

CITY OF DANA POINT
AGENDA REPORT

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DATE: FEBRUARY 19, 2008

TO: CITY MANAGER/CITY COUNCIL

FROM: BRAD FOWLER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: PROPOSITION 1B TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDING, PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That City Council (1) adopt a resolution (Action Document A) entitled:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA, TO APPROVE A LIST OF PROJECTS AND ACCEPT PROPOSITION 1B FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE TO BE USED ON ELIGIBLE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS WITHIN THE CITY OF DANA POINT.

and (2) direct staff to seek grant funds under the program.

ISSUES:

The issue before the Council is whether or not the City of Dana Point should submit a Proposition 1B List of Eligible Transportation Projects to the California State Department of to receive \$594,251 in Proposition 1B funding in FY 08.

BACKGROUND:

State ballot Proposition 1B (Prop 1B) approved \$19.925 billion in bond funds for a variety of transportation priorities. The 2007 Budget Act and Chapter 181, Statutes of 2007 (SB 88), appropriate a total of \$950 million (\$550 million for cities and \$400,000 for counties) of Prop 1B funding in FY08. Each city has been allocated a certain amount (at least \$400,000) based on city population. The City of Dana Point has been allocated \$594,251 for FY08. In order to receive Prop 1B funds, each City must submit a Prop 1B list that describes the nature of each project that is proposed to receive Prop 1B funding. Prop 1B funds must be spent within a three year time frame, which means that all funds received by the City must be spent by June 30, 2011.

The City of Dana Point must identify the proposed project(s) by including a description and location of the proposed project, a proposed schedule for the project's completion, and the estimated useful life of the capital improvement. All projects must also be included in a city budget that has been adopted by the City Council at a regular public meeting. The eligibility requirements contained in Prop 1B are broad. The bond language states that the proceeds can be used for *"projects that will assist in reducing local traffic congestion and further deterioration, improving traffic flows, or increasing traffic safety that may include, but not be limited to, street and highway pavement maintenance, rehabilitation, installation, construction and reconstruction of necessary associated facilities such as drainage and traffic control devices, or the maintenance, rehabilitation, installation, construction and reconstruction of facilities that expand ridership on transit systems, safety projects to reduce fatalities, or as a local match to obtain state or federal transportation funds for similar purposes."* Most transportation-related projects within the public-right-of way are eligible to be funded with Prop 1B bond funds.

DISCUSSION:

Staff recommends the City of Dana Point use the \$594,251 in Prop 1B funding to supplement the existing budget for CIP #1111, Traffic Congestion Relief Improvements. This project was added to the List of Projects that must be adopted by approving the attached resolution. This particular project has a regional benefit because it improves Pacific Coast Highway, a designated scenic highway in the State of California.

PCH Congestion Relief, San Juan Creek to Crystal Lantern (CIP #1111)

Several years ago, the City identified the need to provide additional roadway capacity on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) between the San Juan Creek bridge and Crystal Lantern to handle the large volume of traffic. The traffic intersection at PCH and Del Obispo/Dana Point Harbor Drive is the most congested intersection in Dana Point. Part of the project repairs the pavement along this section of roadway to establish a useful life of 25 years.

The community is very aware of the heavy traffic entering and exiting our City on PCH where it connects to the Interstate 5 Freeway. Moderate delays are commonplace. The City has taken short term action to coordinate traffic signals more efficiently. This eased traffic delay and congestion, but did not entirely solve the problem. The key action that is required to solve the problem is to add additional travel lanes and lessen the impact pedestrians cause when crossing PCH. The proposed project includes a necessary pedestrian overcrossing with access elevators, and new bus turnouts on the east side of the intersection within the City's right-of-way. Further, a key accessway into Doheny State Beach is planned to be constructed in conjunction with this project.

The City received construction bids for this project on February 11, 2008, and is proposing award of a contract to the lowest bidder on February 19, 2008. The project is intended to start construction in mid April 2008, and be completed by December 31,

2008. Staff recommends that the City Council approve the recommended action and direct staff to seek Proposition 1B Funds.

NOTIFICATION/FOLLOW-UP:

State of California Department of Finance

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION:

In compliance with the Strategic Plan Initiative to maintain, modernize and beautify the City’s infrastructure and neighborhoods.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City of Dana Point will receive \$594,251 in Prop 1B funding from the State of California Department of Finance for FY08. The revenue and expenditure budgets for CIP #1111 need to be increased by \$594,251 to account for the additional funding from Prop 1B, if authorized by the State.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS:

- 1. City Council-directed alternative action.

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Action Document A - Resolution**RESOLUTION NO.****RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANA POINT
TO APPROVE A LIST OF PROJECTS AND ACCEPT PROPOSITION
1B FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FINANCE TO BE USED ON ELIGIBLE TRANSPORTATION
PROJECTS WITHIN THE CITY OF DANA POINT.**

WHEREAS, Proposition 1B provided \$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.

WHEREAS, The 2007 Budget Act and Chapter 181, Statutes of 2007 (SB 88), appropriate a total of \$950 million of these Prop 1B funds in 2007-08. Of this amount, Chapter 314, Statutes of 2007 (AB 196), specifies that \$550 million be allocated to cities and \$400 million be allocated to counties.

WHEREAS, The City of Dana Point expects to receive \$594,251 in Prop 1B funding from the California State Department of Finance. Prop 1B funding allocations are based on city and county population.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Dana Point approves the List of Projects that includes CIP#1111, PCH Traffic Congestion Relief Improvement Project, which is eligible for Prop 1B funding.

WHEREAS, the List of Projects includes a project from the Capital Improvement Program Budget for FY 08 and FY 09 that was adopted by City Council on June 19, 2007.

WHEREAS, the City of Dana Point must spend Prop 1B funds before June 30, 2011 or risk losing the funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Dana Point will accept Prop 1B funding from the State of California Department of Finance to be used for the approved List of Projects that includes eligible transportation projects.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF February 2008.

JOEL BISHOP, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Kathy M. Ward, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss
CITY OF DANA POINT)

I, Kathy M. Ward, City Clerk of the City of Dana Point, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. adopted by the City Council of the City of Dana Point, California, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 19th day of February, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

(SEAL)

KATHY M. WARD, CITY CLERK