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June 6, 2007

*Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger*  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Proposition 1B Local Street and Road Funds Budget Appropriation  
Request for Accelerated Disbursements to Cities**

Dear *Governor*:

The City of **Milpitas** requests your support to accelerate Proposition 1B monies for local transportation projects by including full funding of the \$1 billion for California's cities in the 2007-08 State Budget. The full funding of Prop. 1B to cities is not currently included in the Governor's January budget or May Revise.

The City of **Milpitas** is scheduled to receive approximately **\$2,083,691** in direct funding from Prop. 1B and is able to put this money to use *immediately* for ***Street pavement resurfacing and reconstruction.***

By accelerating funding for "ready to go projects," we keep faith with the voters by delivering much needed transportation improvements to every community in California. In fact, the local street and road funds are the only bond funds that will go directly to each and every community in the state.

Milpitas and other Cities have projects ready to go now, and any delay in receiving funds will result in significant project delays and loss of construction dollar value due to ongoing cost rise. In addition, without significant funding in the 2007-08 Prop. 42 "gap" year, cities will not receive any money for local streets and roads.

The League of California Cities and bi-partisan transportation leaders are working to pass SB 286 (Lowenthal and Dutton) to provide accountability, transparency and deliverability of these funds. SB 286 is currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Prop. 1B funding will bring much-needed investment to our city for local transportation needs, and we appreciate your support for ensuring that these funds are accelerated to cities while demonstrating to the voters that the state and the legislature are putting this money to good use in an efficient and timely manner.

Sincerely,

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