

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION No. 79278

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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____

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RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 523 (TORLAKSON/MALDONADO) FOR MAINTAINING BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Statewide Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) was created in the mid-1970's with an annual allocation of \$360,000 to provide grant funds on a competitive basis, to cities and counties to construct facilities to improve conditions for California's bicycle commuters; and

WHEREAS, the BTA was increased to its current annual allocation of \$7.2 million in 1997 in response to the growing demand for bicycle facilities, including bike lanes, routes, and secure parking, and the recognition that bicycle commuting has great benefits for California; and

WHEREAS, the current \$7.2 million annual allocation is scheduled to decrease by 30% to \$5 million a year in July 2006, unless legislation is passed this year; and

WHEREAS, since 1993, ninety-eight (98) cities and twenty-one (21) counties have received BTA grants to fund projects that have improved bicycle safety, eased traffic congestion, improved air quality, and promoted healthy activity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has received grants from the BTA totaling over \$832,000 to construct projects that facilitate bicycle commuting, including \$400,000 for the Fruitvale Bike Station; and depends on this on-going source of funding to implement the goals of the City of Oakland's Bicycle Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the cost for constructing all roadway facilities continues to rise, and a decrease to the BTA could seriously impact the City's ability to construct bicycle facilities, and meet the needs of our residents; and

WHEREAS, \$7.2 million equals 0.25% of the total amount of funding in the Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA), and does not increase if the HUTA increases, and thus has a negligible impact on the amount of funding available for highways; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature is considering Senate Bill 523, which would maintain the current BTA allocation, enabling the City to compete successfully for limited statewide funds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland supports passage of Senate Bill 523; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council directs the City Administrator and the City of Oakland's legislative lobbyist to advocate for the above position in the State Legislature.

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, ~~KNR~~
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE, AND KERNIGHAN - 8

NOES - ϕ

ABSENT - ϕ

ABSTENTION - ϕ

In Council, Oakland, CA
Date: JUN 07 2005

ATTEST: *[Signature]*
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
Of the City of Oakland, California