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## Orinda Seeks Grant Funds for Ivy Drive Rehabilitation

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The Orinda City Council took another step toward improving the city's deteriorating roads with the adoption at its July 16 meeting of Resolution 56-13. According to the staff report, that resolution "formalizes the City of Orinda's local support of MTC [the Metropolitan Transportation Commission] in programming discretionary funding under the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) program in order to receive \$552,000 for the Ivy Drive Pavement Rehabilitation project in FY2013-14 to FY2014-15."

City leaders approved and submitted Orinda's grant application to the MTC on April 16, and needed to take this subsequent action by July 19 to be eligible for the half million dollars in federal funding being sought for the Ivy Drive project. They noted that the "commitments as stated in Resolution 56-13 are consistent with the federal funding deadlines and obligation process for the last several years and apply to all local agencies uniformly."

This effort by the council committed the city to contributing roughly \$71,500 (11.47 percent) of the total cost of the Ivy Drive project, which is expected to be covered by \$85,000 from local gas tax revenue that was set aside when the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) was adopted June 18.

Had the city not approved the resolution, the pending grant would have been dropped from the list of projects which have been recommended for OBAG funding by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority and Orinda would have needed to find the half million in critically needed funding somewhere else.

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