

**CITY OF DANA POINT
AGENDA REPORT**

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DATE: MAY 1, 2007

TO: CITY MANAGER/ CITY COUNCIL

FROM: LIEUTENANT M. LEVY, CHIEF OF POLICE

SUBJECT: APPROPRIATION OF AB2766 FUNDS FOR POLICE BICYCLES

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council approve an appropriation in the amount of \$8,000.00 from the AB2766 Fund to fund the purchase of four new bicycles for the Bicycle Patrol/Community Policing Unit.

BACKGROUND:

Since 1991, local governments have received AB2766 funds to implement programs that reduce air pollution from motor vehicles. Primary emphasis is directed towards those projects that provide cost-effective emission reductions. Funds can be used for a variety of bicycle related projects that reduce mobile source emissions, including the purchase of electric or standard bicycles for police officers.

DISCUSSION:

Most southern California police agencies have deployed police officers on bicycles on a full-time or seasonal basis. The use of bicycle patrols has become a proven crime fighting tool and has been received by communities as a community policing tool. Residents and other members of the public are more likely to approach and interact with police officers when they are on bicycles rather than in cars. Though bicycles will never replace police cars, bicycle deployment has proven to be an effective supplement to community-based policing programs.

Dana Point Police Services anticipates utilizing the Bike Patrol Unit to conduct patrols in the Town Center area, the Lantern Village, city parks, and the harbor area. The Bike Patrol unit will also be utilized during the city's Fourth of July Celebration and other large community events. The program intends to replace two days worth of vehicle patrolling with two days worth of bicycle patrolling each week, thereby reducing the amount of vehicles emissions released into the air. The new bicycles will certainly be a cost-effective strategy to reduce automobile emissions, increase officer visibility and effectiveness, and enhance public safety in the City of Dana Point.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Appropriate \$8,000 from the undesignated fund balance in the AB2766 Fund to account 05-99-20-0000-219 to provide funding to purchase the equipment outlined in this report. There is approximately \$21,000 available in the AB2766 Fund for use at this time.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS:

Do not approve the appropriation of \$8,000.00 from the AB2766 Fund for the purchase of bicycles for the Bicycle Patrol/Community Policing Unit.