

Council Meeting of  
June 12, 2007

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT: Public Works: RESOLUTION Supporting the \$1 Billion State Budget Allocation of Proposition 1B Funds to California Cities in FY 2007-08. Expenditure: None**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The City Manager and Public Works Director recommend that the City Council adopt a **RESOLUTION** supporting the \$1 Billion State Budget Allocation of Proposition 1B Funds to California Cities in FY 2007-08 which will urge the legislature and Governor to appropriate \$1 Billion in Proposition 1B Funds out of the 2007-08 State Budget to fund vital local street and road repairs in California cities.

### **FUNDING**

Not applicable.

### **BACKGROUND**

In November 2006 California voters passed Proposition 1B, a \$19.9 billion transportation bond, which will provide \$2 billion to California cities to improve local streets, roads and other priority local transportation projects. The funds are intended to address local traffic safety repairs, congestion relief, fixing crumbling roads, improving mass transit and other local transportation improvement projects.

The currently adopted Torrance Capital Budget anticipates that \$3,000,000 of Proposition 1B funds would be available to the City in fiscal year 2007-08. The entire \$3,000,000 is to be appropriated to the Del Amo Boulevard Extension, T-30. If the \$3,000,000 is not allocated in the fiscal year 2007-08 State budget, the City would have insufficient funding to commence with construction of the Del Amo Boulevard Extension.

### **ANALYSIS**

If sufficient Proposition 1B funds are timely allocated this year, cities may begin or continue work on local transportation projects. Early allocation of these funds will allow projects to get underway immediately and will prevent unnecessary delays. As such, the recommended **RESOLUTION** would support an allocation of \$1 Billion of Proposition 1B Funds to California Cities in FY 2007-08 and urge the legislature and Governor to appropriate \$1 Billion in Proposition 1B Funds out of the 2007-08 State

Budget. The benefit to the City of Torrance is it would provide the \$3,000,000 needed to construct the Del Amo Boulevard Extension. Any additional funds provided to the City through Proposition 1B can be used for the repair of local city streets.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. BESTE  
Public Works Director



By: Craig Bilezerian  
Project Manager

CONCUR:



Robert J. Beste  
Public Works Director



LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager

Attachment A: Resolution

## RESOLUTION NO. 2007-\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING \$1 BILLION STATE BUDGET  
ALLOCATION OF PROPOSITION 1B FUNDS TO CITIES IN FY2007-08**

**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, improving mass transit and other local transportation improvement projects; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a League of California Cities survey, cities 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 Proposition 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

**WHEREAS**, some Proposition 1B projects will take years or even decades to complete, 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 Proposition 42 (gasoline sales tax) funds for local streets and roads during the 2007-08 year and Proposition 1B funds will allow projects already underway to continue without interruption; and

**WHEREAS**, an untimely or inadequate allocation of Proposition 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE hereby urges the legislature and governor to appropriate \$1 Billion in Proposition 1B Funds out of the 2007-08 State Budget to fund vital local street and road repairs in California cities.**

Introduced, approved and adopted this 12th day of June, 2007.

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Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by \_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald T. Pohl, Assistant City Attorney

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Sue Herbers  
City Clerk