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Camarillo Receives \$4 Million in Federal Funding For Bridge Replacement Project in the FY 2023 Omnibus Appropriations Act

Camarillo, California – Congresswoman Julia Brownley (D-CA) secured \$4,000,000 in funding for the Camarillo Bridge Replacement Project at the intersection of Las Posas Road and Ventura Boulevard, one of the busiest intersections in Camarillo. Brownley secured funding for this critical project under the Transportation, Housing, and Urban and Related Agencies Funding bill, as part of the FY 2023 Omnibus Appropriations Act, signed into law by President Biden on December 23, 2022. “We are grateful to Congresswoman Brownley for her steadfast advocacy for funding to support this critical infrastructure project that serves as a transportation lifeline in our community,” shared Camarillo Mayor Susan Santangelo.

Las Posas Road is a critical arterial corridor for movement of goods and services throughout our region, connecting the U.S. 101 to/from Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu and Port Hueneme. Las Posas Road is listed on both the National Highway System and the Strategic Highway Network. The intersection of Las Posas Road and Ventura Boulevard receives an average of over 32,000 vehicles per day.

The concrete bridge is deteriorating and needs to be replaced as soon as possible before weight limitations or closure of the road is required. The bridge, also referred to as the Camarillo Hills Drain, crosses diagonally beneath the intersection of Las Posas Road and Ventura Boulevard in Camarillo. Originally constructed in 1973, it was extended in 1995 during the widening of Ventura Boulevard.

In July 2015, a large section of concrete at the north end of the bridge spalled and was later repaired. Since then, the bridge has shown further signs of deterioration, leading to closure of a driveway outside of the travel lanes. In 2018, the City performed extensive testing on the bridge and determined the presence of reactive aggregate in the concrete which is prone to cracking. Although the bridge is being continually monitored for signs of further deterioration, and the City is prepared to take appropriate action should the structural integrity of the bridge pose a safety risk to the traveling public. Maintaining the integrity of the existing regional roadway, that provides direct access to Naval Base Ventura County and the Port of Hueneme through Camarillo, is of high priority to Camarillo and significance to the region.

The project will replace the bridge in its entirety and include an extension necessary to keep the intersection open during phased construction. This extension will also be used to bring the existing bridge up to current standards for pedestrian and bicycle use.

The City is currently in design of the replacement project. Construction is expected to begin late 2024. The project will be constructed in phases over two dry seasons to allow work to be completed in the creek and to maintain traffic flow.

The City has committed \$12,000,000 of local funds towards completion of the project, which is estimated to cost a total of \$18,000,000. The City is actively identifying grant funding opportunities for construction of this project and concurrently applied for \$9,000,000 in grant funding through the Bridge Investment Program, established by the passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The results have not yet been released.

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