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Funding for Bradley Road Bridge Secured by Rep. Calvert



Rendering of the completed Bradley Road Bridge (Provided by the city of Menifee)

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) highlighted the inclusion of \$5 million for the Bradley Road Bridge construction project in the Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations bill. Rep. Calvert voted along with a bipartisan majority of the House of Representatives to approve the bill on Wednesday, March 9th. The bill was subsequently approved by the Senate and signed into law by the President.

The funding was requested by the city of Menifee to replace a segment of Bradley Road at Salt Creek crossing with a bridge to address flooding issues during heavy precipitation events. The current configuration impedes traffic flow and emergency services to nearly 20% of the Menifee’s population. According to the city, the construction of this bridge will eliminate that delay, while enhancing safety and access for all.

“We appreciate Congressman Calvert’s efforts in securing vital funding for the Bradley Road Bridge project, which will help improve the overall safety and wellbeing of our community,” said Menifee Mayor Bill Zimmerman. “This \$5 million investment in our city provides the gap funding needed to help us move this project forward and accelerate our construction timeline.”

“The Bradley Road Bridge project will improve an essential access point to communities in Menifee that are effectively isolated during major rain events,” said Rep. Calvert. “It’s critical that we take action now to improve the Bradley Road Bridge and protect these vulnerable neighborhoods. I’m grateful for work done by the city of Menifee to prepare this project for construction and highlight its importance.”

Under the U.S. Constitution, all federal funding must be appropriated by Congress. As part of the annual appropriations process, members of Congress are provided the opportunity to submit Community Project Funding (CPF) requests to the Appropriations Committee for consideration. Rep. Calvert’s CPF requests were submitted on behalf of local governments and non-profit organizations in the 42nd District. To satisfy required transparency and other safeguards, Rep. Calvert previously posted detailed CPF project descriptions online and certified that he had no financial interest in the projects. The funding included in the appropriation bills for CPF projects does not increase the overall size of their respective federal programs. The process merely allocates where approved federal funding is spent and reasserts Congress’ constitutional role of appropriating funds.

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