

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster, California

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Date: June 12, 2007

To: Mayor Hearn and City Council Members

From: James R. Williams, Public Works Director

Subject: **Resolution in Support of the Allocation of Proposition 1B Funds to Cities in 2007-2008**

Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution No. 07-118, supporting a \$1 billion dollar State Budget allocation of Proposition 1B funds to cities in 2007-2008.

Fiscal Impact:

Although the specific fiscal impact to the City of Lancaster cannot be determined at this time, the State Budget allocation would make approximately \$4.6 million available for Lancaster, otherwise the amount for Lancaster would be dispersed incrementally over a 10 year period statewide. This action could potentially bring significant dollars to Lancaster and Los Angeles County in the upcoming fiscal year.

Background:

In November 2006, the voters of California passed Proposition 1B, which authorized a \$19.9 billion transportation bond. The voters were also promised that \$2 billion of this bond money would be used to improve local streets, roads, and other priority local transportation projects. The League of California Cities conducted a survey and determined that there are numerous local transportation projects ready to go to construction. In addition, there are also projects currently underway that could avoid costly construction delays if money were made available now.

In an effort to demonstrate to the voters that the State and Local Governments are making good on their promise to spend the Proposition 1B funds in a timely and responsible manner, the League of California Cities is requesting the early release of \$1 billion in Proposition 1B funds. The early release of these funds will allow much needed local transportation projects to get underway and allow projects currently underway to continue without interruption.