
OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST REPORT

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Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Proposition 1B Funds

On Monday, May 19, 2008 the City Council will consider authorizing the Mayor to make application to the California Department of Finance for \$21,180,426 of Proposition 1B funds for local streets and roads improvement. If approved, this action will satisfy the California Department of Finance requirement that a plan be submitted identifying each project prior to awarding of the funds.

Introduction

In 2006, California voters approved Proposition 1B (Prop 1B) which provides \$19.925 billion in bond funds for a variety of transportation priorities, including \$2 billion for cities and counties to fund the maintenance and improvement of local transportation facilities. The share that counties and cities are allocated is determined by the State Controller's Office. Shares are calculated using factors such as the number of registered vehicles, number of miles of road, and population. The minimum share that a City can receive is \$400,000.

In order to receive Prop 1B funding, each county board of supervisors or city council must approve a plan that outlines the use of the funds. Once approved, this plan must be submitted to the California Department of Finance. On an annual basis the Department of Finance will require an update from the City that provides a report on any changes to the plan and progress on the projects.

The City of San Diego's Fiscal Year 2007/2008 funding allocation is \$21,180,426. Attachment A to the Mayor's April 30, 2008 Executive Summary on Prop 1B funds includes a proposed project. The project list provided by the Mayor is consistent with what has been programmed into the Fiscal Year 2009 Proposed Budget. The following table outlines where the projects are located in the Fiscal Year 2009 Proposed Budget:

Project Title	Amount	FY 2009 Proposed Budget Page Number
43 rd Street and Logan/National Avenue Intersection	\$2,422,375	Volume III – Page 111
First Avenue Bridge over Maple Canyon - Rehabilitation	\$300,000	Volume III – Page 150
Guardrails (Annual Allocation)	\$200,000	Volume III – Page 219
Normal Street Median Improvements	\$65,000	Volume III – Page 173
Street Lights (Annual Allocation)	\$200,000	Volume III – Page 220
Traffic Control/Calming Measures (Annual Allocation)	\$162,625	Volume III – Page 221
Willow Elementary School (Safe Routes to School Program)	\$150,000	Volume III – Page 230
Resurfacing City Streets with Asphalt Overlay	\$10,269,419	Volume III – Page 282
Ransom/Darwin Storm Drain	\$730,000	Volume III – Page 502*
6 th Avenue Storm Drain	\$475,000	Project Page not included in Proposed Budget*
Ingulf Place Storm Drain	\$400,000	Project Page not included in Proposed Budget*
Resurfacing City Streets with Slurry Seal (Citywide)	\$5,806,007	Volume II – Page 606 **
Total:	\$21,180,426	

* Prop 1B Funding included in the Annual Allocation – Emergency Drainage Projects located in Volume III – Page 501.

**Funding included in the General Services – Streets Division operating budget.

It should be noted that the proposed Prop 1B project list has been covered in the context of other items that have previously been docketed for City Council consideration. These items include the deferred maintenance financing, Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program (RTCIP), and the budget discussions on CIP/TransNet programs. However, our office was unable to identify if the Prop 1B project list was heard at a City Council Committee. If not, our office recommends that future Prop 1B project lists, updates, or changes be discussed at a City Council Committee prior to coming before the full City Council.

Conclusion

The proposed Prop 1B project list is consistent with what has been included in the Fiscal Year 2009 Proposed Budget. Our office offers the following recommendation concerning future Prop 1B project lists:

- *Future Prop 1B project lists, updates, or changes should be docketed for discussion at a City Council Committee meeting prior to coming forward to the full City Council.*

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