pedestrian and bicycle accessibility, improved lighting, and aesthetics. It is critical that we help to alleviate the impacts to the small businesses that have experienced challenges by the traffic congestion, as they are the backbone to our economy.

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

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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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CIP 20-01 Scott Road / Bundy Canyon Road Widening

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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 Boomer Shannon, Chief of Staff, at 951-955-1050 or BShannon@rivco.org. We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Seff Hewitt Fifth District

Cc: Menifee City Council



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.

• CIP 13-04 Bradley Road Bridge over Salt Creek
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Page 2 Community Project Funding – Letter of Support

For these reasons, the City of Lake Elsinore 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 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.

<u>CIP 13-04 Bradley Road Bridge over Salt Creek</u>

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.

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The increased traffic currently creates severe traffic congestion during peak hours. The McCall Boulevard / I-215 Interchange Project from Sun City Boulevard to Encanto Drive will improve regional traffic circulation and provide improved pedestrian and bicycle accessibility, improved lighting, and aesthetics. It is critical that we help to alleviate impacts to the small businesses that have experienced challenges as a result of traffic congestion, as they are the backbone to our economy.

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

RE: **Community Project Funding Letter of Support**

Dear Honorable Ken Calvert:

On behalf of City of Murrieta, we are writing to express our full support for the submission of the below noted Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects and the in-car camera project for Menifee's Police Department patrol vehicles, 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.
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CITY OF MURRIETA

In-Car Cameras for Menifee Police Department's Patrol Vehicles It is estimated there are approximately 7 million property crimes that occur every year. Of those, approximately 13% are solved. While we believe the Menifee Police Department will always strive to increase crime solvability, the installation of the in-car camera systems will greatly enhance investigative ability. The combination of automated license plate reader technology being in every patrol unit and the ability to retrieve 24-hours of video will provide investigators investigative leads that may not have existed before, which will help keep our community the safest it can be.

Furthermore, this system will expedite investigative processes and provide conclusive evidence of guilt or innocence involving criminal cases, thereby, enhancing transparency, and preventing misconduct.

For these reasons, the City of Murrieta supports the City of Menifee's CIP 13-04, CIP 20-01, and the Menifee Police Department's in-car cameras projects.

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.

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Sincerely,

Scott Vinton Mayor

Cc: Murrieta City Council

Menifee City Council

Dear Honorable Congressman Calvert:

On behalf of the Menifee Senior Advisory Committee, Menifee Interfaith & Community Service Council and the Lake Menifee Women's Club, please accept this letter in SUPPORT of the Scott Road / Bundy Canyon Road Widening Project. This is a very important project for the City of Menifee, and their regional partners.

The Scott Road / Bundy Canyon Road Widening Project is a regional network and high-profile project that connects Wildomar, Murrieta, Menifee, Winchester, and Riverside County to the I-215 and I-15 freeways. This highly travelled roadway is in the Economic Development corridor of Menifee, parts of Wildomar, and commercial frontage in Murrieta, and this corridor is only anticipated to grow faster and even more so.

With the recent competition of the Scott Road Interchange project just last year, which expanded the roadway from a two-lane roadway to a six-lane roadway, this missing link connector (along the 2.44 mile stretch) has created a serious bottleneck congestion problem that needs a quick and immediate rescue to enhance the safety along this corridor.

The Scott Road / Bundy Canyon Road Widening Project will realign the design of the roadway to provide enhanced vehicular line of site and widen the roadways to four additional lanes that would improve driver safety. The configuration for the widening project is a very costly \$30M project, that as a young and growing city - access to revenue to jump start projects like this has become daunting. Through a federal community project funding mechanism, addressing critical infrastructure along a regional network, is a great use of taxpayer funding.

Again, please use this letter as full SUPPORT of the City's application for the Scott Road / Bundy Canyon Road Widening Project for federal funding consideration.

Sincerely,

Gloria J. Sanchez

Chair, Menifee Senior Advisory Committee

Vice Chair, Menifee Interfaith & Community Service Council

Member, Lake Menifee Women's Club

Cc:

Menifee City Council



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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

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 closures at the crossing, lessening 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 the region's quality of life for all who reside, visit, or conduct business in Menifee.

2. 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 roadway's rural and narrow conditions, Scott Road/Bundy Canyon Road has seen increased vehicle collisions from moderate to severe accidents. This project will widen the existing two-lane road to a fourlane major arterial and provide dedicated bicycle lanes on both sides. Additionally, the upgrades will significantly improve driver safety and reduce accident fatality along this high traveled multi-jurisdiction corridor, thereby saving lives and enhancing regional safety.

3. CIP 14-01 McCall Boulevard / I-215 Interchange

The McCall Boulevard has experienced increased traffic demand due to significant residential and commercial developments on the east side of the I-215 freeway. The increased traffic currently creates acute traffic congestion during peak hours. The McCall Boulevard/I-215 Interchange Project from Sun City Boulevard to Encanto Drive will improve regional traffic circulation,

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,

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Executive Director

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Mark Lancaster Director of Transportation

Transportation Department

Mojahed Salama Richard Lantis Deputy Directors of Transportation

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 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 the Menifee Valley Chamber of Commerce, 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.

- <u>CIP 13-04 Bradley Road Bridge over Salt Creek</u>
 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.
- 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.

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

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please feel free to contact Maneesha Jones at 951.672.1991 or maneesha@menifeevalleychamber.com.



We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Maneesha Jones Executive Director

Menifee Valley Chamber of Commerce

Cc: Menifee City Council



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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CIP 14-01 McCall Boulevard / I-215 Interchange

The McCall Boulevard has experienced increased traffic demand due to large residential and commercial developments on the east side of the I-215 freeway. The increased traffic currently creates severe traffic congestion during peak hours.

The McCall Boulevard / I-215 Interchange Project from Sun City Boulevard to Encanto Drive will improve regional traffic circulation and provide improved pedestrian and bicycle accessibility, improved lighting, and aesthetics. It is critical that we help to alleviate the impacts to the small businesses that have experienced challenges by the traffic congestion, as they are the backbone to our economy.

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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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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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