

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 80619 C.M.S.

A. F. Fowderson
2/3 vote
urgency

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER IGNACIO DE LA FUENTE

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A \$1 BILLION STATE BUDGET ALLOCATION OF PROP. 1B FUNDS TO CITIES IN 2007-08

WHEREAS, the voters of California passed Proposition 1B (\$19.9 billion transportation bond) in November 2006, and were promised \$2 billion would be used to improve local streets, roads and other priority local transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, California's cities are ready to go to begin work on local traffic safety repairs, congestion relief, fixing crumbling roads, and other local transportation improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, according to a League of California Cities survey, cities like Oakland have numerous local projects that can put the city share of the \$1 billion in local street and road moneys to use right away for the benefit of citizens and businesses; and

WHEREAS, cities need sufficient Prop. 1B funds allocated this year to begin work on local transportation projects that are ready to go. Early allocation of these funds will allow projects to get underway immediately and will prevent unnecessary delays and avoid cost escalation; and

WHEREAS, some major Prop. 1B projects will take years or even decades to complete, while many city transportation improvement projects are ready to get off the drawing board and into construction right away, demonstrating to voters that the state and local governments are making good on their promise to spend bond funds in a timely and responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, local streets and roads are a critical component to a seamless transportation network, the mobility of California residents, the transport of goods and services, and the strength of our economy; and

WHEREAS, cities will not receive any Prop. 42 (gasoline sales tax) funds for local streets and roads during the 2007-08 year, and Prop. 1B funds will allow projects already underway to continue without interruption; and

WHEREAS, an untimely or inadequate allocation of Prop. 1B funding this year would unnecessarily cause project delays of up to one year and limit the construction of many mid- and large-sized projects that are otherwise ready to go;

WHEREAS, the California State Constitution requires adoption of a State budget bill by midnight of June 15, 2007; and

WHEREAS, yesterday morning, June 4, 2007, the City's legislative lobbyist informed the City Council President of the need to provide input immediately in the budget creation and negotiation process in order for the City's voice to be heard; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: that the City of Oakland hereby urges the State Legislature and Governor to appropriate \$1 Billion in Prop. 1B Funds out of the 2007-08 State Budget to fund vital local street and road repairs in California cities; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Council directs the City Administrator and the City's legislative lobbyist to advocate for the above position to the State Legislature and Governor.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JUN 5 2007, 20

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

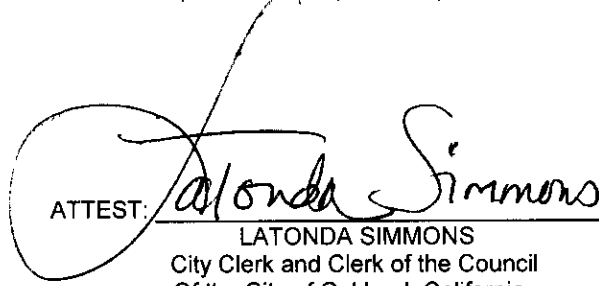
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NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

ATTEST:



LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
Of the City of Oakland, California