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Representative Khanna Delivers \$3 Million to Fund Bridge Extension Over Penitencia Creek in Milpitas

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President Joe Biden signed into law a fiscal year (FY) 2022 [spending bill](#) on March 11 with increased funding bill for affordable housing and community development programs. House and Senate leaders released the final bill text on March 9 for an FY22 spending bill that would provide roughly \$1.5 trillion in federal spending for the new fiscal year. Representative Ro Khanna advocated to fund \$11,905,000 in Community Project Funding that he previously secured for California's 17th Congressional District (CA-17).

The FY22 spending bill includes \$3 million in federal funding that will extend the bridge over Penitencia Creek and provide transit area development through direct access to the Milpitas Transit Center, a key transit hub in Santa Clara County. The vehicular bridge is part of the Metro Area Specific Plan circulation infrastructure plan that will provide connectivity between Metro developments, Milpitas BART Station, Great Mall and surrounding residential developments. The new bridge is an integral part of planned infrastructure improvements envisioned in the City's Transit Area Specific Plan adopted in 2008 and will serve approximately 1,500 households in the emerging neighborhood south of the creek. The bridge will also serve as a key connector between several acres of existing and planned parks and trails on both sides of the creek and will provide critical access for emergency vehicles.

Representative Khanna shared, "I'm glad to see funding go toward a project that will help transform the lives of Milpitas residents and business owners. This investment will connect residents with a critical transit center and make our community safer, stronger, and more vibrant. I'm proud to have worked alongside the City of Milpitas to deliver this funding."

The project is currently in the design phase and the environmental review process as established by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The total project cost is currently estimated at approximately \$13 million.

The funding, included in the appropriations government funding package, responds directly to some of the most pressing needs in Santa Clara County. Without this bridge, pedestrians and bicyclists would need to traverse a longer route along a high speed and high traffic expressway to get to the transit hub. The bridge also aims to encourage transit ridership in the City to reduce carbon emissions.

Mayor Rich Tran shared, “Thanks to Representative Khanna’s advocacy, the City will have the ability to offer greater connectivity and a convenient and accessible transit system that will help attract new transit riders and retain existing ones. The state of the City of Milpitas is strong and the best days are ahead of us.”

Read more about the Community Project Funding here: <https://milpitas.info/3MillionTransitFund>.

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About the City of Milpitas

Located at the southern end of San Francisco Bay, Milpitas is a progressive community that is an integral part of Silicon Valley. A full-service city with water utility, sewer utility, police and fire services, Milpitas celebrates a diverse population of 80,273. Under a Council-Manager form of government, the City Council has established the following seven priority areas of service and policy: public safety, environment, transportation and transit, economic development and job growth, neighborhoods and housing, community wellness and open space, and governance and administration. For more information, visit: www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov

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