

RIVERSIDE COUNTY PRIORITIES REQUESTED BY REP. CALVERT INCLUDED IN TRANSPORTATION BILL

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Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) announced that \$20 million for 42nd Congressional District transportation projects is included in the Fiscal Year 2022 surface transportation authorization **bill** (<https://transportation.house.gov/imo/media/doc/ANS%20to%20HR%203684.pdf>) that is set to be considered this week by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

"Riverside County residents know all too well how desperately we need to invest in transportation improvements to ease the congestion on our freeways and roads," said Rep. Calvert. "I have worked closely with our local cities and county officials to identify important, eligible transportation projects that need resources to be completed. I'm pleased to see projects in the 42nd Congressional District are receiving a total of \$20 million on top of the federal formula funding that goes to our region."

"There's no silver bullet to solving our congestion problems, and no single project is the answer. However, I'm hopeful that by continuing to build projects like the Riverside County priorities included in the bill and bringing additional federal resources to our region we can make a positive impact. That's also why I have broader concerns about some of the programs and priorities Democrats have included in this reauthorization. Far too many federal dollars are being spent on things that will not help us address congestion relief. I'm hopeful that significant changes can be made to the bill before it comes to the House floor for a vote."

The following Riverside County transportation projects were included in the bill after funding requests were submitted and advocated for by Rep. Calvert and local sponsors:

Interstate-15 Corridor Operations Project - \$3 million: The funding was requested by the Riverside County Transportation Commission to add a southbound auxiliary lane on I-15 between Cajalco Road and Weirick Road to address a major bottleneck and help relieve peak afternoon congestion. Organizations including the Greater Corona Traffic Alliance, the Western Riverside Council of Governments, the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce, the Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Southern California Association of Governments submitted **letters of support** (<https://calvert.house.gov/sites/calvert.house.gov/files/I-15%20Corridor%20Operation%20Program%20Support%20Letters.pdf>) for the project.

Scott Road/Bundy Canyon Road Widening Project - \$12 million: The funding was requested by the city of Menifee to widen the existing Scott Road/Bundy Canyon road connection between I-15 and I-215 from a two-lane road to a four-lane corridor. The project area links the cities of Wildomar, Menifee, Murrieta and unincorporated areas of Riverside County. According to the city of Menifee, in addition to reducing congestion, the improvement project will significantly improve driver safety and reduce accident fatality along this high traveled, multi-jurisdiction corridor. Organizations including the Southern California Association of Governments, the Menifee Valley Chamber of Commerce, Loma Linda University Medical Center – Murrieta, and the Western Riverside Council of Governments submitted **letters of support** (<https://calvert.house.gov/sites/calvert.house.gov/files/Scott%20Road%20-%20Bundy%20Canyon%20Widening%20Support%20Letters%20-%20Website%20FINAL.pdf>) for the project.

Temescal Canyon Road Widening Project - El Cerrito Segment - \$5 million: The funding was requested by the Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Agency to widen Temescal Canyon Road from two to four lanes from north of El Cerrito Road to Tom Barnes Street and includes a 200-foot segment of widening north of Cajalco Road. This is the last remaining segment of Temescal Canyon Road that has not been widened to four lanes. According to a support letter from the city of Corona, "the project will enhance the quality of life in Temescal Valley and have a positive impact on the health and safety of residents, businesses, and visitors." Organizations including "We Are Temescal Valley," the Corona Chamber of Commerce, as well as multiple Temescal Valley residents submitted **letters of support** (<https://calvert.house.gov/sites/calvert.house.gov/files/Temescal%20Canyon%20Road%20Widening%20Support%20Letters.pdf>) for the project.

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