Unveiling and Ribbon Cutting of Traffic Underpass
Honors Fallen Richmond Officer Bradley A. Moody

What: Official Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Officer Bradley A. Moody Memorial Underpass
Who: Family of Officer Bradley Moody; Mayor Tom Butt; City Manager Bill Lindsay; Police Chief Chris Magnus; Office of Congressman Mark DeSaulnier; Office of Assemblyman Tony Thurmond; Office of Supervisor John Gioia; Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin
When: Thursday, December 17, 2015
11:00 a.m.
Where: Bradley A. Moody Memorial Underpass
Marina Bay Parkway between Meeker Avenue & Regatta Boulevard

RICHMOND, Calif. More than seven years since Richmond Police Officer Bradly Moody died while responding to help a fellow officer, his service to the community will be commemorated in a special ribbon cutting and name unveiling ceremony of the Bradley A. Moody Underpass near the location of the accident which ultimately took his life.

“For our family, it's a real honor,” said Moody's mother, Betty Moody. “Brad wanted to be a police officer since he was six years old,” recalls Mrs. Moody, who lives in Vacaville. “Brad loved his work. He loved being an officer. Honoring Brad is honoring us too and helping us in our grieving.”

Officer Moody, 29, died October 7, 2008, answering an officer's call for help during an assault.

The underpass, a project of the Successor Agency to the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency, was built with $2 million of redevelopment funds, which leveraged an additional $37 million from State transportation grants, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority, developer fees, and railroad contributions. The completion of the 2½ year construction project opens up large portions of the Marina Bay neighborhood, which was cut off by railroad grade crossing causing frequent traffic congestion and impeding emergency vehicle access.

The Richmond City Council approved the naming of the underpass February 2010.

“We wanted to do it,” said Mayor Tom Butt, who was a Councilmember at the time of the vote. “Officer Moody made the ultimate sacrifice to his community,” said Mayor Butt. “This was the least we could do for his family.”

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Moody, a K-9 officer and SWAT team member, was highly respected in the police department and known for his extraordinary work ethic and commitment to the community of Richmond.

“We lost an outstanding person that day,” said Police Chief Chris Magnus. “Officer Moody was embraced by the community he served,” said Chief Magus. “He earned the community’s trust because he was always professional, personal, and responsive. I continue to hold him in high esteem.”

In addition to Betty Moody, other family members attending the ribbon cutting include his widow, Susan; his two daughters, Madison, 10, and Emma, 8; his brother, James Moody, who joined the Richmond Police Department a year after his brother’s passing and sister-in-law, Michelle; his sister, Jennifer Piro and brother-in-law, Frank, who is a member of the Fairfield Police Department.

“No parent thinks of burying their child before they go,” said Mrs. Moody, whose husband passed away shortly after Officer Moody’s death. “I know he’s watching us from above.”

Immediately following the ribbon cutting ceremony, a procession of patrol vehicles led by the Moody Family, will drive through the underpass to honor the memory of Officer Moody.

*Note: All guests must part at the Marina Park parking lot on Melville Square. Shuttles will be available to transport guests to the event area.


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